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Dear Mr Norley

Reference: Street Trading in Cowley Bridge Road.

I want to object to the proposal that Cowley Bridge Road should be designated a "Consent Street" where any one can apply for a license to trade. I believe Cowley Bridge Road is a similar road in structure and environment to Alphington Road which is classed as a prohibited street surely they should therefore be treated the same. They are both roads which are main routes in to the city they also are both residential areas, why then should they be classed differently from each other?

We have lived here for 15 years and over the last couple of years we have encountered problems with a burger van being parked in the lay-by opposite our home. These have been noise from the generator, noise and jams in the lay-by from increased traffic parking in the lay-by because of the burger van and the smell that this van generates all of these mean you do not want to leave windows open to the front of the house.

An increasing problem has been Lorries now parking overnight due to the fact that drivers can buy breakfast first thing in the morning from this burger van. The lorry drivers in particular urinate against the wall or the bottle banks they also strip down in the mornings outside their cabs and wash. On top of this you get a constant hum from the refrigerated Lorries through the night. The smell in the lay-by can only be described as a gentleman's urinal unfortunately though the men causing the problem are far from gentlemanly and when you try and ask them not to urinate they threaten to in their words "knock your f***** block off". This lay-by does not have facilities for lorry drivers parking overnight it should therefore not be used as such.

Do you think this is acceptable for a residential area where families live? If for instance this were to start happening outside you own house Mr Norley would you think it okay and acceptable? I think not. Would you be happy for your nearest and dearest to be abused in such a way and then find that the police and local council really don't appear to want to help you? I don't want my 17 year old daughter having to walk past men exposing themselves on her way to college but this is what is regularly happening and if you don't believe the residents (despite photographic evidence provided by one of us) then I suggest you come and visit this lay-by early in the morning so you can witness it for yourself and even if you don't witness it you are sure to smell the evidence of it. Call the police you might say, that's been tried by my neighbour and they didn't want to know, so much for paying my council tax without fail every month.

I feel so angry that my husband and I have always paid our taxes, are law abiding and yet when we try and complain about an issue which is severely affecting the quality of our lives and that of our children no one wants to listen.

I would be interested in your views as to why the council are considering Alphington Road to be classified as a "prohibited street" and Cowley Bridge road is being considered as a "consent street"? I really cannot see what the difference is between them and why they should be classified differently your views and the reasoning behind this would be appreciated.

In the short term any power you may be able to bring in to force regarding urinating in public by the drivers of these Lorries would be greatly appreciated.

I await you reply.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J Hurford', written over a horizontal line.

Mrs J Hurford.

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