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**Subject:** RE: Sainsbury Thatcham.  
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Dear Mr Bateman,

Thank you for taking the time to contact the licensing team with your objection to the application made by Sainsbury's, First Floor, 2 Coombe Square, Thatcham, West Berkshire, RG19 4JF

I understand from your representation below that you are objecting to the increased hours in the sale of alcohol. So that you are aware you are the sole objector to this application and as such a licensing Sub-Committee has been convened for Tuesday 2 June 2026 for which you will receive a formal invitation to attend in due course.

The application is asking to extend the sale of alcohol from 08:00 – 22:00 to 07:00 – 23:00. These timings offer no extension on the hours that the store is already open as it currently trades from 07:00 - 23:00hrs daily and they are just asking to align the sale of alcohol hours with the stores trading hours.

So that you are aware Thames Valley Police who are a responsible authority within the Licensing Act 2003 have not objected to the extended hours in this application and as such do not consider the licence objective for the Prevention of Crime and Disorder will be breached.

Sainsbury's has also requested to change a condition in their licence where under The Prevention of Harm to Children licensing objective the current condition states - *All staff shall be trained in the requirements of Challenge 25 Policies*. Sainsbury's have asked that this is changed to the following - *The premises licence holder will ensure that an age verification policy will apply to the premises whereby all cashiers will be trained to ask any customer attempting to purchase alcohol, who appears to be under the age of 25 years (or older if the licence holder so elects) to produce, before being sold alcohol, identification being a passport or photocard driving licence bearing a holographic mark or other form of identification that complies with any mandatory condition that may apply to this licence*.

For your information if this variation to the licence was granted this would mean that the applicant would be monitored by all the responsible authority's either in joint visits or visits undertaken by each individual responsible authority with the visits on most occasions being unannounced. The licensing team work closely with Thames Valley Police, Trading Standards and Environmental Health and regularly carry out unannounced visits and operations including underage sales on premises and to ensure they are complying with legislation and any conditions that are attached to the licence and that will be no different for Sainsbury's.

The applicant will have to comply with the four licensing objectives and the conditions on the licence at all times that the premises is open, or enforcement action in various forms could be taken against them which can include the review of the premise licence which carries the sanction that the premise licence could be revoked, or the applicant could face prosecution for offences that have been found to have taken place if that action was deemed necessary.

As a member of the public, you are also permitted to bring a review of the premises licence asking for action to be brought against the premises as, long as this is not frivolous or vexatious and you have the evidence to support your application for a review.

The licensing team have also been contacted by Sainsbury's who are aware of your objection and who are willing to meet with you to discuss your concerns. This meeting would be facilitated by the licensing team via an online meeting if you felt this would help you understand their application.

If after reading the above you still wish to continue with your objection, then as mentioned you will receive an invitation to attend in due course, however, if based on the information above you wish to withdraw your objection then you may do so. I would be most grateful if you could provide me with your answer either way.

If you would like to meet with Sainsbury's could you also let me know so that the meeting can be arranged.

I look forward to your reply in due course.

Yours sincerely

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I live at [REDACTED] COOMBE COURT.

I object to increased supply of alcohol.

The existing hours are long enough for a quiet residential street.

Any extension of hours is a slippery slope to more requests.

regards

Stewart Bateman