

From: Henry Thomas
Sent: 12 October 2026 09:56
To: Neighbour Representations
Subject: FW: Further Development of by Motor Fuel Group of Morrisons Car Park - bordering Station Way - Letchworth

Shaun has asked if we can treat the two emails from Ms Gray as neighbour representations for these applications (so they can be included in any appeal):

26/01178/FP & 26/00853/FP

Kind regards,



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From: Marlene Gray [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 October 2026 14:32
To: Henry Thomas <Henry.Thomas@north-herts.gov.uk>
Cc: Nigel Smith <Nigel.Smith@north-herts.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Further Development of by Motor Fuel Group of Morrisons Car Park - bordering Station Way - Letchworth

Good afternoon Henry,

Thank you for your email of Wednesday 7th.

Further to that message I make some further points for you to note as follows:

You should by now be in no doubt whatsoever that the original plan that you recommended for approval - Ref: 25/00466/FP Application for EV Stations in Morrisons Car Park, should never have been put forward to full planning. It is widely acknowledged that this was the first planning meeting with many new members of the committee and a new chair too. This highly disputed and grossly under researched project would have been refused had the environmental officer not stated that deferral may incur costs.

The majority of councillors were ready to either refuse or defer for further information to be sought from Motor Fuel Group. There were real material planning issues on which to reject this third application. Indeed Henry, this third application should not have been put forward for approval.

The distress for Nicola Cox that the onset of this project has caused to her health was witnessed at the meeting on the 1st October. I suggest you watch and see for yourself!

I will not see her suffer like this again in relation to this project. It abundantly clear that more enforcement is necessary to ensure that M.F.G. are made to stick rigidly to the

conditions attached to the approval of 25/00466/FP for the four EV chargers. The council members unanimity in terms of rejecting all that was put forward relating to this project reflects that 25/00466/FP would have been rejected had this meeting not been the very first meeting for the majority of members.

With regard to 26/01178/FP which includes CCTV poles and cameras, let me make you aware Henry, that now those deciduous trees that you stated in all cases would offer screening for No.49 have now lost their leaves and the lights just from the EV chargers are clearly visible from No.49! And what is more, as you have now been made aware by Jackie Sayers, they have been never turned since they were available for use and neither has the generator.

Breach after breach after breach!

Please do ensure that 26/01178/FP together with any further developments are refused, however many times they are submitted.

I state again: North Hertfordshire Local Plan Policy D3 also requires protection from unacceptable harm to residential amenity, including noise, overlooking and light pollution and the precedent for all future cases is referenced as follows: APP/Y3425/W/24/3348514, concerning 100 Newcastle Road, Stone, Staffordshire are valid material planning rules for outright rejection.

And finally, your comment that you will keep in mind my message of Wednesday 7th is unacceptable. When competence matches a little arrogance, a standard response is entirely acceptable.

Regards

Marlene

From: Henry Thomas <Henry.Thomas@north-herts.gov.uk>

Sent: 07 October 2026 13:22

To: Marlene Gray [REDACTED]

Cc: Jackie Sayers <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: Further Development of by Motor Fuel Group of Morrisons Car Park - bordering Station Way - Letchworth

Hi Marlene,

Thank you for the email.

I will keep this in mind if they resubmit.

Kind regards,



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From: Marlene Gray [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 October 2026 14:15
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Cc: Jackie Sayers [REDACTED]
Subject: Further Development of by Motor Fuel Group of Morrisons Car Park - bordering Station Way - Letchworth

Hello Henry,

You will no doubt be aware the Planning Committee Members voted unanimously in their resolutions for the three pieces of equipment – namely the air machine, the vac machine and the floodlights to be refused, once you have the environmental report. For the first two on the agenda at the planning meeting on Thursday 1st October, the vote was unanimous from all 12 Members in attendance. When it came to the floodlights, two Members had already departed but the vote was still unanimous at 10 – zero.

We provided the Material Planning Considerations from the revised National Planning Policy Framework, published on 29 August 2026 Policy P3. This policy expressly requires consideration of cumulative effects on living conditions, including noise and artificial light. The issue is therefore the cumulative impact, not each element considered in isolation.

You also need to be made aware Henry, that the trees that you state will protect Number 49 Station Way from both noise and light are deciduous and therefore proved no protection for almost six months of the year.

North Hertfordshire Local Plan Policy D3 also requires protection from unacceptable harm to residential amenity, including noise, overlooking and light pollution.

There is a precedent that I found which should help you 'bat' these away. Here is the case reference number should you need to access it: the full reference is APP/Y3425/W/24/3348514, concerning 100 Newcastle Road, Stone, Staffordshire.

No doubt that these will issues may well emerge again as MFG,(Motor Fuel Group) have put in all the infrastructure. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if they ploughed on and installed all that is to be refused. Please keep a watchful eye out on the site.

Kind regards

Marlene Gray

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