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Dear Mr White,

It was with some surprise and shock that I discovered this morning that ASDA had applied for a 24hr Alcohol license for their new premises at Anton Mill. My first surprise was that during the planning application process, ASDA assured myself and other South Street residents that they had no plans to operate 24hrs. This development has already blighted the lives of my family and others in South street. I now have a 180 foot building at the bottom of my garden a little over 100 feet from my kitchen window. Now I find that they wish to blight it further by being able to open throughout the night. I can see absolutely no possible reason of the necessity for them to sell alcohol 24hrs a day. To my knowledge there are no current off license establishments with the town centre that operate through the night. It has recently been highlighted in the local press the problems that we already have with people drinking and causing disturbance in the town centre. In fact, just last week the wing mirror from my car was ripped off in the middle of the night by people returning home after drinking in the town centre. This is the fourth time it has happened in 4 years. Also, the council is already considering whether to expand the no drinking zone. Giving people access to alcohol at these times of night is only going to add to the problem. There is already the concern that we will see people drinking and causing a nuisance on the path that will be running along the side of the store behind our gardens. As for the representation from ASDA regarding additional door staff, this will only stop problems on their premises and will have no impact when customers leave their premises. Add to this the noise pollution from the additional custom and car usage of their customers through the night would make life intolerable for those already blighted from the development.

I therefore respectfully urge you in the strongest terms to reject their application or set a limit from for example 7am - 10pm

Yours faithfully

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