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06/08/2011

Dear Sirs,

CC to Gillian Bishop, Acting deputy Chief Executive,
Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP,
Councillors Ged Bretherton, Pam Gilligan, James Cowley, James Grundy

Re: Planning Application A/11/757555

Residents have requested that we write to you and register our group's objections to the above planning application.

The original application for the provision of a chemist, attached to the doctor's surgery in Braithwaite Rd, was that the opening times, would be Monday to Friday 08.00 to 19.00 and on Saturday 09.00 to 17.00,

Although most residents were not consulted about this, permission was given and they now accept this chemist will open. However, they are totally against the new application to turn the chemist into a 100 hour operation, allowing them to stay open to 23.00 hrs

This doctor's surgery is the only commercial operation on what is a pleasant residential area; across the road from the surgery is a playing field that is used throughout the day by the children and youth of the area.

100 hour chemists are exempt from primary care trust tests and code of entry regulations that would normally vet a pharmacy for its suitability to its area of operation..

This leaves them free to provide whatever services they can make money from, so the residents are very concerned that drug user services could be provided. This would encourage users onto the estate and the mixture of users and the kids on the park coming together is horrendous and would put the children at risk.

There is already an 100 hour pharmacy within the centre of Golborne, less than 1½miles from this chemist which more than meets the needs of this small area. This is situated in the retail centre, where it causes no disturbance or problems at all for either residents or customers.

So with this in mind, plus the disturbance to residents caused by extra traffic visiting the premises, we strongly object and ask that the original opening hours, as per the passed application, are adhered to and remain in place.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Edward Thwaite
Chairman
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