

**CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED JANUARY 2013**

Name	Address	Date Received	Litter	Rats	Road Safety	Residential/ Rural Location	Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)	Toilet Facilities	Other
GD & S Brittain	2 Milestone Avenue	23/01/13	Containers from van discarded in the Avenue	Containers attract vermin	Customers use exit only road, danger to other road users		Disturbed late at night by customers, blaring music & revving engines.		Signs have been vandalised.
Mrs M E Souleyman	Malabarn Milestone Avenue	22/01/13			Bad road design		People congregating creates problems such as ASB, noise, litter		
Morag & Gordon Campbell	The Paddocks Milestone Avenue	24/01/13			Exit of residential area so unsuitable for street trading	Residential area.			
Rt Hon Theresa May MP	For Mrs Janet Robson	04/02/13							Request to consider Mrs Robson's comments.
Mrs Janet Robson	The Shrubbery Milestone Avenue	23/01/13					Mr Alpar behaved in threatening manner	Traders urinate on ground near the outlet	Reiterates Mrs Flynn's comments (see below). Request reduction in trading hours.

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Mrs P Roberts	7 Milestone Crescent	25/01/13	Attracts litter	Attracts rats	Residential road not layby. One way signs ignored.	Inappropriate place for fast food van.	Attracts gatherings of youths	Customers use verge & ditch to urinate	
Mrs Susan Flynn	9 Milestone Crescent	21/01/13	Litter dropped in surrounding areas	Litter encourages rats	One way road, signs ignored. Attracts HGVs, park overnight. Not a layby.	Inappropriate place for a street trader	Attracts gatherings of youths & unsociable behaviour, residents intimidated	Lack of toilet facilities, verges/hedges used for urinating	Reading Chronicle article October 2012. Odour from van.
Cllr Nick Ray	Ward member for Charvil	23/01/13 & 26/01/13							On behalf of residents, see emails

**Karen Court**

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**From:** Morag Campbell [mpg.campbell@o2.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 24 January 2013 11:36  
**To:** Karen Court  
**Subject:** Re: ST06 STREET TRADING CONSENT CONSULTATION

Dear Karen,

We wish to formally object to the siting of a kebab van at the exit of Milestone Avenue.

Our main concern continues to be that the location is the only maintained exit of this residential area and as such is a totally inappropriate and unacceptable site for on-street trading.

We have never felt that residents' concerns, which have been well documented over the years, are fully considered when a decision is taken.

Yours sincerely,

Morag and Gordon Campbell

## Karen Court

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**From:** Janet Robson [janet@therobsons.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 23 January 2013 19:52  
**To:** Karen Court  
**Subject:** Licence application Alpar Jan2013  
**Attachments:** Licence application Alpar Jan2013.docx

Dear Mrs. Court,

I attach my letter of objection to Licence Renewal Application ST06.

Yours sincerely,  
Janet Robson (Mrs.)

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21<sup>st</sup> January 2013

Mrs. K Court, Senior Licensing Officer  
Wokingham Borough Council  
Shute End  
Wokingham RG40 1BN

Dear Mrs Court,

Re: ST06 Mr Alpar Street Trading Consent Renewal

I was drafting my letter of objection to this application, when I saw Mr. and Mrs. Flynn's letter. They have written exactly what I feel, and I felt I could not better it but fully endorse it. I copy it below as part of my own letter, adding my own words at the end.

"I am writing to register my objections to the above application as follows:-

Milestone Avenue is a one way road, and customers frequently ignore these signs and are thus a danger to other road users

It attracts heavy vehicles over the 7.5 ton weight limit for this road, which frequently park over night

It attracts gatherings of youths and unsociable behaviour, and residents often feel intimidated when they go by the van

Lack of toilet facilities leads to the verges/hedges being used for urinating

Litter is dropped by customers within the village of Charvil, along Charvil Lane and the Bath Road which also encourages rats

Odour from the van is even smelt in the far end of the cul-de-sac of Milestone Crescent

The area where the van trades is not a layby but the access to Milestone Avenue and Crescent, and the van trades (and his customers park) on road hatchings which according to the Highway Code should only be entered and used when it is safe to do so and in an emergency. Why should a street trader be allowed to park there every day for up to 8 hours. Milestone Avenue is an inappropriate place for a street trader.

