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Cambridge City Council

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

To: Councillors Benstead, Meftah and Reiner

Date: Tuesday, 12 June 2012

OTHER PARTIES REPRESENTATIONS

- 4 **CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE : CO-OP, 52 HILLS ROAD, CAMBRIDGE, CB2 1LA** (*Pages 1 - 30*)

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Agenda Item 4

From: [REDACTED]
To: "licensing@cambridge.gov.uk" <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Cc: "secretary@grna.org" <secretary@grna.org>
Date: 11/05/2012 15:39
Subject: Application to extend Co-Op 52 Hills Road licensing to 11.30pm

To whom it may concern

I am writing to object to the above application to extend the alcohol licence at the Co-Op 52 Hills Road to 11.30pm every night. Our area is already regularly blighted by late night alcohol-fueled anti-social behaviour, has a significant street drinking problem and is regularly littered with empty bottles and cans.

This is already compounded by late night licensed establishments on Mill Road.

If this application is approved it is likely to set a precedent for the nearby wine shop and soon to open Tesco Express, both on Hills Road.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

From: <lficnsing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To:
Date: 1/05/2012 22:15
Subject: Co-op, 52 Hills Road, Cambridge

Dear Sir/Madam,

We strongly object to the plan to extend the hours for alcoholic sales from the Co-op at 52 Hills Road, Cambridge as it will, undoubtedly exacerbate public nuisance and disorder in this residential area. We already suffer with problems from drunk people, making their way back to the station, causing noise, littering, urinating and vandalising parked cars.

Yours faithfully,


From: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To: 12/05/2012 13:41
Date:
Subject: Co-op 52 Hills Road

Dear Council,


I write with regard to the application for extension to licensing hours at the Co-op on Hills Rd. I am a keen supporter of the Co-op however I do not require the Co-op on any occasion to be open later than it already is and I feel that in a residential area this is not necessary to encourage the late consumption of alcohol in our area. The station area will be a new source of long hours licensing and to protect our teenage children and sleeping little ones it will be lovely to retain the residential character of our area and not dilute it all to the lowest common denominator.

I hope you will hear our concerns.

Yours sincerely

From:  <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To:
Date: 12/05/2012 14:03
Subject: Co-op 52 Hills Road

I wish to register my strong objection to the proposal to extend the
licensing hours of this shop to 1.30pm on the grounds that it will
increase unruly and illegal behaviour.

From: 
To: "licensing" <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
CC: <secretary@ctara.org>
Date: 12/05/2012 14:50
Subject: Licensing hours extension - Coop Hills Road

Ms Stoker



FAO Licensing Officer

I strongly object to any increase in licensing hours for the Coop (or for other shops licensed to sell alcohol in this area which would certainly follow if granted). It took us some effort and time to obtain, with the support of the police, a Cumulative Impact Area designation for this section of Hills Road (and for Mill Road). The crime figures have become higher and the vandalism in our area is linked to inebriated late night revellers using our nearby streets for routes to the station and other areas where late night activities go on. Any increase in access to cheap take-away alcohol suppliers must exacerbate the problems we experience and damage to cars and property which increase nuisance, our insecurity and insurance costs.

Please take this into consideration and recommend refusal of the application.

Regards

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Chair/CTARA

From: 
To: <licensing@cambridgc.gov.uk>
CC:  <security@gltra.org>
Date: 12/05/2012 18:38
Subject: Co-Op licence 52 Hills Road

We write to object to the application to extend the licensing hours of the Co-Op to 11.30 pm all week. At present the licence runs until 11.00 on weekdays and 10.30 on Sundays, which is perfectly sufficient to cater for reasonable demands. Extending the hours will encourage disorderly behaviour in itself, and set a precedent for many other shops selling alcohol, which would be impossible to resist and would be completely at odds with the spirit of the Cumulative Impact Zone on Hills Road.

