

**Rochester Road
Local Resident Objection Letter**

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**Subject: Objection to Planning Application – Variation of Condition 4, GR/94/706E
Asda Petrol Filling Station, Rochester Road, Gravesend, DA12 4TN**

Dear Planning Officer,

We, the undersigned local residents, object to the proposed variation of Condition 4 of Planning Permission GR/94/706E, which seeks to extend the trading hours of the Asda Petrol Filling Station on Rochester Road from 07:00 to 06:00 daily.

We are concerned about the significant impact that earlier opening would have on the residential character of the surrounding area. Even within the current hours, there is noticeable disruption caused by vehicle movements, engine noise from modified or high-performance cars, and loud music from customers. Allowing the petrol station to open an hour earlier would bring this noise into the early morning, when residents are still asleep and the area is otherwise quiet.

This would be particularly disruptive to families with young children, many of whom need rest before school or to elderly residents. The early morning period is a sensitive time in a residential area, and this change would have a negative effect on the health and wellbeing of residents.

We also note that earlier opening hours will result in greater light pollution and glare from vehicle headlights during darker mornings, especially in winter, affecting homes facing the site.

The existing 07:00 start time provides a reasonable balance between commercial operations and protection of residential amenity. Changing this condition could set a precedent for further extensions, which we strongly oppose.

We respectfully urge the Council to refuse this application.

