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During my period of office as both a Portsmouth City Councillor and Member of Parliament for Portsmouth North I fought to have the corner shop now called Dany Mart retained. Along with Cllr Jim Patey and Cllr David Horne we succeeded in its build. Getting someone to run it was a big challenge. Eventually a proprietor was found and the shop has been a Godsend. I live close to the shop and there are many elderly who rely on the shop. We are disadvantaged by living isolated from other services due to our topography living "up the hill". During the pandemic and lockdowns the shop was always available with caring staff especially the proprietor we call Nanda. I am therefore worried that the City Council are considering stopping the alcohol licence. Any reduction in trade could undermine the shop's ability to trade successfully. I am told that a local councillor has claimed that the shop is connected to credit card fraud which I find preposterous. I urge Licensing Service to allow the license to remain and remove the threat to this vital community service. Thank you. Honorary Alderman Syd Rapson B.E.M. , I.S. M. Freeman of the City of Portsmouth ,Ex- Lord Mayor and Ex Member of Parliament for Portsmouth North 1997-2005