I feel that Wokingham Borough Council, over the years, has seriously let the residents of Milestone Avenue and Milestone Crescent down. When they had the chance to disallow trading in this road they took no action, originally we were told that the van was trading illegally and that the council would move him on, only then to allow him to trade there permanently when street licenses were introduced. Residents have continually made their objections known, to no avail, and on one particular occasion the Council even allowed the van to extend its trading hours – another slap in the face for residents.

I attach a newspaper clipping which the panel may like to consider – West Berkshire Council recently rejected an application by a fast food van in Calcot because of fears about the impact on neighbouring homes. Head of Planning said that “the operating hours proposed coupled with the siting of the van are considered unacceptable as they would create unacceptable noise, disturbance and odour to the residents ...” This is exactly what residents of Milestone Avenue and Crescent have had to suffer for over a decade. July 2012 Maidenhead & Windsor Council also rejected an application by a fast food trader which then went to appeal and was again rejected. (Details are on their website)”

I add two comments to the quoted letter above.

The first is that both Oxfordshire and Maidenhead council officers wrote to me a few years ago, when I appealed to them for advice, without disclosing where I lived nor which council I was referring to, telling me that they would have revoked a licence immediately if the traders urinated on ground near the outlet – which residents here did know happened, but the licensing team obstinately refused to believe, accepting the unbelievable rebuttals from the trader - that the Wee Waif and the garage allowed staff from the van to use their toilets (this was not true) or that the van staff would go to his relative's house at the Cemetery Junction. Also I spoke directly to the licensing officer at the Devon council where my daughter lives, and he told me that he had actually revoked a licence for this reason. At the time you will recall, I hope, that Mr. Alpar behaved in a threatening manner, late at night at their home, towards the people he mistakenly thought had photographed his trader urinating on the verge, immediately after a customer had done the same. I say that I hope you will remember this, because at the time the licensing team presented a blank face

and spoke no word to those residents who reported it at the hearings both in writing and directly spoken words.

The second comment is one of great disappointment. I and other residents have been amazed at the lack of support from the licensing team since this saga started. We have found it hard to believe how Mr. Alpar's version of events has been accepted when there were obvious discrepancies, to put it mildly. We have been treated with contempt at hearings, our evidence being ignored and untruths being allowed to stand. The council in its lack of impartiality and its misdirected care has allowed the decision which was made originally, not to allow a licence, to be reversed, and the licence to become a fait accompli, allowed and even relaxed year after year despite consistent objections from nearby residents. The consistency of the objections should in itself be a powerful signal to the licensing team that concerns should be taken seriously. Although in other departments of the council I have seen helpful, professional and fair treatment, my confidence and respect has been sorely shaken. There is no detail in this whole sorry saga where I and other residents can say that the problem has been fairly dealt with. There have been times when a reasonable compromise could have been found, and has been suggested, but the licensing team has refused to act upon this. We feel that the only reason that there have been hearings to which we have been invited is an attempt to appease objectors and silence them for another year.

It will be said that there are less objectors each year. I give the reason above - I and many others have lost all confidence that the matter will be fairly dealt with.

I ask you to reduce the trading hours for this licence.

Yours sincerely,  
Janet Robson (Mrs)

## Karen Court

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**From:** clanbrittain@talktalk.net  
**Sent:** 23 January 2013 12:37  
**To:** Karen Court  
**Subject:** Licensing application for street trading by Mr Alpar. (Milestone Avenue)

Dear Ms McCourt

We are writing to object to the above application.

We are still concerned that customers are still using the Exit only road into Milestone Avenue to use the van instead of using the correct slip road which is highly dangerous to other road users!!

We are disturbed late at night by people using the van with music blaring and revving engines!

Signs down the Avenue have been vandalised and thrown onto the road verges, also the containers from the van are being discarded in the Avenue which is attracting vermin!

I wonder if Mr Alpar would like a Kebab van parked in his road causing these problems!

Yours sincerely

G.D. & S. Brittain.



21<sup>st</sup> January 2013

Mrs. K Court  
Senior Licensing Officer  
Wokingham Borough Council  
Shute End  
Wokingham RG40 1BN

Dear Mrs Court

ST06 Mr Alpar Street Trading Consent Renewal

I would like to register my objection to Mr. Alpar's application to renew his Street Trading Consent in Milestone Avenue .

