

## APPENDIX 4

**Stephanie Broomfield**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 14 March 2018 19:13  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** Objection to Licensing Application No: 18/PRM 1262/ LA PRE2

Dear Sir/Madam,

I notice that an application has been made to vary the premises licence at the following address:-

Costcutter Express Bloxham Service Station  
South Newington Road  
Bloxham  
Banbury OX15 4QF

I would like to make a formal objection to the application on the following grounds:

- 1) I believe selling alcohol 24 hours a day at a rural petrol station will incentivise motorists to drink & drive and thus put their own safety and the safety of others at risk.
- 2) For those living near or actually having to drive across the petrol forecourt (as I have too) to reach my house, selling alcohol 24 hours a day, increases the fear of a likelihood of an assault/harassment when returning home late at night plus increases the risk of burglary.
- 3) Selling alcohol 24 hours a day will increase the public safety risk, as 24 hour alcohol sales raises the likelihood of crime and as the pubs in Bloxham close at 11pm, some drinkers will want to carry on drinking, so will purchase more alcohol at the petrol station and potentially cause public nuisance through noise, litter, smashed glass and general disorderly behaviour.
- 4) With 24 hour opening comes additional noise pollution. There are lots of houses only a few feet away from this petrol station with lots of young children and the increased noise pollution would put these children at risk as their sleep is interrupted, remember this is a quiet village with no noise between 23.00 to 6.00am.
- 5) We already have lots of HGV lorries travelling through the village and stopping on the South Newington road to 'nip in' and purchase snacks & alcohol from the petrol station. This causes major tail backs and frustration with other motorists and is a major public safety concern. Granting 24 hours opening for alcohol and refreshments will only make this public safety issue even more acute.
- 6) I also note with interest, there are plenty of other petrol stations in Banbury which close at 11pm, why would Bloxham be different and need one open 24 hours a day and selling alcohol?

And finally, I note that Esso already have a 24 hour petrol station in Chipping Norton (12.9 miles from Bloxham) and they have three already in Banbury (3.5 miles from Bloxham) all selling petrol, alcohol & refreshments 24 hours a day. There are also other non Esso petrol stations in Banbury also open 24 hours a day.

I would welcome the opportunity to attend any hearing on this matter.

Kind regards

APPLICATION 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2 -BLOXHAM GARAGE

As the ward member for Bloxham, I would just like to voice the objections of some of my constituents in the village to the proposal to not only open the garage 24/7 but also to extend the alcohol licence from 11.00pm to 5.00 a.m. and also a hot food licence for the same timings.

I am not sure what the objective is here (except, of course, money-making). Bloxham is a village, albeit a large village and seemingly growing all the time. I have lived in Bloxham for 47 years and hopefully know a large proportion of the people living here and I have never heard of a need for a 24 hour license for drinks and hot food. This application is obviously aimed at HGV drivers who sometimes drive through the night – however, this garage is on the A361 and there are 24 hour garages in both Banbury (3 miles away) and Chipping Norton (10 miles away), so where is the need for this one in a particularly charming north Oxfordshire village? It will also become a target place for youngsters to hang out when other places are closed.

The garage is surrounded in residences (behind, opposite and to both sides) and I would suggest that no thought whatsoever has been given to the people living in these houses. The garage is already lit up to a ridiculous level, up to 11.00pm and if this application is granted that will mean the lighting will be on all night. This is a village, not a site in the middle of a town or a city, we do not need to light up our village with neon lights throughout the night, our smaller roads and lanes have recently been upgraded to LED lamps which do make the village a little bit darker, this would defeat that objective.

If these extra hours do attract the long distance HGV drivers, (and I cannot see who else is going to be driving round in the middle of the night), I cannot imagine what problems that will cause for the residents surrounding this garage with the constant noise of large trucks pulling in and out and if they do also buy hot food, they will not be eating it whilst driving but will pull over on the forecourt, leave their engines running to keep warm, and eat their hot food, causing even more air pollution than we already have in the village.

Yes, it is quite handy to have a garage in the village but not with these unnecessarily long opening hours and I am quite sure that the staff in the garage cannot be happy about it as obviously they will have to work shifts to cover all the hours.

Over the last few years, this garage has extended its opening hours several times and probably with little or no consultation with surrounding residents and I would ask the panel to seriously consider all the problems that may arise from this latest application for yet another extension of trading hours. I would stress again, that this is a rural village, albeit, on a main 'A' road, and residents who live here have a right to at least have a peaceful night's sleep. We do NOT need an all-night garage with hot food and alcohol also available!

South Newington Road  
Bloxham  
Oxfordshire

March 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

**RE: License Application Number 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2**

Dear Sir / Madam

I write to you in objection of the above application. I understand that the owners of Bloxham service station, Motor Fuel Group, have applied to extend the opening hours of the service station and serve alcohol to 24 hours.

