

Subject: Formal Objection to Planning Application 20250997 to vary Condition 4 attached to planning permission proposed Extension of Opening Hours and Installation of Jet Wash at ASDA Chalk Service Station 179 Rochester Road, Gravesend.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the above planning application as a nearby resident who is directly affected by the operations of this petrol garage.

This proposed application of planning permission would not only cause distress anxiety and high amounts of difficulty to those nearby but it would also decrease the time we have in the evenings to relax and have quiet time, not only this but it would increase levels of antisocial behaviour and raised noise levels.

The existing activities at the site already cause considerable disturbance to local residents, particularly through excessive noise and antisocial behaviour. Music played from parked vehicles late into the evening is a frequent problem, with noise and vibrations clearly audible from within my home. Extending the opening hours would only exacerbate this ongoing issue, making it even more difficult for residents to enjoy peaceful evenings and adequate rest, especially at weekends and during the night.

There are also serious concerns regarding safety. Since living at my property, I have personally witnessed several traffic accidents involving vehicles exiting the petrol station. The entrance and exit points are hazardous, and any increase in the volume or duration of traffic movements would likely heighten this risk.

In addition, there have been numerous ongoing issues with littering and antisocial conduct on the premises. Individuals frequently remain in parked cars playing loud music, and it is not uncommon to witness people urinating behind the electric vehicle charging points, which are located close to neighbouring properties. This behaviour is both unhygienic and deeply unpleasant for residents.

Another major concern relates to the petrol station's service of quad bikers; many of whom appear to be operating vehicles that are not road-legal. These quad bikes regularly travel up and down the road at high speeds and sometimes on the grass outside our properties doing wheelies which is seriously close to our properties and highly unsafe creating excessive noise and posing a serious danger to pedestrians and other road users. It is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed if this behaviour continues unchecked.

In light of the above issues - noise pollution, antisocial behaviour, littering, safety risks, and the encouragement of illegal vehicle use I strongly urge the Council to refuse this planning application. The proposed extension of operating hours and the addition of a jet wash would significantly worsen the existing situation and would have a detrimental impact on the safety, wellbeing, and quality of life of nearby residents.

Thank you for considering my objection. I trust the Council will take into account the serious and ongoing problems associated with this site that have been going on for years and my neighbours and myself have also been in touch with the area manager of the site for a number of years about the ongoing issues. Please review all my reasons when determining this application for the best of everyone.

