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Dear Sirs

**Notice of Application under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 – Maricksons Ltd
T/A Dominos Pizza 132 Buckingham Crescent Bicester Oxon OX26 4HB**

Having read the proposed application for the additional opening hours under the Public Notice in this weeks Bicester Advertiser, we are quite frankly outraged at yet again having to write to oppose changes to this Business (our most recent objection being the additional hours applied for and now granted to J K Liquor Store) that already has an enormous impact on our daily lives and the conditions to which we are subjected to live in, and deal with, on a daily basis following the introduction over the past few years right opposite our house.

We originally objected to Domino Pizza opening because of the genuine concerns we felt about the impact it would have on the Crescent, we felt at the time we would better served by the premises remaining as a local corner shop. We were advised by Cherwell that a shop was not a necessity as there was already the garage on Buckingham Road and a local Spa in Bassatt Avenue, we have since seen a large Co-Op on Buckingham Road emerge and the premises known as J K Liquor Store, now in Buckingham Crescent, also serves as a general store stocking a wide variety of household products. In addition there are now many Tesco Express's emerging offering the same service and produce all around the area. Our point for raising this issue is the contradiction originally surrounding the permission given to Domino Pizza as opposed to remaining a shop, a planning issue maybe be but never the less background that we feel relevant.

Buckingham Crescent is used as a car park early in the morning for people not willing to pay the charges for the facilities at Bicester North Station. It is used as a 'car lot' for selling cars, these vehicles are on regular display on the strip of road in the Crescent by

the post box and are often vehicles being managed by employees of Domino Pizza. This coupled with excessive additional vehicles of both delivery drivers and customers often makes it difficult to get into the Crescent and on more occasions than not even difficult to park outside our own house. Buckingham Crescent has most recently been used as a gathering point for groups of youngsters in cars congregating and meeting up outside Domino Pizza, no doubt as a result of being moved on from other areas in the town. We have been subjected to loud music, shouting & screaming, engines revving and general antisocial behaviour. We have on several occasions complained to the police about vehicles being driven at high speed in and around the Crescent and Buckingham Road and loud screeching of brakes. This stops once Domino Pizza closes at 1100pm.

All the above are issues and concerns in and around the Crescent, the following points directly affect us and are the main reasons for our objection to the changes to opening hours.

Since the alteration to the premises that are now Domino Pizza and J K Liquor, we also have a flat above these. This flat is directly opposite our house and the entrance is almost directly opposite our bedroom as it is served by a staircase. We are now in a habit of not going to bed much before 1100pm (after Domino Pizza closes) and things settle down. The flat or the occupants are now impacting on our sleep pattern as they gather to smoke and socialise on the stairwell, taking loudly into the early hours of the morning. Being on the same level as our bedroom the noise is exaggerated even though we have double glazing. This is usually at the weekends but often in the week too, as we both are up for work at 5.45am the lack of sleep has in impact on our wellbeing. Any additional opening hours for Domino will add to our misery and will add additional stress to conditions that already are unacceptable, litter, noise, the smell of Pizza cooking, additional vehicles, encouragement of people using the facilities following nights out in town congregating outside our house, in addition to the devaluation of our property and the general area.

Although we know you are just the Licensing Authority, we would like to know what our rights are and in addition what the duty of care is to us, if any, as council tax payers. If you could advise us as to who will be acting on our behalf it would be very much appreciated. As previously mentioned we seem to object but our objections go on deaf ears. Is this maybe because it only affects a few people rather than the whole? This is a residential area and maybe the requirements by Maricksons would be better served if the business was located to an industrial area like many of the McDonald premises offering refreshment at antisocial times of the day and night are.

We look forward to hearing from you in response.

Yours faithfully

Mr & Mrs I Cartwright