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Philip Bensted,
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Dear Mr. Bensted,

Re: Objection to McDonald's Application to open Restaurant for 24 Hours

It was reported to the last meeting of the Parish Council that McDonald's had applied for a variation to their license to remove the outdoor only restriction to allow for the restaurant to be open for 24 hours each day. The current license allows the drive through element of the franchise only for the period 23.00 to 05.00 hours.

Minster Parish Council is objecting to this variation of trading hours on the grounds that it will create further anti-social behaviour within the Village, additional traffic movement and the consequential increase noise levels throughout the night especially to those residents living in the immediate area close to McDonalds.

Furthermore, the Parish Council has had discussions with the Police in respect of anti-social behaviour and the measures for the prevention of crime and public disorder and it is felt that the extension to the trading hours will further exacerbate these problems.

Public safety is also a major concern and in addition to the anti-social behaviour referred to above there are issues relating to the drinking that will often accompany the consumption of food and the possible breakage of glass, and the rowdiness that could happen from the congregation of people at this time of night. Sadly, we were also very concerned at the



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young age of some of those involved in the anti-social behaviour, and such premises can be a magnet for those of a vulnerable age as it provides a late night gathering point, hence the protection of children is relevant to this application.

It was noted that during the recent period of refurbishment at this branch of McDonald's there was a marked reduction in noise, litter and anti-social behavior in Tothill Street and beyond.

My Members are also anxious to prevent further public nuisance occurring in the Village and any extension to trading hours will further create a platform for such nuisances.

The Council is totally opposed to the proposed extension to the trading hours and I would be pleased if you would place these concerns before the licensing committee and recommend the refusal of the application.

Yours sincerely,



**Councillor Penny Gimes
Chairman - Minster Parish Council**