From: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To:
Date: 13/05/2012 15:40
Subject: Co-op 52 Hulls Road

We object very strongly to the plan to extend the hours for alcohol sales at the Co-op Halls road. Our area is blighted by drunken noise, broken glass, and disturbance, often fuelled by alcohol. We have daughters and this area is becoming increasingly violent. Please could you look after the residents of Cambridge and not the national retailers. Your actions are reflected with our voting and you need ~~once again~~ be reminded that you are only here to serve us. Regards,

From: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To: 13/05/2012 20:32
Date: Co-op 52 Hills Rd
Subject:

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to express my concern about the plan to extend the hours for alcohol sales at the Co-op as I am afraid it will increase public nuisance, already a problem in Lyndevode Rd late at night. Many thanks for taking the time to consider my objection

Yours



From: nreswing-streetsing@cambridge.gov.uk
To: Kevin Blencowe <Kevin.Blencowe@cambridge.gov.uk>, Gail Merchant-Daisty <gail.merchant-daisty@cambridge.gov.uk>
CC: daisty@cambridge.gov.uk
Date: 13/05/2012 22:49
Subject: Co-op 52 Hills Road, Cambridge - Extension of licence hours

Dear Sir/Madam

Extension of licensing hours for Co-op store at 52 Hills Road Cambridge.

I strongly object to the extension of the licensing hours for the above store on the grounds:

That the Co-op is in an agreed Cumulative Impact Zone - which recognises that there is already sufficient provision for the sale of alcohol
this request can only be designed to make money out of people already full of alcohol returning from the city centre pubs and clubs - there is absolutely no social or health need to provide anyone with alcohol after 11pm.
anyone who buys alcohol at that time of night will mostly, if not entirely, be consuming it on the streets, consuming it outside residential houses, many of which have no protection between their windows and the streets
or they will consume it on trains (the Co-op is on the way to the station) adding to vandalism and unruly behaviour there
it will add to drunk and disorderly behaviour in the neighbouring streets, which are all residential. There is already a problem with this sort of behaviour - I have seen and heard it in my street
it will add to vandalism in neighbouring streets - we already have a problem in the area
more drunken and disorderly people will add to increased costs in policing and the NHS or in their having to redirect resources away from the deserving law abiding public
it will not stop with the Co-op - there will be an escalation of requests for extensions to licensed hours. The other two off-licences, the current One Stop (soon to be a Tesco Express) and the Wine Shop will wish to follow suit, if not to stay open even later than the Co-op, and then the Emperor Pub at 21 Hills Road will wish to extend its hours too.

Please let me know that you have received this email safely



Yours sincerely

From: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To:
Date: 14/05/2012 08:12
Subject: CO-OP 52 Hills Road

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to oppose the proposal for the extension of licensing hours to CO-OP on Hills Road. I am concerned that this will encourage anti-social behaviour which alcohol can fuel which is damaging to those concerned and the wider community.

I hope you will take this into account


From:  <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To: 
Date: 14/05/2012 09:28
Subject: Co-op 52 Hills Road

Dear Sirs

I wish to object to the proposal to extend the licensing hours of the Co-op shop at 52 Hills Road, Cambridge to 1.30pm all week.

The adjoining residential areas already suffer enough from late night vandalism and noise and the extended hours will only lead to a further increase in this anti-social behaviour.

Yours faithfully

From:  "licensing@cambridge.gov.uk" <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To: licensing@cambridge.gov.uk
Date: 14/05/2012 10:29
Subject: Co-op 52 Hills Road


As a local resident I object to an extension for alcohol sales on Hills Road as it could increase public nuisance and disorder by anti-social behaviour of street drinkers.

From: "secretary@gta.org" <secretary@gta.org>
To: "Deborah Stoker" <Deborah.Stoker@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 08/05/2012 21:56
Subject: Re: application for license variation co-op 52 Hills Road Cambridge - possible update
Attachments: co-oplicense.docx

Dear Ms Stoker, Extension of trading times Co-op Hills Road Cambridge

On behalf of the Glisson Road / T enison Road Area Residents Association I would like to register an objection to the proposed extension of hours. Our residential area already suffers from considerable late night noise, disturbance and vandalism largely as a result of late night drinking. The extension of hours will make this situation worse as those returning from the center city pubs will be able to purchase more alcohol for consumption in the street. This area is a cumulative impact zone and we do not need any extension of alcohol retailing.

