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Subject: FW: Objection to LI/19/00526/LAPRE1
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[REDACTED] Upper Broadmoor Road
Crowthorne
Berkshire [REDACTED]
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Dear Ms Arthur,

We would like to register our objection in the strongest possible terms to the proposal by BP Oil UK Ltd. to sell alcohol 6am to midnight 7 days per week, including Sunday, from the filling station at the former Lightfoot's Garage site in Crowthorne.

Unusually for a new filling station, this one is situated right in the middle of a long-established residential area, entirely unsuited to premises selling alcohol late at night. The proposal follows a history of the developer seeking to go back on the various reassurances given to the Council when approval was given for the site against the objections of local residents.

The proposal is incompatible with four specific licensing objectives. Firstly, it is incompatible with the prevention of crime and disorder. There is already a problem of petty vandalism in the area, and in fact we have just had to have our entire garden fence replaced for this reason. A photograph is attached. Selling alcohol late at night can only attract youths wishing to extend their drinking hours, and add to the problem. There is also a public safety consideration. We have occasionally had fights take place in Upper Broadmoor Road at weekends, and availability of alcohol will inevitably lead to more. More commonly, groups coming up Upper Broadmoor Road cause a nuisance by shouting and chanting on their way back from The Prince. An opportunity to stop off for more alcohol, or to buy alcohol at times not currently available such as late on Sunday night, will inevitably make the problem worse. Finally, alcohol sold by a garage can be passed to younger siblings and friends, in a way not possible in a pub, so protection of children from harm is also a consideration.

Late night and early morning operation will inevitably disrupt our sleep regardless of what is sold, alcohol being only the worst case, so we would request, as we were originally reassured, that opening is restricted to hours when local residents might reasonably be expected not to be in bed.

Yours sincerely,

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