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**The Star Kebab, Red Lion Car Park, Eynsham OX29 4HW
Application for new premises license to provide late night
refreshment**

The Eynsham Parish Council objects to the granting of this application. The site of this takeaway van is totally inappropriate. It is situated in the centre of the Eynsham Conservation Area, and adjacent to the Grade II* listed Eynsham Parish Church.

The intention is for this to be permanently sited within the Red Lion public house car park. It is as garishly lit up as a fairground booth during the hours of opening and is clearly visible from the Square and High Street. If this were a permanent structure subject to planning consent it would be in breach of policies BE2 (Impact upon the Area), BE5 (Conservation Areas) and BE8 (Development affecting the Setting of a Listed Building) of the WODC Local Plan 2011.

The Parish Council has received several complaints from residents in the vicinity of the Red Lion. Their points, and those of the Parish Council, are in summary:

The residents already suffer from late night noise, disturbance and anti-social behaviour from patrons of the Red Lion and other nearby pubs. The acoustic characteristics of the Square and the pub car park exacerbate this in the centre of the village.

The proposed hours in the application will increase this noise, disturbance and anti-social behaviour and will encourage people to remain in the pub car park and Square after pub closing time. It will also attract people from the other five village pubs within walking distance and encourage them to linger in the Square into the early hours.

The after hours takeaway provision will encourage more late night motor traffic into the vicinity of the centre of the village. The site is in close proximity to the two main bus stops and will encourage bus passengers to disembark there rather than at other stops.

The residents' properties and the Square (owned by the Parish Council) are currently subject to littering of bottles and cans from the pubs, as well as public urination and vomiting from pub leavers. After the Red Lion (and other local pubs) close there are no public toilets available to those who will be encouraged to remain in the vicinity by the proposed hours, with a consequent increase in these anti-social activities. The containers provided by the takeaway van will also add to the problem. There is no provision in the application to deal with this litter.

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