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From:
Sent: Tuesday 20 October 2015 20:44
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: GU27 1LD / Marks and Spencer /application

To whom it may concern

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Given that the deadline for comment is midnight tonight, I realise my email is quite late. However, I honestly did not see the notice where it was placed on the occasions I've walked to the Post Office.

I would like to say that I have reservations about the option the M&S new store may be given to open from 6am until midnight, under this application. My belief is that opening until 10pm latest is sufficient Mon-Sat and until 4pm on Sunday. Their application should be restricted to this, with perhaps the possibility of extended hours for a fixed number of days per year. I appreciate they may want to capitalise on Christmas or Easter trading.

From experience and by comparison to living in several other areas, it is clear there is a constant anti social element that gathers on Lion Green and Weyhill. It is stating the obvious to say there is minimal police presence in Haslemere, now with no police station, and this will only get worse given Mr. Osborne's further intended cuts to policing. If this store is given the choice to open until midnight, it gives further excuse to 'hang around' even later on Lion Green, the result of which is further disruption in the area. I would also question the requirement of the hours kept by 'the kebab van' but that's another issue entirely.

Having also had the time to further read the application, I would also like to comment on the request for M&S store to have a Sunday delivery option. Why would a company of M&S's size be unable to arrange their logistics for Monday to Saturday delivery. There is no need for this whatsoever. We already have an overload of lorry deliveries Monday to Saturday, with builders merchants, school caterers and gardeners constantly in motion - around what is accepted as a very high density residential area. I believe given the current absence of larger vehicles on a Sunday, introduction would be detrimental to child safety. It is a given that Lion Green is one of the main play areas and I believe Sunday is the one day when we can all relax a bit as regards traffic. Sunday is also the day that a number of cycle and fitness clubs gather exactly because there is less traffic in the vicinity. Introduction of large vehicles entering Lion Green on a Sunday when there is no need if M&S organises themselves properly, will be a safety hazard. We have already had one death at Lion Green in the last couple of weeks and any action possible should be taken to prevent further incidents.

I am neither against commerce or convenience, but feel we are already provided for by the supermarket which currently opens long hours and contributes to a large amount of traffic at the junction of Lion Lane and Weyhill. There is no requirement to further add to this and a balance needs to be achieved for the benefit of everyone and not just commerce. M&S are welcome to trade but not at cost to residents.

Thanks

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From:
Sent: Tuesday 20 October 2015 21:17
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Subject: Proposed M&S open till midnight complaint

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I understand that the new M&S store replacing Co-op on Lion Green would like the option to open until midnight 7 days a week, as well as have deliveries on a Sunday.

There is already an issue with anti social behaviour on Lion Green, and alcohol available until midnight, will only make this worse.

There is also the issue of safety of lorries on a Sunday with small children playing directly adjacent to the store in their playground; residents will not be expecting heavy traffic.

Please take this into account. Thank you.

Regards