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Our ref: JM/BP Calcot Express (shop)

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Reference number – 15/00167/LQN Global Fuel UK Ltd

I write to register the objection of Tilehurst Parish Council following the recent notification in the Reading Chronicle of an application for the variation to the Premises License to operate at the BP Calot Express (shop), Bath Road, Calcot RG31 7QN.

The basis for this objection is that granting a 24 hour license for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises would lead to increased traffic and noise nuisance which would be detrimental to the residents who live directly adjacent to these premises. It would not be of benefit to the immediate community to have a 24 off license, especially as the building to the side and to the rear of the filling station is for retired people. It is felt that if this application were granted, there could be considerable disruption to the residents in the area.

There would also be concerns that the small extension that has recently been applied for under application 14/03270/FUL could be converted into additional retail space in the future.

In addition, we believe that currently these premises do not hold the necessary planning permissions in order to open 24 hours a day, although it is noted that a sign has recently been erected to indicate these increased opening hours.

In view of the above, the Parish Council would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse this application.

Yours sincerely

Jacky Major Clerk of the Council

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