



already intolerable situation. St. Neots is being promoted by the council as a pleasant and civilised place to live, so granting excessively long opening hours does not support the ethos of the town. Other convenience shops in St. Neots do not have such long hours so granting this applicant's licensed hours would set a precedent for others and would not improve St Neots as a place for all to live in harmony.

As a resident of St Neots with a young family we have concerns over the number of late-night venues selling alcohol and the anti-social behaviour they bring. I feel that the hours of this new proposed shop are too late at night and will only contribute to this further.

I would like to raise some concerns I have regarding the applied for licence. Until recently I lived at **Shortsands Yard** which is directly next to the former **Bulls Head pub**. Whilst a shop is generally preferable to another pub the hours of the license applied for concern me. As it is these hours of operating far exceed the previous operating hours of the pub making it one of the latest opening off licences in a residential area in St Neots. Whilst living there we had multiple issues of antisocial behaviour involving alcohol, from littering, glass bottles smashed on the drive, noise, and also aggression/threats and violence. Granting this licence as proposed will only exacerbate issues like this as it will attract clients already under the influence of alcohol. We also had issues regarding the noise of refrigeration units which greatly impacted both our sleep and general enjoyment of our house and garden. This was logged with Greene King, however shortly after the pub closed. I would be concerned that the number of units required for an off licence of this size would generate even more noise. I am in support of a shop however object to the requested hours and suggest more reasonable hours of 7-10pm which would be in keeping with other shops in similar residential areas such as One Stop in Eynesbury. It is also worth noting that the current operating hours of the shop in Leys rd are listed as 6.30-8.00. This premises is also surrounded by residential buildings and so I cannot see why the hours in this application would be considered reasonable.