I have several objections set out below but firstly I do not believe that a license to sell alcohol in a village 24/7 adds any benefit to the community. The village of Bloxham has three successfully run pubs, the co-op and the service station that all serve us well.

Currently the service station closes at around 23:00hrs each evening and opens at 06:00hrs. However I have noted that business slows to the occasional shopper of fuel or provisions after 20:00hrs, it is also my understanding that should the service station want to stay open for longer hours to sell fuel they already have this right.

My objections:

1. I understand that as a local authority you have a duty to control the density of licensed premises especially if it could impact health or antisocial behavior. It appears that the only commercial reason for the service station staying open 24 hours is the sale of alcohol – my objection is that this serves to only encourage late night drinking that can lead to health problems, antisocial behavior and an extra burden on police and ambulance services.
2. Over the last 10 years the service station has undergone several rebrands, each time more lights and advertising have been added to the point now that it effects local homes with the pollution of light. Should the current hours be extended I believe this would cause a Statutory Nuisance under the Environmental Protection act 1990 to many local family homes.
3. Noise is already an issue from the service station when cars, motorbikes, HGV's and delivery drivers leave engines running, rev the engines or accelerate away from the station, music is often played and occasional shouting and yelling. While most people can tolerate this up to 20:00hrs we believe that it will cause a Statutory Nuisance after this time.
4. Bloxham Service Station is not a setting suitable for 24 hour opening, it is surrounded by residential properties at close proximity and in a conservation area. Our home opposite the service station is listed and part of the historic character of the village.

5. I have a concern that should an alcohol license be extended in this village service station it will encourage drink drivers to make the trip in a vehicle. As it has been demonstrated that the only commercial reason for opening longer is alcohol sales.
6. Currently the risk of antisocial behavior is minimised as service station does not sell alcohol past the pub closing times. Should these hours be extended I feel that the likelihood of this will be increased. The possible effects of this could extend to local residents littering, noise pollution, smashed glass and general public nuisance.
7. I do have to question the motive for this application, as the owners are a national company who applied to Sedgemoor District Council I draw the conclusion that this is something that the company simply applies to all its properties regardless of the setting, the demand or the effect that it will have on local residents or the community.
8. Finally, I question the safety of the staff who will be on duty. Currently the shop has no facility to serve customers outside of the store through a hatch. Leaving the staff vulnerable in the early hours when several miles from a police station. Should the application suggest that the sale of alcohol be on the forecourt via a hatch we would object that this will cause further nuisance to the local homes:

I trust that my objections will be considered and you will refuse the application.

Yours sincerely

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 March 2018 16:44  
**To:** Charlotte Johnson  
**Subject:** Esso Garage Bloxham, 24hr Opening

Dear Sirs

I understand that an application has been made for the Esso Petrol Station in Bloxham to remain open for 24hrs. I wish to express my objections to this proposal for the following reasons:-

Where is the need for this facility? There are already 24hr fuel stations in both Chipping Norton and Banbury, each within a reasonable distance along the A361.

Under normal circumstances there is only light traffic along the A361 after 10pm and I very much doubt that any through traffic, especially HGV's, would require fuel after 10pm.

I also understand that the application includes for the sale of alcohol until 12pm. The retail of this is bound to attract some undesirable elements to the village in the late evenings, and will undoubtedly lead to anti-social behaviour.

Another aspect to be taken into consideration is the effect that this change will have on the people living close to the site. There are several dwellings close by and, in fact, access to one estate is shared with the station forecourt. The effect on these residents could be considerable. Not only will the area have to be fully lit during the hours of darkness but the noise of vehicles arriving and departing would increase as would the amount of litter in the area.

When discussing this proposal I trust that the Licensing Authority will take my objections into consideration and reject the application.

Yours faithfully

Bloxham#OX15 4TJ

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 15 March 2018 16:29  
**To:** Charlotte Johnson  
**Subject:** Esso Garage, Bloxham 24hr opening

**Categories:** Red Category

Dear Sirs

On hearing about the above mentioned garage's plan to stay open for 24 hours, I would like to register my objections to this proposal. In the first place it is totally unnecessary as there are already two garages, one in Chipping Norton and the other in Banbury that stay open 24 hours for the sale of petrol and other goods.

Bloxham is a village that needs to be preserved as a village and not attempted to be turned into a mini model of London. If permission is given to this application then other traders might also feel keen to stay open for 24 hrs. During the day the traffic and noise level has become unbelievably huge - as a walker in the village it is impossible sometimes to even cross the road. For this to be prolonged during the hours of darkness will make the noise and traffic levels become intolerable, not to mention the increase in rubbish that some people have no conscience in discarding in the surrounding area.

