

**Katharine Simpson**

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**From:** Derek Seekings  
**Sent:** 20 February 2017 16:46  
**To:** Derek Seekings  
**Subject:** FW: Representation to refuse 24 hour alcohol licence at Chobham Petrol Station

Address and e-mail address provided but withheld by Licensing Authority

Dear licensing Committee

As a Chobham resident I wish to make representation regarding the request by Rontec to extend the license to sell alcohol at the Petrol Station in Station Road Chobham to 24 hours a day.

Permission to extend just the opening hours to 24 hours has only recently been granted (on appeal) and these extended hours have not yet started and therefore the impact on residential amenity, the reason the Planning Committee gave for refusal, cannot yet be assessed.

Chobham is currently a quiet, peaceful village at night and residents would like it to remain that way. There is no call for the sale of alcohol during the early hours and therefore this provision would be drawing customers into the village from other locations. Permission for Rontec to sell alcohol throughout the night would also set a precedent for other local retailers to extend their hours and sell alcohol 24/7 too, further diminishing Chobham's village qualities and residential amenity.

In Rontec's current licence reference is made to the control measures which the premises licence holder must adhere to in relation to the 4 objectives. You will note there are currently 10. By the lack of any further steps offered within the application to vary it is apparent that the applicant feels the current measures will suffice. Selling alcohol at three o'clock in the morning surely requires a more robust approach than that required at five o'clock in the afternoon. Who determines what the 'adequate' staffing levels described below equate to?

Public Safety

8. The premises licence holder will at all times maintain adequate levels of staff. Such staff levels will be disclosed, on request, to the licensing authority and police.

For instance, a lone worker may be acceptable during the early evening when there are other customers on the forecourt, but it would be foolhardy to suggest the same level of staffing would be safe during the quiet night hours, especially if the shop has to be open to allow customers in rather than having a night desk with the protection that that affords.

I urge you to refuse this Request to vary the alcohol license, but if you are minded to grant could you please at least delay the decision for six months to allow for an impact assessment of the extended hours alone, which have not yet commenced.

Kind regards

Juliet Dunsmuir