

Cllr Paul Hartshorn's concerns regarding the variation of premises license 77 Lutterworth Road.

Public Safety and Crime Concerns

1. **Increased risk of anti-social behaviour** – Late-night alcohol sales can attract loitering, vandalism, public intoxication, and disorderly behaviour.
2. **Higher crime potential** – 24-hour operations can draw in criminal activity, including theft, drug dealing, or worse, especially in quieter residential areas.
3. **Limited police presence at night**—Emergency services are often stretched thin overnight, delaying response times to incidents.

Noise and Disturbance

4. **Disruption to residents' sleep** – Vehicle movements, loud customers, and delivery trucks can cause constant noise through the night.
5. **Late-night traffic** – Increased vehicle activity at night disrupts the peace in what should be a quiet residential area.
6. **Engine idling and revving** – Customers often leave engines running, play loud music, or rev motors, especially during late hours.

Impact on Local Community

7. **Undermines community wellbeing** – A 24-hour operation changes the character of a residential estate, creating a sense of unease or urbanisation.
8. **Discourages family-friendly atmosphere** – Constant availability of alcohol and late-night footfall may make families feel less secure.
9. **Loss of neighbourhood identity** – Residents may feel their community is being reshaped without their consent or benefit.

Alcohol-Related Issues

10. **Encourages irresponsible drinking** – Easy access to alcohol at all hours increases the likelihood of late-night binge drinking.
11. **Potential for drink-driving** – Alcohol sales at a petrol station send a mixed message and may facilitate dangerous behaviour.
12. **Increased underage drinking risk** – Looser oversight at night can make it easier for minors to access alcohol.

Planning and Zoning Conflicts

13. **Contravenes local planning intentions** – Residential zones are not typically intended for 24-hour commercial operations.
14. **Sets a precedent** – Allowing one site to open 24 hours may make it harder to reject similar applications in the future.
15. **Reduces property values** – Perceived drop in area desirability due to noise, crime, and traffic could affect house prices.

Environmental and Health Impact

16. **Light pollution** – Bright lighting from signage and forecourt disrupts the natural night-time environment.
17. **Increased litter and pollution** – More footfall usually results in more waste, including takeaway packaging and alcohol containers.
18. **Health impact of disturbed sleep** – Constant noise/light pollution contributes to long-term health problems for residents.