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To: Licensing <licensing@westberks.gov.uk>
Subject: 3 Monument close license application

Hello West Berks

I am writing to voice my concern about the potential late licensing application and for another convenience store to be within the wash common area of Newbury.

I don't believe this store should have a late licensing, as those that will be buying and consuming alcohol will be doing it on a pre-planned shop or picking it up during the day from Co-op or the Sainsbury's local, not requiring it this late of an evening.

I have a massive concern that those purchasing alcohol at this late time, will be either consuming in or around the local area which could lead to noise, which is unfair on the local community that has a strong family presence.

It may also encourage those leaving the gun pub next door to the shops to continue drinking in the local area once the Gun pub shuts, again leading to noise in the local area where my children and I are asleep.

I am also worried about the increase in litter, as there is more litter than should be with Molly's and the current shops on offer. Even though there are bins close to the monument tower, the grass is always covered during term time and school hours.

I would also like to voice my concern over another convenience store being opened. I didn't use McColls, there was no reason to shop there once the post office went. Co-op and Sainsbury's local has everything I need for my convenience needs as I know it does for neighbours around me.

What was considerably missed was the Coffee Shop, Numees when this left, it was a real shame and left a hole in the community. So many locals used it, to meet up with wash common locals, after dog walks, or just somewhere to go, which is missing in wash common.

There was meant to be a café opening in wash common park, but there has been no work or further discussion on this for something that was aiming to be built Sept last year.

I feel that this store opening is only focused on the commercial benefit to the landlords and has not taken into consideration what the local community needs, which is a real shame.

Kind regards

Hayley