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## <u>APPLICATION TO VARY PREMISES LICENCE AT VICTORY NEWS – 261 COPNOR ROAD</u> PORTSMOUTH

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are writing to object to the above application to vary a premises licence.

Our reasons for the objection are as follows:

- 1. If the shop is granted a 24 hour licence to sell alcohol it will attract alcohol dependant people to the area at night, these people might well congregate in the area if they can get a ready supply of alcohol.
- 2. It will create noise with car doors and people taking loudly (I don't think sober people would buy drinks in the middle of the night and half-drunk people are usually noisy) This will disturb the residents of Copnor Road in the vicinity of the shop.
- 3. Drinking causes trouble and we could get gangs of noisy alcohol fuelled youths/young people stopping to buy more drink or refreshment on their way home from the pubs, clubs and parties.
- 4. It will affect the value of property, (would you buy a house next to or near a shop with a 24 hour licence? We wouldn't).
- 5. The late night refreshment facility will attract people who are passing, causing noise with car radios and slamming doors. They might also sit in their cars with radios on eating/drinking their purchases.

It should also be noted that all the parking places outside of the shop are usually taken up at night and any cars parking would be on yellow lines.

We live in a residential area, the only shops are a car showroom, a Beauty shop, and Victory News on the west side of the road in this block (all with flats above). the rest are houses. and it is all houses on the east side. We believe a 24hour licence should not be granted in residential areas.

We know what we are talking about from experience as we are often woken, especially in the Summer by the newspapers being delivered to the shop at about 05.30hrs and early morning customers with radios blaring with their car windows open, we accept this but to have it all through the night would be completely unacceptable.

There is no need for 24hr opening as alcohol and refreshments can be bought at nearby Tesco Express until midnight.



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