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**Subject:** A licensing application for a "Newbury Premier" convenience store 3 Monument Close

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As a local resident and town councillor I wish to object. In my official capacity I frequently hear people bemoaning the loss of the coffee shop NuMee, which acted as a brilliant hub for the community. I would be rich if I had a pound for every time I heard someone say they wished there were a coffee shop.

On the other hand, I have not heard anyone asking for a shop selling newspapers, lottery tickets and late night booze. Indeed we already have Co-op and Sainsbury which meet the needs of newspaper, food and alcohol shoppers until late enough.

We have a resident who is desperate to open such a cafe, and this would seem a much better option. It would really improve this somewhat neglected local mimi shopping venue.

Thanks for considering this,

Meg Thomas