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Application number: DM/26/0872

I am writing to object to the application to extend the opening hours of the McDonald's across the road from my home to 24 hours a day.

I am concerned about the impact this would have on the local area, particularly in terms of noise, anti-social behaviour, and litter. This is a small, quiet town with very limited night-time activity, and a 24-hour operation feels unnecessary and out of keeping with the character of the area. While the change may benefit the business, it is likely to have a negative effect on the wider community.

There is already a noticeable issue with litter in the surrounding area associated with the restaurant, and extending the opening hours would almost certainly make this worse.

There are also existing problems with noise while the restaurant is open, including car horns, revving engines, and people shouting. If the opening hours are extended, it is likely these disturbances would continue throughout the night, directly affecting nearby residents and disrupting sleep.

In addition, the illuminated McDonald's signage currently casts a significant amount of light into our flat during its operating hours. The drive-through lane is also positioned directly facing our property, meaning that vehicle headlights regularly shine into our home. If the opening hours are extended to 24 hours, both the constant illumination from the signage and the light from cars would continue throughout the night, leaving us with no period of respite and further affecting our ability to rest.

I ask that these concerns are carefully considered when assessing the application, and that the impact on local residents is given appropriate weight.