## STATEMENT TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE RE MR USTA'S APPLICATION TO TRADE AFTER 11:00PM FROM THE MARKET SETTS OUTSIDE 69 HIGH STREET SKIPTON

My wife and I own and occupy flat	in
Skipton town centre. Our flat is imr	nediately above
whose address is	. All of our windows face onto the High
Street.	

Living within the town centre has many advantages, being so close to the market, shops, eating places and transport. It has a downside - the nuisance of night time noise from late night revellers. Under the influence of drink, probably with their ears ringing from the loud music played in clubs and music bars, revellers invariably communicate with each other in loud voices, frequently shouting across the street to other groups. Late at night with no other noise around, sound travels a long way. It is very intrusive, even with double glazed windows firmly fastened. In the heat of the summer months, especially at weekends, we have to suffocate with windows shut to minimise the nuisance.

In this context, Mr Usta's application to extend the hours of trading from his Hotdog Heaven van, just 10 doors down the street from our flat, is most unwelcome, and will add to the existing public nuisance. Revellers will linger by his van while being served, no doubt conversing loudly while they wait. The van may well attract increased footfall onto the High Street, from people who might otherwise have no reason to go there.

You will see from the photograph I attach with this statement that there are other flats in even closer proximity to the site of the Hotdog Heaven van. These flats will have to put up with the smell of cooking food in addition to the noise nuisance.

There appears to be very little benefit to Skipton's night-time economy by allowing Mr Usta to extend his trading hours. I urge the committee to reject Mr Usta's application, so that he will not be able to trade from this site after 11:00pm.

