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Dear Mr Horrell,

**Re: Application DM/26/0872
London Road, East Grinstead
Proposed extension of opening hours at McDonald's, 165**

I am writing to object to the application to extend the opening hours of the McDonald's opposite my home, potentially to 24 hours a day.

I live directly across the road from the restaurant, so I already experience the impact it has on the area. My concern is that extending the opening hours would significantly worsen existing issues and have a noticeable and detrimental effect on those of us living nearby.

There are already problems with noise while the restaurant is open, including vehicle congestion on the one way system, caused by cars queuing on the main road, trying to drive into the McDonald's drive- through. There are car horns, revving engines, doors

slamming, and people shouting, particularly later in the evening. These disturbances are clearly audible from inside my home. If the restaurant were to operate through the night, it is very likely that this noise would continue into the early hours, making it difficult to sleep.

There is also a considerable element of anti social behaviour linked to the site, particularly with people gathering in cars or outside. Extending the hours would almost certainly increase this, especially overnight when the area is otherwise quiet.

In addition to this, the lighting from the restaurant would remain on throughout the night. Given how directly the site faces residential properties, this would result in continuous artificial light affecting homes opposite. Combined with the increased activity, this would create a constant level of disturbance and further impact our ability to rest.

Litter is already an issue in the surrounding streets and nearby areas, including the nearby public park, where many go to socialise and eat their McDonald's, once purchased. The proposed opening hours would likely make this worse, particularly overnight when there is less regular cleaning.

More broadly, this is a residential area which is generally quiet at night. A 24 hour fast food operation feels out of keeping with the character of the area and would introduce a level of activity that is not in line with its surroundings.

Taken together, the increased noise, activity and lighting would have a clear impact on the day to day enjoyment of nearby homes and make them less suitable as places to live.

I ask that these concerns are carefully considered and that the impact on local residents is given proper weight when determining this application.

Yours sincerely,