Where Mr Alpar trades is not a lay-by but a residential road which gives access to Milestone Avenue and Milestone Crescent and it is a completely inappropriate place for a fast food van to trade. The presence of the van attracts gatherings of youths, vermin, and litter around the villages of Charvil and Sonning. Also vehicles attracted by the van frequently ignore one way road signs and are a danger to other road users. Customers also use the grass verge/ditch to urinate despite signs asking them not to do so.

I believe that Wokingham BC should be listening to residents' concerns and not grant this license.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P Roberts

*P Roberts*



## Karen Court

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**From:** Peggy&Peter [pps246@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** 22 January 2013 17:09  
**To:** Karen Court  
**Subject:** Street Trading Consent: Application No 06  
**Attachments:** kebab van.docx

Re-submission of earlier email sent minus signature.

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Dear Ms Court,

Re application to renew street trading consent: Application No: ST6

Thank you for your email notifying me of the above application.

I am writing to ask The Panel to consider the objections of residents both of Milestone Avenue/Crescent to the presence of a kebab van in our midst.

For many years we have written, attended Hearings, collected and presented petitions, produced evidence of litter, vermin, anti-social behaviour, harassment and dangerous driving, all to no avail.

Mr Alpar has also presented signed petitions to support his applications, but if such petitions were interpreted objectively, it is evident they favour the case made by residents. One such petition had a total of 280 signatures collected over a six day period, and assuming some customers declined to sign, there could have been many more; very few signatories were local, many from as far afield as *Spencer's Wood*. Is it feasible that such an influx of people, mostly young and late at night, with no connection to our small community therefore no sense of responsibility towards it, could be other than detrimental to our respective residential roads? Such numbers congregating after closing time in a small area, are bound to create problems be it noise, litter or anti-social behaviour. (At this point one is tempted to speculate as to how The Panel would react to such a situation on their *doorstep*?)

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If this stretch of Milestone Avenue had been designed more sensibly by the Highways Department initially, this situation could not have developed. However and more importantly, blame must attach to WBC for granting consent to trade in the first place.

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Yours Sincerely,

Margaret Souleyman (Mrs)

Karen Court,

Senior licensing Officer,

Wokingham Borough Council,

Shute End, Berkshire.

Malabarn, Milestone Avenue, Charvil, Berkshire, RG10 9TN

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M. S. Borleyman (pm)

Karen Court,

Senior licensing Officer,

Wokingham Borough Council,

Shute End, Berkshire.

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**From:** Sue Flynn [sueflynn13@aol.com]  
**Sent:** 21 January 2013 12:20  
**To:** Karen Court  
**Subject:** ST06 - Mr Alpar Street Trading Consent  
**Attachments:** 2013 letter of objection to Alpar.docx; Reading Chronicle clip.pdf

Dear Ms Court

Please find attached my letter of objection to the Street Trading Consent together with a clipping from the Reading Chronicle.

Susan Flynn

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9 Milestone Crescent  
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21<sup>st</sup> January 2013

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Yours sincerely

Mr & Mrs Flynn

## ▶ Around Reading

## ▶ Plans

**Reading:**

⑤ 22 Warnford Road, Tilehurst, single-storey front extension and change of use of garage to living accommodation (12/01289/FUL) Permitted.

⑤ 93 Chapel Hill, Tilehurst, demolish outhouses and rear conservatory, build side and rear single and two-storey extension (12/01163/FUL) Permitted.

**West Berks:**

⑤ 11 Longworth Avenue, Tilehurst, rear conservatory extension (12/02364/HOUSE) Pending.

⑤ 133 Warborough Avenue, Tilehurst, single-storey rear extension and part garage conversion (12/02330/HOUSE) Pending.

⑤ 18 Sandhills Way, Calcot, reduce ash tree by 3m and maintain at reduced dimensions by repeat pruning at two to three year intervals (12/02348/TPW) Pending.

⑤ 32 Grangely Close, Calcot, rear extension (12/02281/CERTP) Pending.

# Burger van bid rejected

CONTROVERSIAL plans for a burger van on a busy stretch of road in Calcot have been ruled out.

The proposal for a fast food outlet in a layby on the A4, opposite the BP garage in Bath Road, have been rejected by West Berkshire Council because of fears about the impact on neighbouring homes.