This appears to be a very furtive move on behalf of Esso as there has been no mention of this in the Banbury Guardian Public Notices, which presumably would have been the first step in advising the public of this change. The result has been a rushed response to the news which appears to be have been through 'word of mouth'. Not the proper way to go about making this announcement.

I hope that Cherwell District Council will decline this request and put the feelings of the local community first.

Bloxham  
OX15 4TJ

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 18 March 2018 20:34  
**To:** Licensing (CDC); Charlotte Johnson  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Motor Fuel Ltd, Bloxham Services Station, South Newington Road, Bloxham

To whom it may concern

I would like to strongly object to the application 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2 relating to extending the hours for the sale of alcohol and adding the provision of late night refreshments for Motor Fuel Limited at Bloxham Service Station, South Newington Road, Bloxham, OX15 4QF on the grounds that this application does not comply with any of the following:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm

I have lived at my property for twenty years. The impact the garage and its customers have had on me, and my neighbours, has increased since I first moved to Bloxham in 1997. Originally the garage was only open 08.00 – 21.00 and over the years the extended opening hours has stretched and stretched to the point it is now 06.00 – 23.00. That is without the deliveries of milk, papers etc. during the period 23.00 – 06.00 when it is shut.

If the garage was allowed to sell alcohol and refreshments 24hours a day it does not give any resident a feeling of “well being”. There have been issues of crime over the years I have lived at my property, some serious within this period, and the chances of more occasions where my children and I do not feel safe in our own home increase. It also increases the chance and threat of local crime to the garage and also any neighbouring properties. By encouraging people to be able to purchase alcohol with their petrol it is also likely it would encourage people to drink and drive which is an extremely serious matter.

To extend the opening hours and to allow alcohol to be purchased 24hrs a day encourages people to gravitate to the service station to purchase alcohol when pubs have closed or there is no alternative place without travelling to Banbury or Chipping Norton. This will disrupt our neighbourhood. Customers to the garage are currently noisy – music blaring, doors slamming, revving of engines, talking loudly during the early or late hours of the current opening and this would only get worse with extended licencing if it was approved.

Once the garage closes, the area is a quiet place at night and we can be guaranteed at the moment that after 23.00 there are no customers to the garage to cause any disruption. The threat of drunk and disorderly behaviour, particularly from younger people, who do not necessarily want to finish their

evening out when the pubs shut at 23.00, to come to the service station to top up! People do not leave the garage quietly now let alone in the small hours of the morning when the general noise levels are much lower as people are trying to sleep. It will also encourage people to congregate and treat the area as a place to socialise and hang out. The bus shelter will become a social space with alcohol and everything else they might require on tap – and a place to sit!

Customers to the garage are also politely asked (via signage) not to park across the access track leading from the garage forecourt to several properties. On a regular basis we have to ask people to move their vehicles whilst they are busy filling their car tyres with air or hoovering out their vehicles. This does not include customers who abandon their cars to pop into the shop or delivery trucks who are restricted as to where they can stop and unload. Customers also believe that our private driveway can be used as an extension to the garage parking and also to relieve themselves in our car park area when they do not have access to a WC.

Vehicles who are also not able to access the garage because of the forecourt is too busy or they are in a vehicle that is too large, also obstruct the main A361 road when they leave their vehicles there to purchase things from the shop. By allowing the garage to be a target for more customers out of hours these issues increase and are disruptive and anti social. We also find that litter is dropped and gravitates around to our driveway from the garage on a regular basis.

We would also like to be able to leave our windows open, particularly in the summer months, however this looks unlikely with the increased general disturbance that would occur if a 24 hour licence was granted. We are all working people who live around this area and expect to be able to relax and sleep well in our own homes.

We have also noted, and are objecting on a separate planning related matter, to the increased illuminated taller signage and general forecourt lights and that have again been replaced or upgraded recently. These are now shining into every neighbouring property which threatens to be a 24hour issue. The noise and light pollution disrupts and affects us all. Public safety is also at risk currently with extensive advertising positioned onto the land at the front of the garage which is believed to be public highways land. It is not possible to easily see when pulling out from the garage onto the A361.

By allowing the increased trading hours for alcohol and late night refreshments it is not allowing us to live in a family friendly environment. Nearly all of the immediate properties have children living in them and this is not encouraging a nice environment to live in.

I am also concerned to understand that the garage have sold alcohol to children under the age of 18. I know this was raised with the staff involved and it was recommended that they check the level of ID being provided. To increase the hours alcohol may be purchased it is possible that this problem will become a bigger issue.



I do not believe that a 24hour licence should be approved on all of the issues I have raised. It has also been noted that not one of the local residents was made aware of this application other than a small notice on the garage forecourt seen by accident. This application affects many people and properties and I believe the level of consultation attempted with us has been unsatisfactory.

Bloxham does not require a facility to be able to purchase alcohol every hour of the day. It is a village location and as such people move and live here for that lifestyle not a town type environment.

