

Stefan Galyas

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Sent: 26 February 2026 16:36
To: Stefan Galyas; planninginfo
Subject: Application No: DM/26/0274

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Dear Mr Galyas,

I wish to strongly object to the proposal to extend the trading hours for McDonald's Drive Thru and Restaurant, Civic Way, Burgess Hill for the following reasons:

Significant increase in noise and disturbance

I live opposite the car park adjacent to McDonald's Drive Thru and already experience the full impact of the current trading hours. The restaurant is well used, resulting in the car park being frequented by mainly younger car drivers causing excessive noise with extremely loud music, sounding car horns, revving of car engines, shouting and reckless driving. This is a frequent occurrence particularly during the lighter evenings, weekends and bank holidays, making it impossible to sleep at times. If the hours of opening are extended as proposed, then the restaurant will continue to serve food up to midnight, with the potential for more noise and disturbance into the early hours of the morning. This would significantly impact my general health, well being and quality of life.

Increased littering, vermin and public health hazard

In addition, littering of the car park is already problematic and will undoubtedly increase if the proposed opening hours are agreed. McDonald's does not litter pick in the adjacent car park, which is the responsibility of Mid Sussex District Council and the bins are not emptied every day. During peak periods as described above, the bins are full to overflowing and litter is blown across the car park and surrounding area, including my garden. The litter and discarded food encourages vermin and there is a large and visible rat population. Foxes and large gulls also pull food from the bins adding to the litter and creating a public health hazard and generally poor appearance of the area.

McDonald's is located at the centre of Burgess Hill and is visible to anyone visiting or passing through. The proposed opening hours can only increase littering and does not reflect well on our community, or Mid Sussex as a whole.

Increased pollution, both noise and poor air quality

Large articulated vehicles park at McDonald's to deliver supplies to the restaurant. The number of deliveries would have to increase should the opening hours be extended, which in turn, would create more noise and air pollution in the area. This would also be replicated by an increase in general traffic entering and exiting the restaurant, passing through the drive thru and parking in the adjacent car park at unsociable hours.

Longer term impact

As part of Burgess Hill town redevelopment, planning permission has been granted for 172 new dwellings immediately opposite McDonald's which will undoubtedly increase footfall and activity at the restaurant and magnify all the above issues. New housing will also increase the surrounding

residential area and residents should at least be afforded some time to rest and be free from disturbance.

While extending the opening hours of the restaurant at either end of the day may seem insignificant to anyone not living in close proximity, it is likely that by the time McDonald's has served their last customers and they have dispersed, this will only allow 5 in 24 hours a day when there will be a quieter period in the area.

I would appreciate careful consideration of the issues I have raised and in particular, the impact on health and quality of life for myself and other residents in the local area.

Yours sincerely


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