Gary Lugg, head of planning and countryside at the council, said: "The operating hours proposed, coupled with the siting of the van, are considered unacceptable as they would create unacceptable noise, disturbance and odour to the residents of Latimer Drive, which lies adjacent to the lay-by."

It follows a petition submitted to planning bosses with 40 signatures against the plans, after neighbours and parish councillors expressed their concerns about it encouraging littering and anti-social behaviour.

**'It would create extra litter, reduce parking and create a safety issue'**

**Tilehurst & Calcot**

Call Laura Routledge on 0118 955 3381 or email [lroutledge@berksmedia.co.uk](mailto:lroutledge@berksmedia.co.uk)

The petition was submitted to West Berkshire Council by Holybrook Parish Council, and Tilehurst Parish Council submitted a document opposing the plan, which read: "The layby in question is for the use of motorists, and siting a burger van would not only be visually unpleasing, it would create extra litter, reduce the amount of parking available to passing motorists, and create a safety issue along the busy A4 road."

The proposal was submitted to West Berkshire Council on July 12 by Fatimah Qaiser Ishaque. The burger van was set to be in the layby from Monday to Friday, from 6-11pm, and 6-10pm on weekends.

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**Karen Court**

**From:** nick ray |  
**Sent:** 26 January 2013 12:31  
**To:** Karen Court  
**Subject:** FW: ST06 Alpar Kebab Van  
**Attachments:** IMG\_9780.jpg; IMG\_9781.jpg; IMG\_9782.jpg; IMG\_9783.jpg; IMG\_9784.jpg; IMG\_9785.jpg; IMG\_9786.jpg; IMG\_9787.jpg; IMG\_9788.jpg; IMG\_9789.jpg

Dear Karen, I would like to further amend my submission with the new sentence in "bold" below.....many thanks, Nick

**From:** nick ray [mailto:nick.ray@ntlworld.com]

**Sent:** 24 January 2013 5:06 PM

**To:** 'Karen Court'

**Subject:** ST06 Alpar Kebab Van

Dear Karen, thank you for our telephone call this morning.

I can confirm that I will attend if the hearing is held on the provisional date of 27th March at 10am. My representation will be essentially neutral or of conditional support for the renewal of the licence subject to ensuring continual compliance with the special conditions of their licence, notably special condition 4, but also conditions 2 and 3.

I have attached photographic evidence, taken by myself at 4pm today 24th January 2013 that strongly supports my view that there are frequent incidents of non-compliance with special condition 4, and probable failures to comply with special conditions 2 and 3. The circumstantial evidence all points to the litter/tipping being attributable to a catering van, presumably the one in question (please note the cooking oil drums, gas canister and hygienic catering gloves). I am a regular dog walker along Milestone Avenue and this is not the first time that I have witnessed litter that almost certainly came from the van, either directly or via its customers.

I am sure that it is preferable to have a licensed trader operating from an established "good spot" as opposed to a lesser known operator that would move in straightaway if the licence was not renewed. However, it should be acknowledged that these incidents of litter are undesirable and generally unacceptable side effects which need to be addressed by WBC through application of regulatory enforcement measures, particularly where they are directly or indirectly attributable to the Kebab van or its customers.

Therefore, if the decision is to approve the application then I would like to appeal for a greater level of regulatory enforcement to minimise any downsides and maximise the benefits to Charvil

Following our call, I now understand that regular (monthly) spot checks were undertaken a year or so ago but that this monitoring regime has now been scaled back. Given that the litter problem has clearly resurfaced then I would like to see a more intense monitoring regime restored, including monthly spot checks. Furthermore, I request that a special condition be added to the licence such that ~~if there are two substantiated failures to comply with existing special condition 4 then the licence shall be automatically and immediately revoked.~~

Please contact me if you require any further information before the hearing. I will forward any additional evidence as I collect it.

