

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 20/10/2025 11:12 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	ASDA Chalk Service Station 179 Rochester Road Gravesend Kent DA12 4TN
Proposal:	Application for variation of condition 4 attached to planning permission reference number 19940706 for Redevelopment of the petrol filling station including the erection of a sales shop and office, forecourt canopy, jet wash and a refuse area and laying out of associated car parking spaces.; to allow variation of trading hours. cr cr
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Gravesend, Kent

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I am writing to formally object to the application to vary Condition 4 attached to planning permission reference number 19940706. My objection is based on the fact that this existing condition is essential to protect the peace and wellbeing of those of us living nearby. Any change to it would cause unacceptable disturbance and distress. The applicant has also not provided any clear details about the proposed building works, which makes it difficult to assess their full impact. 1. Importance of the Current Hours Restriction Condition 4 was originally put in place for a very good reason. The petrol station is extremely close to residential homes, and strict control over operating hours is vital. The current hours of 7am to 10 or 11pm allow residents a reasonable period of quiet overnight from 10 or 11pm to 7am. Changing these hours would take away that much-needed quiet time, leading to a significant loss of quality of life for myself and other nearby residents. Everyone has a right to enjoy their home in peace, especially during normal sleeping hours, and that principle should be maintained. 2. Noise Impact of Extended Hours Relaxing this condition would inevitably result in additional and intrusive noise at unsociable hours. Noise from vehicles during the night would be highly noticeable and disruptive as general background noise levels are low. Car engines, doors closing and acceleration all create disturbance. Even electric vehicles are not silent, as charging sessions often last 15 to 20 minutes, during which drivers may play music, talk on the phone, or chat outside
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their vehicles.

Longer opening hours may encourage or require late-night or early-morning fuel and stock deliveries. These involve heavy goods vehicles, pumps and metal clanking, all of which are completely unsuitable next to homes during quiet hours.

Extending opening times also increases the risk of people gathering or loitering late at night, leading to noise from shouting, loud music or revving engines, which would seriously disturb local residents.

3. Additional Noise and Light from the Jet Wash

The proposed jet wash facility, whether new or newly brought into use, would create a major new source of disturbance.

Jet washes are loud, mechanical operations that are completely inappropriate for early morning or late-night use so close to residential properties.

Any increase in operating hours would also mean the forecourt lighting stays on for longer, adding to existing glare from vehicle headlights. This would create unnecessary light pollution, directly affecting sleep and comfort inside nearby homes.

Conclusion

I respectfully urge the Council to refuse this application. The applicant has not shown that the current restriction is unnecessary or outdated. In fact, the reasons for its existence remain as valid as ever.

Allowing extended hours would clearly and unavoidably harm the residential amenity of neighbouring homes through noise, light and general disturbance. The current condition is essential to prevent that harm and should remain in place.

Kind regards