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**Subject:** Application for Refreshment License at the Indian Pantry

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Good evening

Please accept this email as an objection to the Refreshment License for the Indian Pantry.

Above the Indian Pantry are 18 flats and apartments. The occupants currently have to endure the smell of curry as well as customers coming and going until 11pm. The apartment I own is directly above the entrance and since the couple who occupy it are about to have their first child, I can only wonder at the effect even longer trading hours will have on them!

The presence of an Indian takeaway has done nothing to enhance the living conditions of the people in the Counting House and furthermore has devalued the properties – an unhappy situation for the owners.

The sole purpose of the current application is to extend the trading hours of the Indian Pantry to

Thursday 1am  
Friday 2am  
Saturday 2am  
Sunday midnight

This is wholly unreasonable and will change the clientele that currently use the takeaway. At the moment the customers are those that genuinely want a takeaway for supper. If the license is granted all of the drunk and rowdy late night revellers, who tip out of the Sound Exchange and pubs with extended hours in the small hours, will be those in search of a takeaway curry.

I draw your attention to comments made by a member of the local constabulary - *If the Indian extends its trading hours then i imagine there'll be an increase in noise, an increase in drunks hanging around (which inevitably leads to assaults/criminal damage/disorder.)*

*Of course, i see the benefits for the business if they are open longer but as i've seen with Chen's Cottage and other establishments...is it really worth it if you have your windows smashed on a regular basis by drunks fighting/being rowdy?*

Like it or not Banbury city centre has earned itself a bad reputation for the behaviour of the youth that visit the late night establishments at the weekend. I don't think it's fair to inflict that behaviour on the residents of the Counting House. At least one family reside in the block with my tenants about to add to that list. The people who invested in the flats thought they were buying a high quality product. This application, if granted, will knock that on the head once and for all.

Of course, if I was a cynical Old Hector, I might be tempted to think that once the Indian Pantry has extended its trading hours, the next step would be to apply for an alcohol license .....

The residents of the Counting House have the right to a reasonable quality of life. Please ensure that that is not diminished by rejecting this application.

Regards

Charlotte Bird