Kind regards

Nick

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Nick Ray

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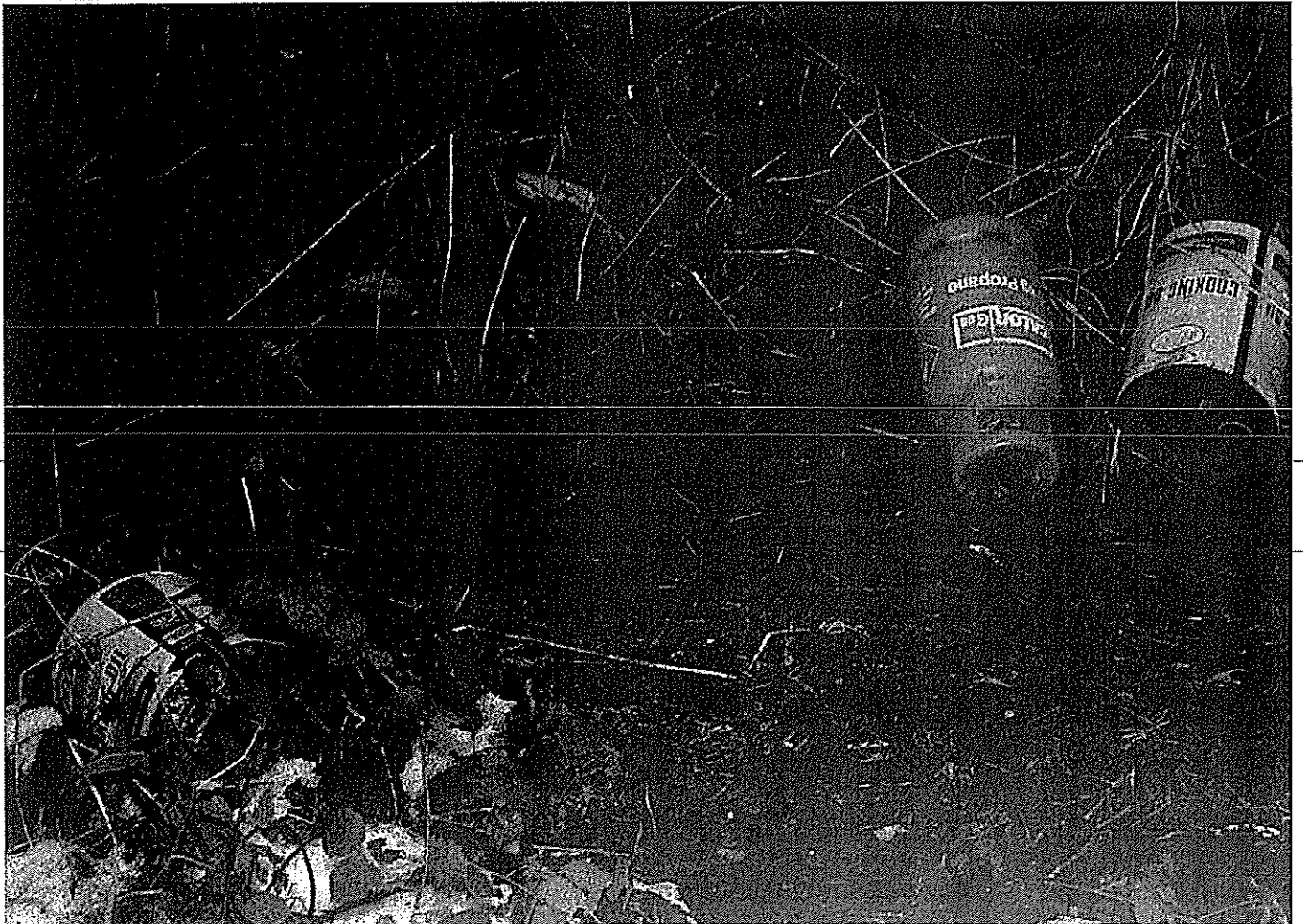
