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To: Licensing <licensing@westberks.gov.uk>

Subject: Newbury Premier store at 3 Monument Close, Wash Common

Dear Sirs

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to this application, on the grounds that it is completely inappropriate, provides no service of value, but presents a risk to the community.

There is already a Co-op and a Sainsbury's in the immediate vicinity, as well as the Gun pub and a relatively new fast-food outlet. Alcohol, lottery tickets, newspapers, magazines and food are all already available with a choice of outlet at which to obtain them, so adding another outlet does not fulfil any unmet need and serves no useful purpose whatsoever.

On the other hand, selling alcohol until late at night presents a real problem and is completely and utterly inappropriate in my view. There is already an increasing problem of antisocial behaviour, drug use and vagrancy in the area, to which I can testify, and selling alcohol late at night can only exacerbate this.

I object totally to the application, in its entirety.

I would be happy to discuss this directly if required.

Regards

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