Frank Gawthrop
Secretary
30 Lyndwode Road
Cambridge
CB1 2HN

From: 
To: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 14/05/2012 11:03
Subject: Coop 52 Hills Road application to extend hours for alcohol sales

To: The Licensing Authority
I wish to object to this application as there is already a vandalism and anti-social behaviour problem associated with excessive alcohol consumption in this area and extending the hours at which alcohol can be bought from shops will only exacerbate the situation.


From: licensing@cambridge.gov.uk <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To: 14052012.11.27
Date:
Subject: Co-op 52 Hills Road

Dear Officials,

I write to object to the plan to extend the hours for alcohol sales. Doing so would make this neighbourhood less desirable by increasing drunkenness and disorder.

Thank you for your attention.

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From: 
To: <jeensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 14/05/2012 11:30
Subject: Coop shop, 52 Hills Road, Cambridge - proposed extension of permitted hours

As a local resident of nearly 40 years (and as a member of the Coop for much longer) who has shopped at this Coop branch throughout that time, I strongly object to the proposed extension of late-evening hours for the sale of alcohol from those premises. If this application were approved, the nearby wine shop and the One Stop/Tesco shop opposite would seek the same hours. Even one approval would greatly increase the risk of late-evening public nuisance and disorder in the area. It would be quite inconsistent with the purpose of making Hills Road a cumulative impact zone.

Please note this objection, and reject the application.

From: [REDACTED]
To: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 14/05/2012 15:28
Subject: Co-Op 52 Hills Road, Cambridge

We both strongly object to the proposed application by the Co-Op to sell alcohol beyond its current licensing hours.

[REDACTED] The Co-Op and the late night activities to date of meditated persons doesn't encourage one to walk down the street late at night.

Any later hours for sales will only increase the nuisance/disorder to the public. The sale of the street on a Sunday morning beggars belief in a city such as Cambridge, particularly for visitors arriving at the railway station and walking down Hills Road.

From: [REDACTED]
To: <llenssing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 14/05/2012 16:00
Subject: Co-op, 52 Hills Road, Cambridge

Dear Sirs

We wish to object to the proposal for the Co-op to extend its licensing hours for alcohol sales, as we feel the present hours are quite sufficient and to extend them will encourage late night drinking leading to an increase in public nuisance and disorder.

From: [REDACTED]
To: <alcent.licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 14/05/2012 16:12
Subject: Application to extend hours-Cooperative Store 52 Hills road Cambridge

I am writing to object to the application to extend the hours for sales of alcohol at the above address. I am concerned that this will increase public nuisance and disorder in an area already affected by groups of inebriated pub and club patrons returning to the Hills Road/ Mill Road/ Station Road area from the City centre. [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
CC: <secretary@gyna.org>
Date: 14/05/2012 16:39
Subject: License extension application Cambridge Coop Hills Road

Dear Sir / Madam
I would like to add my voice in objecting to the proposed extension of licensing hours at the Cambridge Coop in Hills Road
Cambridge.

I believe that making alcohol more available is directly linked to excessive drinking which in turn leads to anti-social behaviour, and violence to people and property.
There are already too many licensed premises in this area
Thank you for taking this opinion into consideration

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 14/05/2012 17:11
Subject: Co-Op 52 Hill's Road

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to object to the licence at the Co-op to be increased. We suffer a lot in this area from alcohol related bad behaviour, and this could only make it worse.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 14/05/2012 18:31
Subject: Extension to licencing hours at Co-op Store Hills Road

Dear Sir,

I wish to raise an objection to the increase in these hours. Although a small increase it will be followed by the new Tesco Express. Another Off Licence has just open a few doors along the road. Already there are to many opportunities to buy alcohol late into the evening.
Highsett had to install automated gates some years ago to stop drunks defecating and urinating in our bin stores.
I would suggest that residents in the area have their safety and comfort taken into account when this issue is decided.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To: 14052012 20:02
Date: Co-op 52 Hills Road
Subject:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to object to the proposed extension of licensing hours at the Co-op, 52 Hills Road. Late night alcohol sales have resulted in disorder, anti-social behaviour and general nuisance to this neighbourhood for many years, and I can see no argument for further exacerbating an already difficult situation by extending the Co-op's licensing hours and following that, probably the licensing hours of their existing and future competitors on Hills Road.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Date: 11/05/2012 18:49
Subject: Co-op 52 Hills Road