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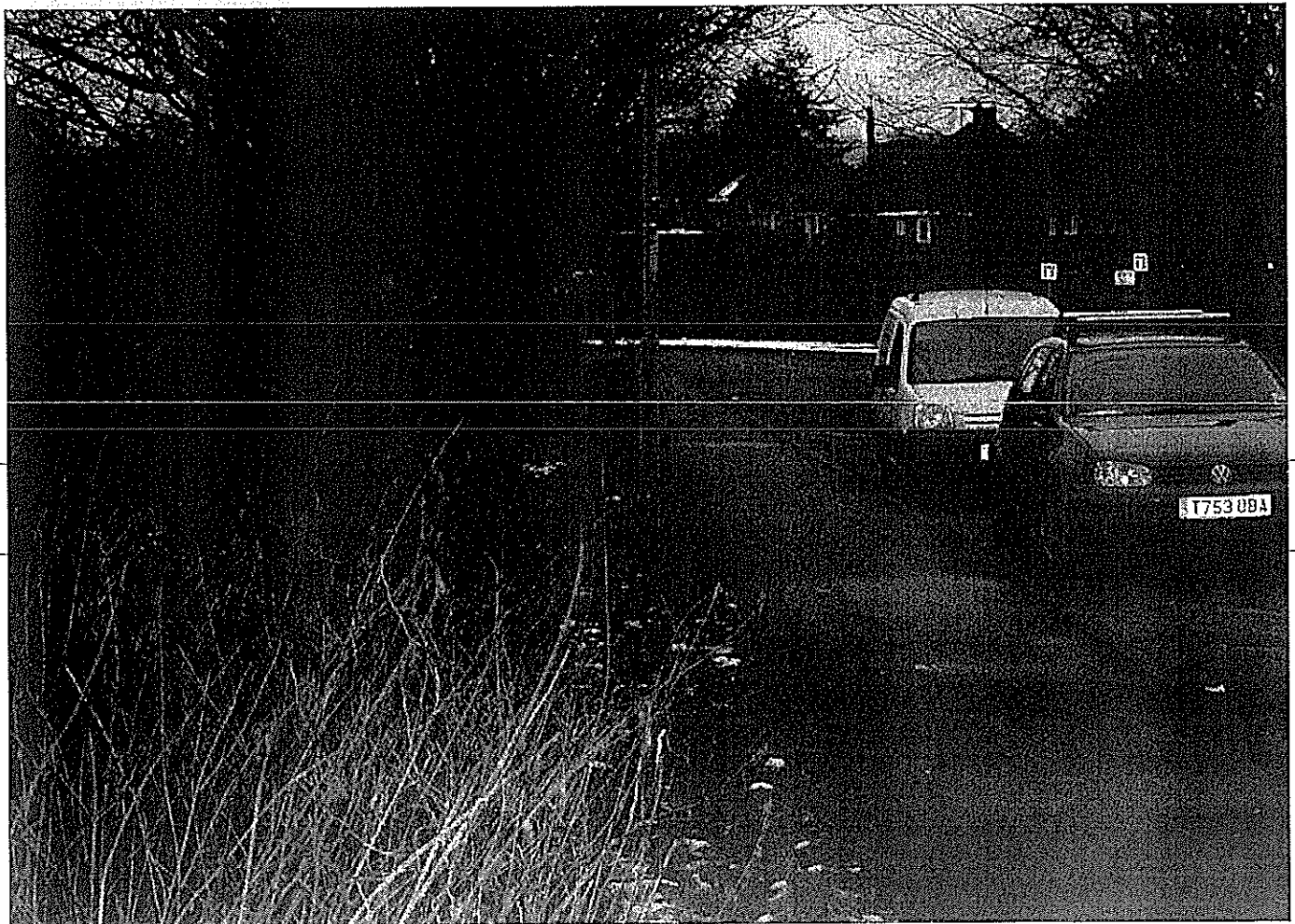
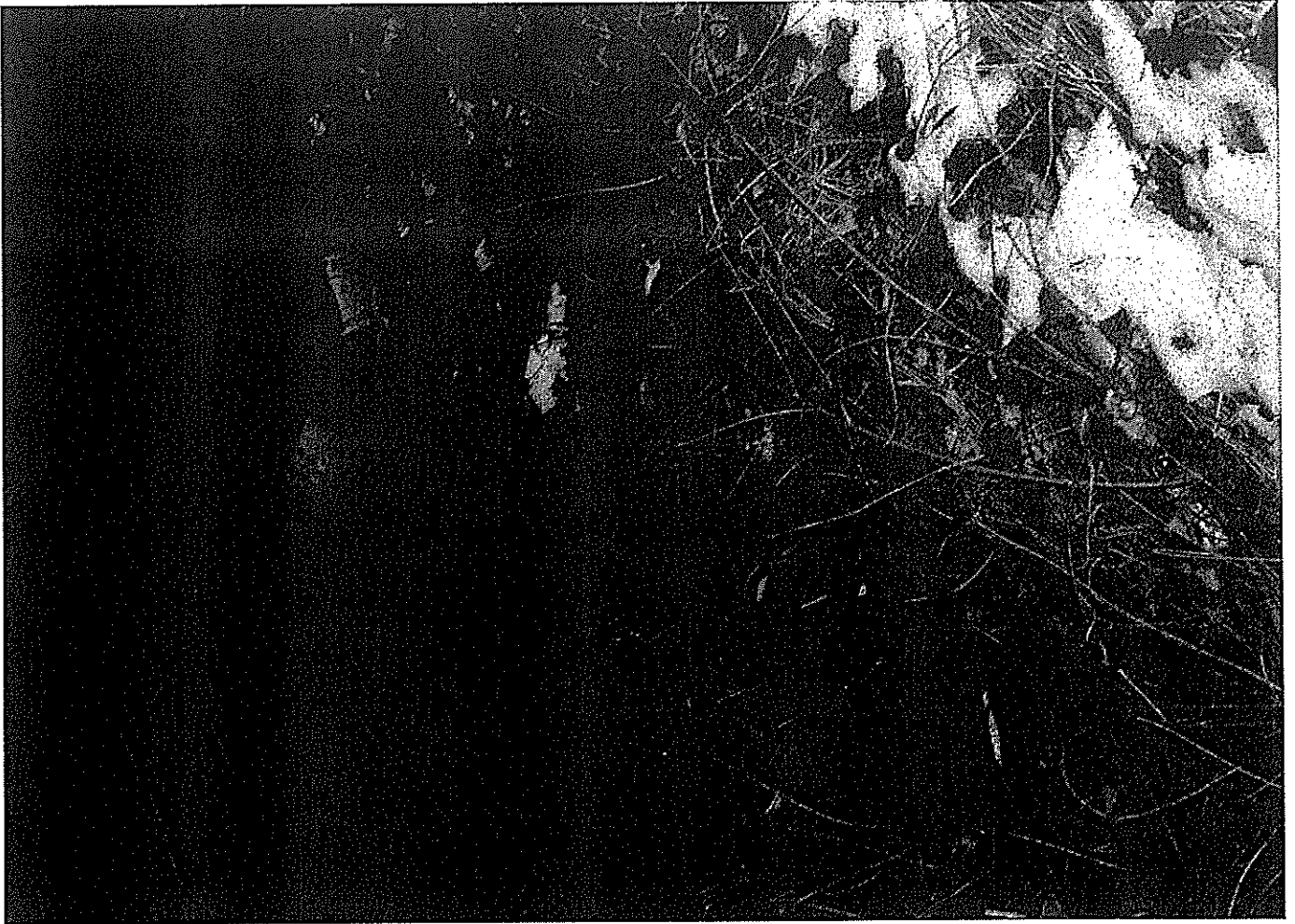












