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Dear Licensing Department,

I own flat number 9 in The Counting House, Banbury OX16 5AA, I was shocked and dismayed when an application for a late night refreshment licence for the Indian Pantry was brought to my attention. Since I purchased the flat, the original bicycle store on the ground floor has been converted to a takeaway despite several tenants appealing the planning application. When I purchased my flats I was informed that the shops would never be allowed to be used as food outlets.

Not only has this been detrimental to the value of my property but it has also produced odours which are particularly noticeable when trying to enjoy the fresh air on my balcony. One of the conditions of the granted planning permission were restricted opening times, our main concern was the take away attracting noise and anti social behaviour late night outside our front door. In applying for the refreshment licence this will surely give the Indian Pantry the opportunity to serve late night drinker's food into the early hours of Thursday through to Sunday.

My objection is that the later licensing hours will inevitably attract drunken behaviour, noise from queues and loitering around the takeaway, increase in litter and potential damage to our property.

I am still frustrated that the objections to the planning consent for the original take away conversion seemed to be overlooked and I find this application to extend the opening hours a further kick in the teeth for the owners and residents.

If a fellow resident hadn't managed to spot the notice in the local newspaper 18 flats above the takeaway would have missed their opportunity to defend the quality and safety of their homes. I am disappointed that we have not received any communication from the Council to inform us of the application and thus we only have this week to respond which also coincided with many peoples holiday commitments.

Kind Regards,
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