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**Subject:** Re: Premises Licence Applications

Hi Paul and the licensing team.

I hope you're doing well.

As ward cllr for Market ward, I'd like to raise some concerns about the below licensing application regarding Taco Bell and its request to extend its opening hours from 2am to 4am from Monday to Sunday.

I have concerns about how this extension of opening hours is going to impact the city centre late at night, and wish the licensing committee to scrutinise this decision, in particular including the following issues.

Firstly, Taco Bell's last licensing committee hearing took place in October 2022, meaning the business has not been running for many months before requesting this extension. I'm aware there were concerns from the committee about increased ASB in the area as a result of the late-night opening of the establishment. In order to extend Taco Bell's opening hours, I would like to see clear proof that their current opening until 2am hasn't caused an increase in ASB in the area, particularly for residents living in close proximity. There are very few other premises in the city which operate such long opening hours. Even MacDonalds is only open until 3am on a Friday and Saturday night, closing at midnight the rest of the week.

Secondly, I'm concerned that this re-application will be considered on its own merit, when Taco Bell's initial application was made for their operating hours to be until 4am, was adjusted to 2am by the licensing sub-committee. I believe that previous decision made by the subcommittee to reduce the hours, with specific concern about ASB caused by people congregating there between the hours of 2-4am, should be made aware to the licensing team and any licensing sub-committee considering this new application.

I would urge the licensing team to consider whether Taco Bell has been open for a long enough period for residents and relevant organisations to consider its impact on the night time economy, ASB, littering and effect on residents etc. I am concerned that they will not have been operating for long enough to be able to prove that they have good processes in place to deal with lots of people congregating at night.

Finally, I would like to hear from the council and Taco Bell what they've been doing to reduce littering from their premises across the city. Can a specific requirement be added to their license if granted, that they take active steps to reduce littering.

Thank you for your time in considering this application and the various relevant representations.

All the best,

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**Sent:** 01 May 2023 10:19

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**Subject:** Re: Premises Licence Applications

Dear Paul and Colleagues in licensing,

Further to [REDACTED] email below, [REDACTED] and I would like to confirm that we support her points, particularly relating to the risks of ASB and also the potential for increased littering.

Given that the licensing sub-committee found 2 am to be an appropriate closing time only a few months ago, I would expect the applicant to be able to justify why longer hours were now appropriate and what had therefore changed since their last application. I hope that the sub-committee can discuss this further when considering this application.

Yours,

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