

**DENVILLES WELCOME SUPPORTING STATEMENT. 12/6/2015**

To introduce myself, I am Richard Dance and, along with my family, have been operating convenience stores in the local area for 29 years now. I am a franchisee of the Southern Co-operative and have their supply chain support and resources to call upon.

The Welcome convenience store situated in Snowberry Crescent, Denvilles has now been open for a year. During that year I am pleased to say that the local community has fully embraced us, are voting with their feet, and are supporting us really well. We have been trading the extended hours for a year now and I can say that we have not had any complaints from local residents with reference to this. I would probably say that it is more that people appreciate us being open longer.

I like to think that we engage with and have a good relationship with our neighbours. We do listen and have made changes over the year accordingly to accommodate requests. To my knowledge we have not had any neighbours come forward and complain about the extended hours. There have not been any instances of nuisance or anti-social behaviour reported in or outside the store.

I hope that we can in the future continue to serve the local community to the level that we have in the past year.

We are not seeking to change any of the other planning restrictions currently in place.