

E-mail To: Brian Leahy

Dear Brian,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the application by Moto for on-premise sales of alcohol at Chieveley Services.

I don't think this sends out a very good message, motorway services, even those like Chieveley, which are not directly accessed from a motorway, should not, in my view, be selling alcohol for consumption by onward travelling motorists. This rather undermines the strong drink-drive policy we have as a country. I know the argument can be made that coaches stop at the services, and the passengers could drink alcohol, but the vast majority of motorway service users are motorists driving their own cars. I am also well aware that motorists could buy alcohol in M&S off-sales and then drink it as they travel along!

I know I am probably sounding very pious about this, but I genuinely think that some time ago, there was an agreement nationally that motorway services shouldn't sell alcohol for consumption on the premises. I think in the interests of road safety, this should be adhered to.

So I am asking you to carefully consider the implications of this application and accept my email as a formal representation from the local ward member, on the grounds of preventing crime and disorder.

Regards, Hilary

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