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Please note that the parish council objects to the extension of opening hours and particularly the alcohol licence from 21:00 to 22:00 on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance for the following reasons.

The shop is located in a quiet rural village in a Conservation area and although we welcome the shop as a local facility, we wish to preserve the character and special nature of village life for the residents, both near to the shop and those in the wider area. In recognition of this it is very unusual for rural shops to open as late as the existing 21:00 let alone 22:00. Town shops are open later than 21:00 in nearby Long Stratton, so there is no need for extra opening time in Hempnall.

We consider that the extension would result in:

- Extra noise at night as cars come through the village and particularly The Street to the shop. As the only shop in a wide radius open to this late hour it would attract vehicles from outside the village.
- Encouragement of alcohol being purchased, probably by young people, both locals and those from afar.
- Often young people use the benches outside the shop to congregate and consume alcohol and vape, creating extra noise, nuisance and litter. This would be extended to an unacceptably late hour.
- An increase in light pollution from the shop lights and vehicles in an otherwise dark area. Hempnall Parish Council has adopted Norfolk County Council's Environmental Lighting Zones' Policy, which classifies Hempnall as a Rural Dark Landscape. Furthermore, the Parish Council conducts its business within the requirements of NPPF statement 185c (2021) and SNC policy DM 3.13. NPPF clause 185c states that: "*planning policies and decisions should limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation.*"
- No significant increase in the service the shop provides to the village community for groceries etc.
- Encouragement of undesirable behaviour in the wider village, for example, by young people taking alcohol to the playing field off Bungay Rd for noisy consumption and littering. Alcohol bottles have also been thrown into the school grounds opposite the shop. (later availability of alcohol would exasperate this).

We hope that you will agree the negative effects outweigh any possible commercial benefit and reject the application.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Regards

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