South Newington Road

Bloxham

OX15 4QF

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 14 March 2018 16:00  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** Objection to Licensing Application No: 18/PRM 1262/ LA PRE2

**Categories:** Charlotte

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Bloxham  
Banbury OX15 4QF

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- 2) For those living near or actually having to drive across the petrol forecourt to reach my house, selling alcohol 24 hours a day, increases the fear of a likelihood of an assault/harassment when returning home late at night plus increases the risk of burglary.
- 3) Selling alcohol 24 hours a day will increase the public safety risk, as 24 hour alcohol sales raises the likelihood of crime and as the pubs in Bloxham close at 11pm, some drinkers will want to carry on drinking, so will purchase more alcohol at the petrol station and potentially cause public nuisance through noise, litter, smashed glass and general disorderly behaviour.
- 4) With 24 hour opening comes additional noise pollution. There are lots of houses only a few feet away from this petrol station with lots of young children and the increased noise pollution would put these children at risk as their sleep is interrupted, remember this is a quiet village with no noise between 23.00 to 6.00am.
- 5) We already have lots of HGV lorries travelling through the village and stopping on the South Newington road to 'nip in' and purchase snacks & alcohol from the petrol station. This causes major tail backs and frustration with other motorists and is a major public safety concern. Granting 24 hours opening for alcohol and refreshments will only make this public safety issue even more acute.
- 6) I also note with interest, there are plenty of other petrol stations in Banbury which close at 11pm, why would Bloxham be different and need one open 24 hours a day and selling alcohol?

And finally, I note that Esso already have a 24 hour petrol station in Chipping Norton (12.9 miles from Bloxham) and they have three already in Banbury (3.5 miles from Bloxham) all selling petrol, alcohol & refreshments 24 hours a day. There are also other non Esso petrol stations in Banbury also open 24 hours a day.

I would welcome the opportunity to attend any hearing on this matter.

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South Newington Rd

Bloxham

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OX15 4QF Tel

Re. Motor Fuel LTD

Convenience Store

Bloxham Service Store

OX15 4QF

I am objecting to the proposed increase in the opening hours to the above service store. My objections are as follows

1. I live directly behind said service store so will be effected by the increase noise levels during the night ie, air line in use, petrol pumps being pulled out/in, doors banging shop door opening + shutting
2. More vehicles obstructing my driveway when customers are using the air line or using the above store
3. The possibility of rowdy behaviour on the forecourt when alcohol can be purchased throughout the night.

Yours Sincerely

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 16 March 2018 16:08  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** Objection to Licensing Application No. 18/PRM 1262/ LA PRE2

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has come to my attention that an application has been made to alter the premises licence at the following address:-

Costcutter Express Bloxham Service Station  
South Newington Road  
Bloxham  
Banbury  
OX15 4QF

I would like to make a formal objection to the application on the following grounds:

1. As we live directly behind the petrol station, 24 hour opening will bring additional noise pollution. Two of our bedrooms face directly on to the forecourt and I fear sleep deprivation will become a big issue for my family, especially during the warm Summer months when open windows at night are the only way we get any sleep. We have young children who's sleep will be compromised and I feel that is unacceptable.
2. We have to drive across the forecourt to access our house, selling alcohol 24 hours a day will increase the likelihood assault/harassment when returning home late at night. I also believe that a 24 hour alcohol service will promote a drink & drive culture which will put their own safety and the safety of others at risk. It will also raise the likelihood of crime and burglary. There is increased potential to cause public nuisance through noise, smashed glass, litter and general disorderly behaviour.
3. Light pollution is already an issue for us. I noticed that a much larger and brighter sign has been erected. It shines directly into all the rooms at the front of our house. Has permission been sought / required for this alteration? To be forced to endure this, on top of the added noise, really is outrageous. There is very little village lighting, by choice, in this area so this new sign stands out and not in a positive way.
4. We already have HGV lorries travelling through the village that regularly stop directly outside the filling station, on the South Newington Road, to pop in to purchase snacks etc. This causes no end of tail backs that results in traffic gridlock and is a major public safety concern for us. Granting a 24 hour opening licence will only make this public safety issue even more acute and bring the noise pollution to a new level. Bloxham is an industrious village but is quiet between 11pm and 6am. Banbury is only 3 miles away, with it's own supply of all night petrol stations. Why would Bloxham need one open 24 hours a day and selling alcohol, considering the station sits amongst residential dwellings?

I would welcome the opportunity to attend any hearing on this matter.

Kind Regards,

Sent from Samsung tablet.

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 17 March 2018 14:14  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2

To whom it may concern,

I wish to object to the application the Esso petrol station in Bloxham has made for a Sale of Alcohol – Monday to Sunday – 24 hours  
Late Night Refreshment (hot food and drink) – Monday to Sunday - 23hrs to 05.00.  
I live very near the petrol station and my reasons for objecting are:

the resultant noise for neighbours through the night;  
the obtrusive forecourt lights illuminating the surrounding area;  
the increase in the amount of forecourt signage; and  
the need for this application, as there are 24 hour garages in both Chipping Norton and Banbury.

