

The Friends of Old Headington

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Dear Sirs

Planning Application 09/01138/PREM Londis, London Road, Headington

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Old Headington the membership of which organisation covers the area between the A40 and the London Road, and it is particularly for the residents living close to the London Road that we are very concerned about the application for an increase in the licensing hours for alcohol to be sold between the hours of 6 a.m. to 5 a.m. the following day.

Headington is a shopping centre but is also is a major residential area for families, and young students of all nationalities from Oxford Brookes University who occupy a great many houses in multiple occupancy close by the London Road. We do not believe these students should be subjected to possible abuse by all night drinkers, or given the opportunity to buy drink during the proposed extended hours.

Also Bury Knowle Park is within the conservation area, and now that it is no longer locked at night it is open to abuse by drinkers, as is already the case. The opportunity for more people to buy alcohol during the night, in addition to those who already move to Headington having been excluded from buying alcohol in the city centre, almost certainly will add to anti- social behaviour in the park as well as increasing litter and unpleasantness for those walking through the park early in the morning on their way to work and for children on their way to school.

Yours truly

Stella Welford
Hon. Secretary

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