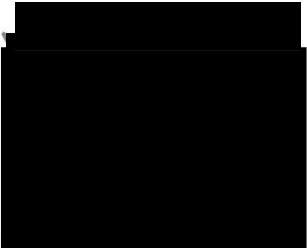


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Newtown St Boswells
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to object to the application for a late hours catering license made by Alfonso's, High street, Earlston.

First of all the extended hours 11pm-12.15am- There is already an issue with parking in the street especially over the weekend. When customers go to the chip shop they park outside my house. I often can't get near my house to take out my work gear, dogs or shopping. It's an extremely busy road and on an occasion when I was waiting to get in my car I was clipped by a wing mirror, luckily I was not injured. When I do get in I have to endure the noise of their engines running often with music blasting, noisy exhausts and fumes directly outside my living room, bedroom and my sons room until they have eaten their food. Patrons of the shop stop to chat to one another often using foul language or sit on the curb again outside my house adding to the noise and anti-social behavior. When staff exit the premises for the evening they stand around chatting in the street for 15-20 minutes leaving, this is worse in the winter as the cars are left to defrost before driving away. Extending the hours is going to mean we are going to have to endure the noise later into the night.

The Sevens and civic week are a living hell on the main street and it's a little bit of comfort knowing that when the chip shop closes things will quiet down but extending the opening time will mean we have to endure it for hours more. Customers sit on my door step to eat their tea which disturbs my family, the dogs are constantly barking as they can hear people at the door. Food waste and papers are left on my step or worse people use the door way as a toilet. My windowsill is used to leave chip wrappers on, and my plant pots have been vomited it resulting it my plants

being killed off. The smell is unbearable and I have to have them clean them out as well as clear away all the rubbish from my door in the morning. The whole street is covered in food wrappers after these events, there is 1 bin provided by the council in front of the shop which is always overflowing.

In conclusion extending the opening hours is going to cause further noise and disruption to myself and my family in our own home affecting my right to have a peaceful sleep and rest. This would also cause increased congestion to the street. While extended hours may bring increased profits to the business many customers will have been affected by consumption of alcohol elsewhere, which in turn affects their behavior in and around the shop to the detriment of the residents.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area of the letter.

June 16, 2019