I would like to add that Bloxham is a rural village, despite having a main road through it, as many villages do. It is unnecessary for us to have somewhere which opens 24 hours a day when there are others nearby. The village is usually very quiet and peaceful at night.

It also makes a mockery of the conservation area - most of us who live nearby are in listed buildings and we make an effort to keep our properties in line with conservation - to have the petrol station increase its garish signage with no regard for the area is very disappointing. I realise this may be more of a planning issue than licensing but it seems that the owners of the garage are paying little heed to local residents in both areas of licensing and planning.

I hope you will reject this application.

Yours faithfully,

Church Street  
Bloxham  
OX15 4ET

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:** >  
**Sent:** 15 March 2018 13:11  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to register my objection to the application by Bloxham Service Station to increase the hours during which they can sell alcohol.

People don't choose to live in a village like Bloxham because they can have access to 24 hour alcohol sales, and increased licensing hours will be of very little advantage to the local community. Instead, this would be detrimental to the local community as has the potential to cause issues with noise, litter, antisocial behaviour in a residential area, which is meant to be a conservation area.

We are well served in the village by 3 pubs which operate during normal hours and where people can drink alcohol in a controlled environment.

As a mother, I am particularly concerned about the access that this would give young people to alcohol, with very little regulation.

Yours,

, Hawke Lane, Bloxham, OX154PY).

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 18 March 2018 19:11  
**To:** Charlotte Johnson  
**Subject:** 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2

Dear Sirs

I am emailing to strongly object to the change in licensing hours for the petrol station in Bloxham.

I live in very close proximity to the garage and this will have a major impact on us.

Over the years the facility has extended it's hours and 2300hrs is plenty long enough for a residential area which has very limited traffic through the village throughout the night.

My reasons and examples for objection are as follows:-

My car park area is adjacent to the petrol station and is shared with the Veterinary Surgery. Many occasions we have had glass bottles smashed in the car park and also around by the vets doorway. This is not just a nuisance but a danger to the vets clients and our working search dogs, which are often put into and taken out of our vehicles very early in the morning so the hazards are not always seen in the dark. This will just get worse and become even more regular if open to selling food & alcohol for longer periods.

Furthermore the stations customers use my area of parking for a toilet and on numerous occasions we have had theft of our property that is kept around the rear of our house.

The noise is constant for the hours the petrol station is currently open, with screeching tyres, beeping of horns, shouting and blaring stereos at night. The only reprieve is that we know it stops come 2300hrs when the garage closes. There have been incidents of fights breaking out, on one occasion I actually put my husbands ex-police dog on the leash as I was so concerned it was going to escalate further and involve damage to my property and on another occasion I had to intervene with a man beating a woman up for which I had to go to Crown Court.

In comparison to other 24hr garages in the area, Bloxham has residential property directly in front of the forecourt, directly behind & to the side so noise nuisance & light pollution is a major factor. The fact this is trying for a 24hr alcohol license is obviously just a ploy to stay open as both Esso's in Bodicote & Ermont Way also have a 24 hour licence but no longer sell it!! I feel this whole application has been dealt with most underhandedly, with no one even being aware of it until the latter part of last week, including the Parish Council. The notice was originally placed where no one would really see it as there is normally the managers taxi parked in front of it.

I hope these are valid enough points for this application to be firmly rejected.

Yours faithfully

Bloxham

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 18 March 2018 19:15  
**To:** Charlotte Johnson  
**Subject:** Objection to Application reference 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2

Dear Ms C Johnson,

I write to strongly object to the proposal for the Esso garage on South Newington Road in Bloxham to be open 24hrs.

As we live right next door to this property and are already plagued by noise issues, ASB, broken glass from alcoholic drinks bottles and rubbish just dumped by drivers using my carpark and drive as an extension to the garage boundaries I believe the current closing time of 23:00hrs is more than late enough.

In order for us to enjoy our property and grounds and keep our working dogs safe and uninjured we already have to clean up daily the mess left by people visiting the garage as the broken glass can cause our dogs to be come seriously injured costing me money and remove my ability to earn money and could cost me contracts, this issue will only get worse if opening hours are extended further.

The noise generated by the garage can on frequent occasion become very intrusive and amount to a statutory noise nuisance, again with current closing time of 23:00we know that this will end at that time, however extended hours will again mean that this can continue without end, the same applies to the ASB in regards to large groups of teenagers and young drivers.

There has also been a recent disturbing rise in crime within the village and I firmly believe that this will continue to rise should a convenient 24hrs meeting place be available for the criminal Element of society to gather in plain sight.

