

# APPENDIX 9

**74.** Satyen Kaheer's comment

Received: 01/09/2023

The prevention of public nuisance

The local area is already subject to late night noise from local youths. I believe this will only encourage more antisocial behaviour during the unsociable hours. I am not averse to a restaurant of any sort being on the site however I would like it to respect the timing of the previous occupant of the site.

**75.** Julia Shanu-Wilson's comment

Received: 07/09/2023

The prevention of public nuisance

A 24 hour fast food outlet should not be operational near a residential area. There will be an increase in noise and traffic (including deliveroo motorbikes) during a time when residents should not be disturbed whilst sleeping. Also we already have an increase in litter locally; a 24 hour fast food operation will add to the environmental burden and mess that residents have to live amongst. When the Bishop Centre was redeveloped, we were promised a gate to the Hitcham Road entrance/ exit that would be shut every evening at 10pm to reduce traffic late at night directly adjacent to a residential area. This never happened. The proposal to grant a 24 hour licence will pose a public nuisance to local residents.

**76.** Patrick Shanu-Wilson's comment

Received: 09/09/2023

The prevention of crime and disorder; The prevention of public nuisance; The protection of children from harm; Public Safety

I object as a close neighbour to the proposed planning application address on the following grounds. 1. Crime and disorder- The 24 hour McDonalds will attract young people at unsocial hours after pubs and clubs close which will bring crime and disorder and nuisance to the area due to alcohol. 2. Child and public safety and nuisance - Hag Hill Lane is used as a cut through to Burnham and we have seen an increase in traffic in the road since the new Tesco development was opened. Hag Hill Lane has no footpath and school children along with adults walk on the road. The new McDonalds will lead to an increase in traffic especially deliveroo motorcycles on a 24 hour basis which will increase the risk to the public who have to walk on the road.

**77.** Sarah Bradley's comment

Received: 09/09/2023

The prevention of crime and disorder; The prevention of public nuisance; The protection of children from harm; Public Safety

I am a local resident living nearby with my family. I object to the 24 hour licensing of MacDonalds at the Bishop Centre, Taplow on several grounds:

1. Noise – The proposed Bishop Centre site is in a residential area. The residential Hag Hill estate and surrounding roads are an access route for both car and pedestrians to the Bishop Centre, with one of entrances to the Bishop Centre opposite Hag Hill Lane. There will be an increase in night time traffic and noisy pedestrians at anti-social hours, creating problems with sleep.

2. Litter and Protection of Children– The Bishop Centre already generates a large amount of litter that affects the local residential area. The Hag Hill Playground (at the corner of Hitcham Rd and Hag Hill Lane, opposite the entrance to the Bishop Centre) already suffers from vast amounts of litter accumulation, as users of the Bishop Centre visit the playground and sit in the small park there to eat and drink, during daylight hours, and in the evenings, particularly at weekends. Each week the bins in the Hag Hill playground are overflowing on a Sunday morning, already making it difficult to take young children to use the area safely. With the arrival of McDonalds, the amount of disposable packaging littered will increase and there appear to be no conditions stipulated to ensure an increased frequency of litter collection from the playground and surrounding streets.

3. Public safety – pedestrian access to the Bishop centre is already inadequate for visitors during daylight hours. The 24 hour opening of McDonalds will encourage more visitors at night time hours, putting them at increased risk due to poor night-time visibility. The main access points from the nearby centres of population all involve walking along poorly lit roads with no pavement, and in particular walking under poorly lit, narrow railway bridges with poor visibility for oncoming traffic and no pedestrian safety barriers.

4. The 24 hour opening of McDonalds means that there is an increased risk of anti-social behaviour, and this is likely to spill onto the local streets. For example, vandalising the playground, cars or local houses.

**78.** Carina Nash's comment

Received: 13/09/2023

The prevention of public nuisance

This is a residential area with houses opposite and overlooking the Bishop Centre. The increased traffic and noise from vehicles will be a disturbance as well as late night visitors to the site being disruptive to all those living around it.

The amount of rubbish dumped in our streets will be increased. This application must be in contravention of the original planning application which stated no late night deliveries etc, as well as the Hit ham Road gate being locked each night at 10pm - which doesn't even happen currently! McDonalds is not needed or wanted 24 hours as there are several drive thru McDonalds a 2 minute drive up the Bath Road, Windsor Road and Buckingham Avenue.

**79.** Rijenth Jeyakumar's comment

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The prevention of crime and disorder; The prevention of public nuisance; Public Safety

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Secondly, if anything has been learned from the McDonald's in similar areas, it should be that there comes a large takeaway business with such an establishment - 3rd party delivery drivers constantly obstruct the parking bays and drive erratically. As some areas around Lansdowne Place are without pavements, there are health and safety risks aside from obviously fast food/obesity.

