

Division/Station : High Wycombe

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McDonalds – Orchard Centre, Didcot; - Objection

Further to my previous report of 15th October 2023 I have carried out further numerical research into the figures I gave for High Wycombe and the increase in incidents. During the unlicensed period there were effectively 1 (one) incident per month, when it came to be licensed 24 hours and being utilised to that extent the incident rate went up to 1 (one) every 9 (nine) days. This is a three fold increase.

As mentioned in the report 15/09/2023 even if there isn't such an increase in Crime and Disorder as much as this in Didcot there will be still an increase.

The agreed conditions are only what Thames Valley Police think may help to manage or deter persons from committing offences BUT people are people – they have their own mind set and make their own decisions (even wrong ones) and that is the Crime and Disorder aspect. I really hope that I am wrong and that the business will prosper and NOT cause any grief within the Town but I would be impractical to think that.

AS indicated but not pushed in my previous report there is a 24 hours McDonalds at the Milton interchange (out of Town and not near a residential area) a distance of 3.2 miles via the A4130 from Didcot or 11 minute drive. If someone wants McDonalds that much then a few pushes and swipes of an App on their mobile will bring food to where they want it within minutes and less chance of being assaulted or have something else happen to you sitting in a food venue being disturbed by loud and noisy drunken people.

If the Licensing Sub Committee agree to grant the Late Night Refreshment Licence then as previously stated Thames Valley Police are looking for a midnight closure time at the latest.

Thank you.