The village is a quiet place with mainly elderly residents who do not require a 24hr service, it is not within easy walking distance of anywhere except for residents, within 5 miles of this garage there are at least 2 other 24hr garages and in point of fact you cannot get into the village without passing at least one other garage so the need to obtain fuel should not be required and most certainly the need for alcohol to be available 24hr is similarly not required.

Regards.

Bloxham  
OX15 4QF



BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO LICENCE APPLICATION  
(18/PRM1262/LAPRE2) RELATING TO THE ESSO GARAGE ON THE A361 IN BLOXHAM

Bloxham Parish Council wish to register the following:-

The application does not conform with Bloxham Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy BL9a.

The proposal for a 24 hour service of alcohol and hot food, with its related light pollution and noise for immediate neighbours will result in adverse harm to their environment.

The recent increase in forecourt signage, imposes an unnecessarily harsh urban intrusion into the gateway of the village.

There does not appear to be any available evidence regarding the justification of the increase in the service. There are already garages providing a 24 hour service in Chipping Norton (10 miles) and Banbury (4 miles).

The potential, if this licence is approved is for a further exacerbation of the Air Quality pollution in Bloxham.

This is already reported in the Cherwell District Council 2017 Air Quality Report as

*"The result is 39.6µg/m<sup>3</sup>. It is recommended that this area of Bloxham (as a minimum) is treated as an area of concern with a view to declaring an AQMA if monitoring and / or modelling provides more certainty on the data"*

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 16 March 2018 18:05  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2 | Variation to the Premises Licence

Hello

I would like to make an objection to the proposed application to allow purchase of alcohol at the motor fuel station in Bloxham.

This is a residential area that should be allowed to have quiet after normal shop opening hours. The noise associated with both drivers pulling into the station and leaving the station is unnecessary. Allowing purchase of alcohol after shop hours can often lead to noise due to too much alcohol already having been consumed.

Could you please register my objection.

Many thanks

**Stephanie Broomfield**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 16 March 2018 18:36  
**To:** Charlotte Johnson  
**Subject:** Ref 18/PRM1262/LAPRET

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to protest at the above licensing application for the 24 hour opening and sale of food and alcohol at Bloxham Service Station. It should be remembered that this is a rural location, and a central village site where people live. Already the levels of littering are high, and a 24 hour facility will draw more of those who wish to continue drinking, or have been drinking and wish to consume food into a quiet village residential district. Sometimes people dump food packaging straight from the vehicle window as they speed off..

Bloxham is busy during and at each end of the day because many people use both A361 and the country lanes for commuting. Please do not extend the busy period we residents have to deal with to around the clock.

Yours faithfully,

Bloxham  
Banbury OX15 4QG

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 17 March 2018 08:52  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** Application number is 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2

Dear licensing authorities

I want to register my dismay at the application for the license to sell alcohol at Bloxham petrol station 24 hours a day.

The ease of access to unlimited alcohol can lead to huge physical, mental and social costs. As a GP, I am aware of the work of the Portman Group, I am very aware of the negative effects of excessive alcohol and alcoholism, and the need for the drinks industry to regulate and lead in social responsibility. Access to 24 hour alcohol would only fuel an increase in liver disease and anti-social behaviour

Please consider these issues, when you are making your decision re Bloxham Garage's application for 24 h licensing.

Kind regards

Sent from my iPhone

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 19 March 2018 14:04  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** objection

### **RE: License Application Number 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2**

To whom it may concern

I would like to object to the above application which has been made by the Motor Fuel Group to extend the opening hours and serve alcohol 24/7 at the Service Station on the South Newington Road in Bloxham.

I would like to object on several grounds:-

- 1 Increased noise, nuisance and anti social behaviour
- 2 Bloxham is a rural village and therefore this is totally unsuitable
- 3 An increase in noise within the village during the night. Being a rural village, there are a number of young families so unacceptable.

Thank you

Regards

Bloxham

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 18 March 2018 16:07  
**To:** Charlotte Johnson  
**Subject:** Objection to Application reference 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2 Bloxham garage

I wish to lodge my objection to the request to extend opening hours, provide 24hr sale of alcohol and the provision of hot food sales during the night.

I am a resident of the village and live relatively close to the petrol station.

- The main objective is the noise factor that this will bring to residents living in close proximity to the site. Already since the garage extended its hours to 11pm there is the inconvenience of late delivery from petrol tankers, noisy drivers, blaring music and people loitering around consuming food & drink. Although this is not convivial to residents and village life it does generally cease at a tolerable hour.
- However the attraction of all night hot food, alcohol etc. could bring with it more unsociable issues. There is a concern once pubs etc. particularly in Banbury and out lying villages close it could increase activity. We have had a rise in criminal activity of late and concerns within the village are this could exacerbate the problem.
- Bloxham during the day is a very busy and active village with high capacity traffic flow, however, this quietyens considerably into the evening. With five 24hr garages in the town the need for round the clock available petrol in Bloxham is just not necessary. With the exception of one, these garages in Banbury are all in non residential areas.
- For the properties opposite and adjacent to the garage the high volume of intense lighting from the forecourt is not going to be conducive to productive sleeping and is a general disadvantage.