Thirdly, traffic congestion to our quiet neighborhood, the constant whine of moped scooters will disrupt the peaceful environment, making it difficult for families with young children or elderly individuals to get a good night's sleep. This is already an issue on Institute Road with several modified cars and motorbikes speeding along the straight road with no speed curtailment measures in place. In addition, moped scooter drivers at the Bishop Centre will be able to access the pedestrianised areas while picking up orders which poses a significant risk and increased likelihood of injury (or worse) to pedestrians.

Lastly, with such an establishment comes an increase in rubbish - Lansdowne Place is a private development operated by Neil Douglas - With this the council have no responsibility for the upkeep of the estate - This is Neil Douglas' remit where residents pay a annual service charge for cleaning etc...Should the McDonald's open, residents will have to pay more service charge for more routine cleaning of the estate from all the additional litter made by takeouts from the McDonald's (wrappers, half eaten burgers, cups etc)

Please support the local residents like me, who with this proposed application will have an impact on their way of life, a further financial hit during a cost of living crisis with increased service charges and their right to live in a peaceful neighborhood.

**80. Kaja Fernandez's comment**

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**81. Nick Small's comment**

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The prevention of crime and disorder; The prevention of public nuisance; Public Safety

I object this plan as it will cause noise pollution, light pollution, encourage anti-social behaviour, increase littering, and the additional delivery drivers on mopeds increase the risk of safety to pedestrians and the general public.

**82. Philip Geerds's comment**

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**84. John Hellmuth's comment**

Received: 19/09/2023

The prevention of public nuisance; The protection of children from harm; Public Safety

I object to the McDonald's application for a premises license to use Unit 7 at the Bishop Centre for late night refreshment from 2300 to 0500.

There are many family homes in this neighbourhood, who do not need the extra traffic, general noise, and without doubt litter left on our streets.

Perhaps McDonalds can show us how vital / profitable it is to sell their produce in a rural village area from 2300 to 0500 to justify the need to stay open that late.

**85. Janet Lacey's comment**

Received: 20/09/2023

The prevention of crime and disorder; The prevention of public nuisance; The protection of children from harm; Public Safety

I strenuously object to the opening of McDonalds in the Bishops Centre - and in particular to the application for a 24 hour license.

This will promote antisocial behaviour in our neighbourhood as it becomes a destination for undesirable activity in the middle of the night. Doubtless the police will need a permanent position there if this happens. The level of litter will increase massively and there is a big safety issue with more people being drawn to our quiet area because of a 24 hour opening. Noise will be an issue, as well as litter and general undesirable behaviour. Parking is already an issue in this area and this will increase with the addition of MacDonald's. Please do not consider passing an application for 24 hour opening - we would rather not have it here at all!!

**86.** Anne Hearn's comment

Received: 20/09/2023

I have no problem with Macdonalds opening until 11pm. My worry with it being open all night is the threat of anti social behaviour and vandalism to those of us that live close by. There are many elderly people and those with young children whose lives could be made very uncomfortable. A lovely playground area that will become a mecca for some of the people that are likely to congregate in the car park at night. I like so many people that live close by are seriously worried about it.

**87.** Petra Ali 's comment

Received: 21/09/2023

The prevention of crime and disorder; The prevention of public nuisance; The protection of children from harm; Public Safety

I live very close to the Bishop centre and I run a local brownie unit whose hut is very close to the Bishop centre. Ever since the Bishop centre opened we have had more people trespassing in our ground, taking drugs, Leaving their syringes for our brownies to find. The litter has increased, broken glass has to be removed every single meeting and we often find security tags from where shoplifters use our grounds. A 24 hour licence will only make this worse.

**88.** John King 's comment

Received: 21/09/2023

The prevention of crime and disorder; The prevention of public nuisance; The protection of children from harm; Public Safety

Objections to having a 24hr McDonalds at the Bishops centre on all the above reasons. I have now visited other sites within Slough area where these 24hr establishments have been set up. From these visits I have repeatedly seen excessive littering in the adjoining car parks, and in one car park, on regular weekly or fortnightly basis there seems to be what's known as car cruces. AT these car cruces you have large gatherings of loud, fast cars doing burnouts and driving like lunatics, un-policed within the car parks.

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the the main area of the bishops centre with no prying eyes for drug dealing and other anti-social behaviour. This is of great concern to me as a father as I have young children, and I believe I would fear for their safety along this road for the above reasons. I'd be very surprised if the owner of this proposed establishment would want it on their backdoor, as it would be on ours. I would also hope that with the high standards thus far kept by Buckinghamshire council. A notably higher standard than the neighbouring Slough which makes it a more sought after area to live in, that they would not allow this establishment to set up here for all the reasons explained above. If they did I feel they would be letting standards in the area slip, setting this area on a downward spiral for the people that live locally. I've now talked to quite a few in the area neighbouring the bishops centre and not one that I have spoken with have said they want this near where they live.

