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POST ROOM21st May. 2019.**Objection re Variation of Premises Licence****BP Oil Limited. Mytchett Road. Mytchett.****GU16 6AE.**

I wish to object to the above application to allow the 24 hour sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises for the following reasons.

It is widely known and accepted that drink-driving is abhorrent, and totally unacceptable in our society. Unfortunately many victims of accidents involving drivers who drink are killed, and their relatives and friends suffer the loss for many years.

Previous governments have cracked down on drink driving for obvious reasons and this application flies in the face of cutting down on drink driving by virtually encouraging motorists who run out of alcohol at home to drive to a petrol station to replenish their stock. This to me, and I have personally dealt with the aftermath of accidents involving drivers who are over the limit, this application is totally unnecessary and will only exacerbate the problem of drink driving.

There are many other shops etc in the area where alcohol is sold, and the last thing the area needs is for garages to add to that list with an easy 24 hour availability of supply.

I am sure we all know, and see in most towns, especially at weekends, how drink fuels the 'night time economy', and all this application will do is to make the situation worse with an even easier supply to make the situation worse, with possible catastrophic consequences resulting in even more avoidable deaths and injury.

In 2015 there were 200 killed and 8270 injured in drink related accidents. In the following year the figures were 230 and 8800.

I have to ask, and the committee may wish to ask the same question, is this a sensible and necessary application?

Ken Clarke