Sent from Samsung tablet

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 17 March 2018 11:18  
**To:** Charlotte Johnson  
**Subject:** Bloxham Fuel Station 24 hour opening, Ref 18/PRM1262/LAPRET

Hello Charlotte,

As we live in Cumberford 50 metres away from this filling station we have strong reservations about them extending their licence to sell alcohol to 24 hours and hot food until 5 a.m.

There are 24 hour facilities already in Banbury and Chipping Norton and Bloxham's Co-op stays open until 10 p.m. The A361 is a very busy East / West route and traffic frequently speeds in and out of the village and the junction with Cumberford/Tadmarton Road is an accident black spot.

By allowing all night sale of alcohol to motorists will increase the danger considerably. If people are so desperate to buy alcohol then they should do so in normal hours not late at night.

We question both the ethics and logic of extended hours to customers most of whom will be driving to and from as well as past the site.

There is also the issue of littering in the village and it is particularly bad in this area and inevitably extended opening will make this even worse.

It will almost certainly encourage undesirable elements, more noise at unsociable hours and potential threat to public safety.

We believe the social and safety concerns alone outweigh any commercial need or benefit so we object strongly to this application..

Regards,

Bloxham, Banbury  
Oxon, OX15 4QG

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 19 March 2018 10:49  
**To:** Charlotte Johnson  
**Subject:** Bloxham Fuel Station. 24 hour opening

Dear Charlotte,

My wife and I have only just heard about the application for 24 hour opening for the fuel station. We are extremely concerned that there is not a need for 24-hour opening in Bloxham as there are already 24-hour services in Banbury and Chipping Norton. We also feel that the sale of food and drink at all hours will cause a litter problem plus an excess of noise and light pollution to local residents.

Please note our objection to this proposal.

Many thanks

Bloxham  
OX15 4QQ  
Tel:  
Mob:  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 18 March 2018 20:22  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2 Consultation response

Dear Sirs,

It has come to our attention that the garage next to our property is applying for 24 hours opening. We own the veterinary surgery and the residential flat above it (The Veterinary Surgery, 1 South Newington Road, Bloxham, OX15 4QF).

We object to this application for 24 hour opening for the following reasons:

The garage is surrounded on all sides by residential properties, 24 hour opening will disturb residents including our tenants.

Selling alcohol 24 hours a day is likely to attract antisocial behaviour which would spill over to our car park - resulting in more litter, broken glass, etc which will be a safety problem for our clients who will be arriving with dogs. This is already a small problem but longer late night opening hours will make this much worse.

There is limited parking on the garage forecourt and we feel customers will use our car park, disturbing our tenants and inconveniencing them if their vehicles are blocked in.

24 hour supermarkets are available not very far away in Banbury, there is no need for a 24 hour facility in Bloxham as well.

We feel very strongly that permitting this application will be to the detriment of this largely residential environment. and will result in regular misuse and damage to our car park.

Kind regards,

Chipping Norton  
Oxfordshire  
OX7 5SY  
General number  
Mobile

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 18 March 2018 18:26  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing as a property owner in Bloxham to object to the application (18/PRM1262/LAPRE2). The Costcutter Express opening times are extensive enough (6am - 11pm). This is a residential area, the fuel station is surrounded on all sides by houses. Extended opening hours are not necessary and would cause a disruption to local residents. There is certainly no need to sell alcohol beyond the existing opening times, and again this would cause disruption to local residents.

Yours faithfully,

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Home  
Address i  
email

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 19 March 2018 21:31  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** Esso application, A361 Bloxham

To whom it may concern,

We would like to register our objection to the proposal for the sale of alcohol for 24 hours at the Esso garage on the A361, Bloxham

We do not feel the garage needs to be open for 24 hours a day. Not only would it have a hugely detrimental effect on the neighbouring properties which surround the garage, it was also cause undue light pollution at night in a semi rural location.

People with young families live all around the site and they do not need to be kept awake by unnecessary noise and light pollution.

There is already a village facility which sells alcohol till 11pm and it is unnecessary to have it on sale for 24hours in a village. There are enough garages within close proximity of the village for petrol.

There is also a possibility of an increase in anti social behaviour, if alcohol was available round the clock.

We hope you take our objections on board when making a decision on this application.

Kind Regards

Bloxham  
Oxon  
OX154ET

March 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

**RE: License Application Number 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2**

Dear Sir / Madam

I write to you in objection of the above application. I understand that the owners of Bloxham service station, Motor Fuel Group, have applied to extend the opening hours of the service station and serve alcohol to 24 hours.