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So please as our council, I plead with you not to allow this to go ahead and if all objections are not heard and listened too, please at least consider not allowing this establishment to become 24hr. At least make it close at 8 or 10PM, a condition not allowed to change at any point in the future, but please listen to a local, I feel this if allowed to go ahead could be the total demise of the area for the local residents, this is not an overreaction as the majority of users of such an



establishment will not live beside it and would not care to look after the local vicinity or surroundings.

I am also disappointed that I could not show you the images of the littering at the other sites, this speaks volumes.

**89.** Roger Trobridge's comment

Received: 21/09/2023

The prevention of crime and disorder; The prevention of public nuisance; The protection of children from harm; Public Safety

I see no reason for any extension to the original Frankie and Benny's Premises Licence to be granted to McDonalds as there is no evidence of need from the experience of the other restaurants currently using this out of town quiet residential location.

Public Nuisance.

Currently none of the shops in The Bishops Centre are open for business during these extended hours and the area is quiet and free from people and motorists. The presence of an open McDonalds during these hours will attract some trade into the Centre and local streets, potentially contributing to noise and litter as seen at the Slough outlets. It may also impact on the children's play area attached to the Bishops Centre and adjacent houses if that is used for consumption of food.

Prevention of crime and disorder – Public safety

Currently there is little or no traffic movement in this quiet residential area after midnight and no through traffic other than on the A4. The Bishops Centre is empty and peaceful. Agreeing to this extension could result in the creation of a meeting point for people whose behaviour could overflow into the local area.

Protection of children from harm

When the current Bishops Centre was built, a Children's Playground was funded and created by the Eastern exit of the parking area. This area is normally empty at nights but could easily become an attraction to anyone parked in the Centre leading to litter and 'rubbish' being present when the children return in the morning.

**90.** Chris Newton's comment

Received: 22/09/2023

The prevention of crime and disorder; The prevention of public nuisance; Public Safety

I have several comments to make regarding the planned 24 hr McDonalds at UNIT 7, THE BISHOP CENTRE, BATH ROAD, TAPLOW, MAIDENHEAD, SL6 0NY

1. Litter

- We know McDonalds will make promises regarding regular litter patrols, and keeping the area clean and tidy.
- However, it is a well proven fact that if you look around the neighbouring roads and area in the vicinity of any McDonalds outlet you will always find discarded McDonalds packaging where

irresponsible individuals choose to dump their McDonalds wrappers and packaging out of their car windows rather than dispose of them responsibly.

- This litter will almost certainly end up in the grass verges of Hag Hill Lane, the local playground opposite Tesco, and in other local lanes where customer drive after their visit to McDonalds. Areas which I doubt McDonalds will make any regular effort to keep clear of their packaging and wrappers.

2. Noise pollution and safety of pedestrians:

- Currently the Hag Hill area is generally very quiet in the evening.
- But if McDonalds is open late in the evening or 24 hours a day, then it is highly likely that there will be much more vehicular traffic using the local smaller roads such as Hag Hill Lane to gain access to the McDonalds facility.
- Also the typical of McDonalds user is a much younger person, and unfortunately many of them do not have any consideration for others in terms of loud engine noise, or obeying speed limits on the local smaller lanes/roads such a Hag Hill Lane.
- This therefore is highly likely to cause additional evening/late night road noise, and potential road safety for pedestrians using roads like Hag Hill Lane, which does not have a footpath and is not well lit.

3. Anti-social behaviour:

- There are several currently quiet local lanes which are not well lit, such as Hag Hill Lane.
- It is likely that the introduction of a 24 hour McDonalds close to such quiet poorly lit lanes will encourage local drug dealers to take up evening residence in these areas to carry out their trade, which in turn is likely to lead to anti-social behaviour in the area.

With the above in mind, I would like to finish by saying that whilst we are not in favour of the proposed McDonalds, we are definitely not in favour of it being open in late evening or for 24 hours for the various reasons quoted above.

**91. Gary Goldberg's comment**

Received: 22/09/2023

The prevention of crime and disorder; The prevention of public nuisance; Public Safety

As a nearby resident in Taplow, I object to this application. The introduction of late night food service in a quiet neighbourhood is not needed. I believe the introduction of late night food and drink service significantly increases the risk of noise, disturbance and litter through the night for local residents. It also increases the risk of anti-social behaviour, traffic and pollution.

There is already a nearby McDonalds restaurant in Burnham only 2 miles away with a 24 hour drive through service to meet any late night demand.