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Licensing Department,
Thurrock Council,
New Road,
Grays RM17 6SL.

Re : Application for the Bon Bon 40 King Edward Drive to extend hours for sale of alcohol.

To whom it may concern

I have lived in King Edward Drive then Grangewood Avenue since 1986. It was a good place to raise my family but over the last 20 years the increase in building with the loss of open space has taken its toll. Whilst I understand the need for housing and change we also need to consider and protect young people from the dangers in society until we are sure they understand the consequences.

I have lived at [redacted] for ten years and over the past 3 years living near the back of the shop (known as the Bon Bon) I have seen it become centre for drug dealers which resulted in a police raid at 2-00am earlier this year and vehicle movements causing considerable damage to th boundary of number [redacted] The bridle path to the side is used as a raceway for uninsured and probably un road worthy motorbikes. Just two weeks ago I was painting my rear wall that backs on to the path when a motorbike, driven by an adult came down the path at a fair speed. I suffer with Parkinson's disease and if I had tried to move and wobbled he would have hit me. I suppose he saw this as me being defiant, so he came back and did the sane thing 3 more times, the last time with a young chid on the back. The house on the new estate at the back of my house have young children, I hate to think of a four year old running in front of one of these motorbikes.

Now the shop has applied to extend their licence to sell alcohol by two hours to 11-00pm. If granted it will create another place where people who have already had a few drinks can have a few more and create more noise and leave more broken bottles andd cans outside the shop, along Grangewood Avenue and the bridle path. It would also encourage underage drinking, at the moment we see young teenagers getting people they know to purchase cigarettes for them, the same thing could happen with drink. The estate has a large number of old people and I can see extending the hours for the sale of alcohol will only cause more problems for the people who live near by. I see no need for this extension as there is a TESCO within a quarter a mile to the East and a CO-Op within a quarter a mile to the West both cheaper and better control. I therefore oppose this Application.

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