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Dear Mr Bannister

I am writing on behalf of a number of my constituents who live in the village of Bloxham. As you will be aware there is a petrol station in the village, owned by MFG, which has seen a large number of incidents of anti social behaviour.

I have been told that MFG have been reluctant to work proactively with the community and have made changes only after intervention from the Local Authority. Your organisation installed new canopy lighting and a totem in 2018 without planning permission and only made changes after enforcement from Cherwell District Council.

Despite assurances from representatives of your organisation that MFG takes its local responsibilities seriously, I am finding this difficult to believe in this case.

With the cases of anti social behaviour I have been told that this has only come about since the petrol station started selling alcohol 24hrs a day. Given this is a small rural station with a large number of residents in the immediate vicinity it seems inappropriate to operate on a 24hr basis.

I understand that you are now trialling a reduced opening hours, closing daily at 2300, for 8 weeks. I would be interested to hear how this goes, as I am sure it is something local residents will be supporting.

I shall be encouraging Cherwell District Council to review the licence, with a view to it being rescinded. However a positive step from MFG would be to make this change voluntarily and something I would strongly welcome.

Yours

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