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Dear Sirs,

Your reference: 17/01790/LON – Marstons PLC – referring to the provision of regulated entertainment and sale of alcohol and late night refreshment affecting Dorking Way and surrounding area, Calcot, Reading.

Further to the referenced application above my wife and I would like to register our objection to the proposed licence of this establishment on the following grounds:

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Having seen the proposed sale of alcohol hours in a residential area, which are considerably longer than current local establishments within close proximity being between:

10:00am and Midnight - Monday to Thursday
10:00am and 01:00am - Friday & Saturday
10:00am to Midnight - Sundays
Bank Holidays extended and un-qualified other limited days

As residents of 34 years, whose house backs onto Dorking Way, we would see a significant increase in late night traffic and disturbance due to the proposed development of a pub/restaurant. In addition, the constant late night/early morning departure of noisy customers on foot, disturbing the peace of families with young children.

This would also be in addition to a rise of construction traffic during the building phase followed by deliveries once the premises opened.

Prevention of Crime and disorder

The pub/restaurant has the potential to increase anti-social behaviour especially at closing time as we have seen in Theale and at Murdochs along the Bath Road, which is now derelict.

With the location so close to the M4 we will no doubt see a rise in some undesirable visitors looking for a meeting/drop off place with easy access to a fast departure.

This has been witnessed locally where the potential for a meeting place for is created for youths to congregate as has been seen at other shops and establishments in the area where unruly behaviour has been present and so intimidating young and older residents alike.

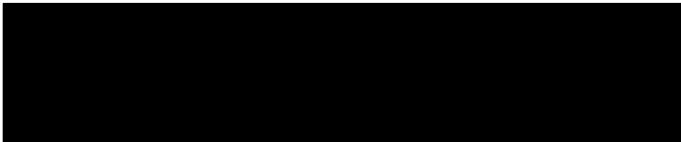
Public Safety

We fear that car parking may cause issue when the pub car park become full, so that drivers may park along Dorking Way and other side streets, on the grass verges, blocking driveways, diminishing the line of site and causing obstructions for cyclists using the cycle lane, traffic and pedestrians, especially for young children during the day.

Children from harm

Finally, we feel that all of the above points will give grounds for concern and increased risk to lives, safety and interests to the large number of families and children that live in this residential area.

Yours faithfully

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David & Christine Jones