**Karen Court**

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**From:** nick ray  
**Sent:** 23 January 2013 11:30  
**To:** Karen Court  
**Subject:** Alpar Kebabs - street trading ST06

Dear Karen,

I have been contacted by two separate residents of Milestone Avenue objecting to the renewal of the application.

Consolidated summaries of their objections are as follows:

- *Completely inappropriate area for a street trader, as this is a residential area and this part of the road gives the main access to and from Milestone Avenue and Milestone Crescent*
- *Customers ignore the one way road signs to gain entry to the kebab van, thus breaking the law and a danger to other motorists*
- *Its presence gives rise to anti-social behaviour with residents often being intimidated when they pass the van in their cars*
- *The ditches are used for urinating*
- *The van's presence attracts heavy lorries over the 7.5 ton weight limit*
- *Customers drop their litter in and around Charvil*
- *In September 2011 WBC found that the kebab van to be in breach of a number of his licence conditions, including health and safety. WBC can only be expected to check the van so many times, so how many other times were licence conditions breached?*
- *Increase in fly-tipping near the van*

As far as I am aware, these are not new issues and I am sure that the allowable grounds for objection have been considered at previous renewal meetings.

However, it should be acknowledged that these are undesirable and generally unacceptable side effects of renewing the licence which need to be addressed by WBC through application of the maximum level of regulatory enforcement, particularly where they are directly or indirectly attributable to the Kebab van or its customers.

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