

**Richard Barnett**

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**Sent:** 22 January 2015 15:45  
**To:** Richard Barnett  
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**From:**  
**Sent:** 22 January 2015 13:47  
**To:** Here to Help  
**Subject:** 1401646STRADE

FAO Richard Barnett,

Richard,

Please find attached my letter in support of Mr Astanlepe's application for a street trading license in Longlevens.

If you wish to contact me on the matter please, do not hesitate to do so.

Kind regards,

Your Ref: 1401646STRADE

22/01/2015

Dear Mr Barnett,

I am writing to you in light of your recent decision to refuse Mr Aslantepe an extension to his street trading license.

I am a regular dog walker at the former sports ground located by the bridge on Innsworth lane and have been for the past four years. I have noticed that since Mr Aslantepe's occupation of the car park at the entrance to the fields, the area has improved drastically. Before the van was there, there was always youths hanging around the area loitering and smoking drugs. I have previously reported the drug use on several occasions to the local Police but nothing was ever done about the issue. The area was strewn with litter and was not particularly pleasant to have to walk through on my way to the field. Since his occupation I feel, like many other dog walkers I have spoken to that his occupation has greatly enhanced the area.

I have seen the letter you issued the vendor and would like to take issue with some of the points you have raised.

Your letter states that there has been issues raised regarding noise, smells, litter and late night disturbances. Having walked past the van at various times of the night virtually every night since he has been in residence, I am yet to see a single issue that you have raised. The predominant smell in the local area is made by the drainage works situated directly behind the van, which is far worse than any possible smell made by the cooking of food. You can stand 10m away from the van and not smell any cooking at all. Likewise with the noise issue you have raised, the only noise that is made is by a small generator which the vendor places behind the van to minimise any impact and if you stand at the entrance to the car park you cannot hear anything. The customers of the van act in a civilised manner and quietly await their orders. I have seen no instances of disturbance when I have been present even by the younger generation. As for your comment regarding litter, I have witnessed on many occasions as I walk my dog at night, Mr Aslantepe walking around the site at the cease of business picking up any traces of litter even if it has not been generated by him or his customers. The site is much tidier than before when it was used by teenagers as a dumping ground.

The other issues that you raised within you decision letter astound me. The playing field is not currently in use as the Water Company have not restored the field back into a sports ground yet. The car park is perfectly situated for a food van such of this type as it is located far enough away from the residents so as not to disturb anyone and traffic is kept to a minimum due to the ample parking provided on site.

Finally, I take umbrage with your comment that the van does not enhance the vitality or ambience of the location. If there have been any complaints regarding the van's presence then in my opinion it is pure snobbery on behalf of a select few individuals. The van offers a selection of food not available

this side of the city centre. It provides healthy dishes as well as fast food and the hygiene is of a very high standard as recognised in Mr Astanlepe's award certificate. I have spoken to many residents in the area who are all customers of Mr Astanlepe who are all very satisfied with the vans presence in the area.

In summary, I feel if you do not issue Mr Astanlepe with a street trading license you are taking away a popular resource from the area and locals would then have to travel into the city centre to purchase this type of food. Residents who feel aggrieved at the vans presence can always chose not to use it.

I am more than happy for you to contact me on this issue if you would like to discuss it further. I can be reached via email at \_\_\_\_\_ or if you wish you can call me on \_\_\_\_\_

Yours sincerely,

## Richard Barnett

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 02 February 2015 11:16  
**To:** Richard Barnett

Good morning sir.

My name is [redacted] I am writing to you today.  
support my vote for keeping MR aslantepes street trading licence outside the allotments.  
I have had a allotment for many years and over the years items have always gone missing or plot damaged  
but since Mr Aslantepes has been there it has all seemed to have stopped, there does not seem to be the  
youths hanging around down there any more and he is always there 7 days a week from 4 to 11 which  
seems a great cctv protection that does not cost the council any money.  
I know there is a lot of people for Mr Asantepes and a few against this is normal. but those that are against  
him in my feelings there are more racists against him and not what he is doing.  
I know this as my wife is not from England and there have turned there backs against her. But you have  
this in people and I am stronger another to deal with this.

I can not attend the meeting on the 11th feb due to work, but if this can be read out at the hearing it  
would be appricented but please leave my name out as I don't want any problems for my wife and  
children or it would turn nasty.  
thank you for your time