



**Application to extend the hours of opening at the Kebab premises
Wrexham St. Mold**

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Dear Mr James Lowe,

As the local councillor for Mold East Ward, I am opposing the application to extend the opening hours for the Kebab premises in Wrexham Street, Mold to 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Wrexham Street is a mixed area comprising of businesses and residences. There are a number of fast food premises in the street which attract a large number of clients who, unfortunately often causes disturbances for the residents such as shouting, arguing loudly, fighting, banging car doors, starting car engines, beeping horns etc. late at night as clients converge on this area often fueled by too much alcohol than they can manage which adds to the potential for such disturbances. Whilst it is readily acknowledged that business owners need to be able to make a living, it must also be recognised that local residents have a right to be able to sleep soundly in their beds at night particularly after midnight.

There is another fast food premises, Turkish Delight, also applying for an extension of hours, which I am also opposing for the same reasons, and it is highly likely that if these two premises are granted such an extension then the other fast food premises will also apply for similar extensions which will further exacerbate the problems encountered in this location.

Given the fact that there are a number of flats above shops and also apartment blocks in Wrexham Street many of which are occupied by elderly residents, many will have their peace and sleep disturbed if this application goes ahead. I have already had a number of calls from local residents expressing their fears and concerns which are real given the kind of experiences they have on a regular basis.

This is not the first time that there have been such applications and fortunately good sense has prevailed and they have been turned down by the Licensing Committee following local opposition from the same residents and also from the local police who know full well that this is a recipe for stimulating local disturbances of the peace and crime at times when their numbers are stretched and they are facing similar calls for help from other towns and villages arising from similar incidents. We often hear that we need that we need to be able to deal not only with crime but the causes of crime. To allow such premises to operate at such unsocial hours will inevitably attract clients from a wide area, many of them, having vacated pubs and clubs, are inebriated and more likely to cause trouble or be drawn into incidents which will disturb the peace and good order.

I hope that the Licensing Committee will heed these genuine concerns as it always has in the past.

I trust that you will let me know when this application is due to go before the Licensing Committee so that I can be present and, if the local residents wish, to speak on their behalf against this application.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Chris Bithell

Flintshire County Councillor and Mold Town Councillor