I have several objections set out below but firstly I do not believe that a license to sell alcohol in a village 24/7 adds any benefit to the community. The village of Bloxham has three successfully run pubs, the co-op and the service station that all serve us well.

Currently the service station closes at around 23:00hrs each evening and opens at 06:00hrs. However I have noted that business slows to the occasional shopper of fuel or provisions after 20:00hrs, it is also my understanding that should the service station want to stay open for longer hours to sell fuel they already have this right.

My objections:

1. I understand that as a local authority you have a duty to control the density of licensed premises especially if it could impact health or antisocial behavior. It appears that the only commercial reason for the service station staying open 24 hours is the sale of alcohol – my objection is that this serves to only encourage late night drinking that can lead to health problems, antisocial behavior and an extra burden on police and ambulance services.
2. Over the last 10 years the service station has undergone several rebrands, each time more lights and advertising have been added to the point now that it effects local homes with the pollution of light. Should the current hours be extended I believe this would cause a Statutory Nuisance under the Environmental Protection act 1990 to many local family homes.
3. Noise is already an issue from the service station when cars, motorbikes, HGV's and delivery drivers leave engines running, rev the engines or accelerate away from the station, music is often played and occasional shouting and yelling. While most people can tolerate this up to 20:00hrs we believe that it will cause a Statutory Nuisance after this time.
4. Bloxham Service Station is not a setting suitable for 24 hour opening, it is surrounded by residential properties at close proximity and in a conservation area. The home opposite the service station is listed and part of the historic character of the village.

5. I have a concern that should an alcohol license be extended in this village service station it will encourage drink drivers to make the trip in a vehicle. As it has been demonstrated that the only commercial reason for opening longer is alcohol sales.
6. Currently the risk of antisocial behavior is minimised as service station does not sell alcohol past the pub closing times. Should these hours be extended I feel that the likelihood of this will be increased. The possible effects of this could extend to local residents littering, noise pollution, smashed glass and general public nuisance.
7. I do have to question the motive for this application, as the owners are a national company who applied to Sedgemore District Council I draw the conclusion that this is something that the company simply applies to all its properties regardless of the setting, the demand or the effect that it will have on local residents or the community.
8. Finally, I question the safety of the staff who will be on duty. Currently the shop has no facility to serve customers outside of the store through a hatch. Leaving the staff vulnerable in the early hours when several miles from a police station. Should the application suggest that the sale of alcohol be on the forecourt via a hatch we would object that this will cause further nuisance to the local homes.

I trust that my objections will be considered and you will refuse the application.

Yours sincerely

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 19 March 2018 17:06  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Application number 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2

Dear Sirs

I would like to lodge my objection to this application.

Firstly I have not seen it being advertised and therefore has not allowed proper consultation to take place.

Secondly in a village which is encouraging more and more housing for young families it concerns me that we are extending the hours that one can buy alcohol to 24 hours a day. Why in a village is this needed?

Surely this poses a risk of increased crime and disorder. I believe the council is responsible for public safety and the prevention of public nuisance. With the ability to buy alcohol in a rural environment between the hours of 11pm and 6am surely there is a risk of increased public disorder and the consequences that this will entail?

With an increasing number of families in the village it worries me that our children who currently enjoy a safe environment may be compromised.

I would like to see this application refused as it is not needed in a village.

Regards

Director of

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 19 March 2018 20:54  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** Esso Garage Bloxham

I am writing in connection to the licence application recently submitted for the Esso Garage Bloxham.

We strongly object to the application on the basis that:

The area is perfectly well served by 24hr garages in Banbury and Chipping Norton.

The Co-op in the village already sells alcohol until 10pm.

This is a rural community which would be irreversibly damaged by additional forecourt lighting and signage.

It seems at odds with the governments various policies / strategies to reduce alcohol addiction and dependency.

It would bring additional traffic, noise and disruption to neighbouring properties with young and vulnerable children.

I hope that you will give fair consideration to these objections in your ruling.

Kind regards

## Stephanie Broomfield

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 18 March 2018 23:17  
**To:** Licensing (CDC)  
**Subject:** ref 18/PRM1262/LAPRE2

I am responding to the proposed planning request for a 24 hour licence to sell alcohol from the petrol station on the South Newington road, Bloxham.

& think that it is completely inappropriate to grant such a licence in such a quiet residential area of a country village. It will inevitably attract a noisy & disruptive element to the petrol station at all hours of the day & do we really want to promote 24 hour drinking in such a quiet location when we are all aware of the health implications of excessive alcohol consumption. We have also had problems with clients of the petrol station urinating in the back of property as they do not have toilet facilities generally available. This health hazard is sure to get worse if a 24 hour licence is granted.