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To: Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>

Subject: Aldi Stores Ltd, 79 Maidstone Road, Chatham, ME4 6DG

Subject: Representation regarding Premises Licence Application

Dear Licensing Authority,

I am writing to make a formal representation regarding the premises licence application by Aldi Stores Limited for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises between 06:00 and 00:00, seven days a week, at 79 Maidstone Road, Chatham. I am a local resident living only approximately * houses away from the proposed premises, on the same side of Maidstone Road, and therefore have particular concerns about the effect that the proposed alcohol licensing hours could have upon the immediate neighbourhood.

My principal objection relates to the prevention of public nuisance. This is a residential area, with homes situated very close to the premises. Allowing alcohol sales until midnight every night of the week has the potential to generate additional late-evening activity, including customers arriving and departing, vehicle movements, car doors, conversations outside the premises, litter and people potentially congregating in the vicinity. Given how close my home and other residential properties are, I am concerned that this could cause significant disturbance during hours when residents should reasonably expect the neighbourhood to be quiet. I am particularly concerned about the extent of the hours requested. Permission to sell alcohol from 6am until midnight every day, including Sundays, represents an exceptionally long period of availability within an immediate residential setting.

There are also care homes/services and HMOs very close to the proposed premises, including opposite the residential properties near my home, which provide care to vulnerable people and, as I understand it, include support relating to alcohol and substance misuse. I respectfully ask the Licensing Authority to consider whether the availability and prominent retail sale of alcohol for 18 hours each day in such close proximity could adversely affect vulnerable individuals using these services. The wider character of the location is also relevant. The premises is next to a Conservation Area, close to a cemetery, and surrounded by residential properties. In my view, these factors make the immediate area particularly sensitive to the potential effects of late-night commercial activity and associated noise and disturbance.

There is another Aldi store approximately 1½ miles away which is not situated in the same type of residential setting. I appreciate that the existence of another supermarket may not itself be a licensing consideration, but I mention this simply to illustrate why I believe the particular residential location of this premises requires

especially careful consideration when determining the appropriate hours for alcohol sales.

I therefore ask the Licensing Authority to refuse the alcohol licensing hours as currently requested. If the Authority is not minded to refusing the application, I ask that it consider substantially restricting the hours during which alcohol may be sold, particularly during the early mornings and late evening, together with appropriate conditions to prevent noise, litter, antisocial behaviour and other public nuisance affecting nearby residents.

I would also ask to be informed of any Licensing Sub-Committee hearing relating to this application and how the discussion went,

Yours faithfully,

Lynton Sharp