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Sent: 05 June 2017 14:34

To: Liquor and Licensing

Subject: Objection to variation of premises licence: Martin McColl Limited

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed extension to opening hours of the McColls store on Main street in St Boswells. The noise generated by early morning deliveries is already considerable and I feel it would be socially unjust to allow vehicles to unload at an even earlier hour than they already do. In addition, granting permission to sell alcohol up until 11pm would, in my view, make Main Street the local destination for after hours alcohol purchases given that other outlets will have closed by 10pm. Many drivers parking in Main street to visit McColls leave their engines running (more often than not diesel engines) whilst a passenger shops. Although 10pm is already a late hour for this type of unsociable behaviour, allowing this to continue to 11pm would be unacceptable.

Most of my neighbours are in full agreement with these views however some have been dissuaded from making a formal objection by a hand-written sign which was posted up in McColls' window which stated there was no intention of extending opening hours and that the application was an error. This sign has now been removed and I am left wondering whether the staff at McColls are aware of their employer's true intentions.

I am surprised that McColls have not entered into consultation with the local community before making this application and am concerned that they are unaware of the negative impact such an extension would have on residents in the area.

I would be grateful if you would accept this email as a formal objection to the application noted above. Please could you also confirm receipt of this objection by return of email as I note that the onus is on me to evidence that my objection has been received by you.