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Subject: DM/26/0274 McDonald's Drive thru and restaurant, Civic Way, Burgess Hill, West Sussex

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Dear Sirs

I live near the McDonald's drive thru and restaurant and wish to object to the proposed extension of trading hours.

The operation is close to schools and residential housing including retirement homes. We already experience noise issues from the location of this outlet which disrupts sleep. Something which is particularly important for the old and young.

If McDonald's want to open for longer hours they they should be located on the industrial estate.

Vehicles trying to gain access to the site can block the roundabout when it's busy and cause traffic issues. I have seen incidents of road rage caused by blocked lanes and noisy from car horns.

The bins and rubbish left on the ground attracts rats. I have seen them and am concerned that longer opening hours will add to this issue.

I can see no other food outlets operating this early in the morning or so late at night so I wonder who they are targeting. I assume that there is market data to support this request? Nowhere else will be open.

I am concerned that it will have an impact on other food outlets who open early mornings for the breakfast trade. They may find it difficult to keep their client base or be forced to adjust their opening times too. I know it's a struggle for them in the current economic climate as they do not have the same buying powers of these large fast food outlets.

Although I acknowledge it's not their problem the car park tends to attract groups of individuals in vehicles or on motorcycles late evening particularly during the summer months. They use it as a spot to congregate, play loud music revve up their motors and race. It disturbs the peace of this residential area and disrupts sleep patterns. In addition we now have the additional noise of delivery drivers and the pollution caused by them running their engines until they have collected their orders.

When would the McDonald's takeaway and restaurant have deliveries made? Again if it's outside their opening hours it means more noise and disruption.

If granted would they then want to further extend their hours to be 24/7?

Given the NHS concerns over obesity and the impact this has on the population and it's health why would it be wise to only have a fast food outlet open? McDonald's advertising is not aimed at healthy options which suggests that there biggest sellers are ultra processed foods.

This is a residential area and should be recognised as such.

Kind regards

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