I am very much AGAINST any extension of licensing hours for booze outlets on Hills Road. I live near to the Co-op on Hills road and am frequently woken up at night by drums howling their way home. Any provision that will allow these poor people to become intoxicated for even longer, is bad for the public and for them. So in everyone's interest - except the Co-ops profits from alcohol dependency - I strongly urge you to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

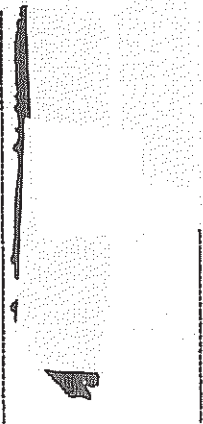
[REDACTED]

From: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To: "secretary@gma.org" <secretary@gma.org>
CC:
Date: 13/05/2012 11:45
Subject: Hills Road Co-op licensing hours

To the Licensing Team

I am writing to object to any extension to the licensing hours for the Hills Road Co-op store.

Our area already suffers from evening and night time noise and vandalism, much of which has been linked to excessive alcohol and the high number of fast food providers in this area. Hills Road has already been classified as a Cumulative Impact Zone, making it difficult to justify any extensions for any store. Furthermore, if an extension were granted that would become a precedent for other outlets to make similar applications and this is totally contrary to the purpose of the Cumulative Impact Zone.



From: [REDACTED]
To: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 14/05/2012 05:57
Subject: Hills Road Co-Op licensing hours

Dear Madam/Sir

I write to express my strong opposition to the proposal before you, from the Co-Op store on Hills Road, to extend even further its licensing hours - by yet another hour on Sundays, and another half an hour on weekdays. There is already a distinct late night problem in our road from vandalism, drunkenness - and excess litter. In my view you should be reducing not extending such hours.

I fear that, should you extend these hours, you will receive applications from other stores in the neighbourhood, seeking to expand their opportunities to sell yet more alcohol.

Please reject this application.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 14/05/2012 10:44
Subject: License, Co-op, 52 Hills Road.

My wife and I have just learnt with horror of the application by the Co-op at 52 Hills Road for extensions to their licensing hours. All residents and passers by in their vicinity already suffer from the too ready availability of alcohol in the area. If this is granted it will be precedence for other outlets locally to expect similar extensions to the detriment of everyone including the abusers of alcohol themselves. The pavements in the area are not a pretty sight in the mornings as it is. An extension can only make it worse and will benefit only the profits of the Co-op.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: "licensing@cambridge.gov.uk" <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 10/05/2012 23:05
Subject: Co-op 52 Hills Road

Dear Sir/Madam

Please note that I strongly object to the proposed extension to licensing hours at the Co-op in Hills Road. As a local resident, I would be adversely affected by this because such a measure is likely to lead to more alcohol related disturbance and crime.

Your faithfully

[REDACTED]

From: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To: 10/05/2012 21:30
Date:
Subject: Co-Op 52 Hills Road - Change of License

Dear Cambridge Council,

There has been an application for the Co-Op Store at 52 Hills Road to extend the licensing hours to 11:30 pm all week. I would like to strongly object to this application being granted. We've lived here for 8 years and seen the public nuisance and disorder increase gradually over the years. Although it has improved recently the granting of this license can only encourage more drinking in the street and an increase incidents of nuisance, violence, crime and anti-social behaviour.

Glisson Road already has more than its share of disturbance as it is a thoroughfare for pedestrian traffic to the train station. Adding an extra dose of alcohol consumption will only make things worse. Please do not award this extension.
Yours,

From: <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
To: "Kevin Blencowe" <kevin.blencowe@gmail.com>
CC: 11/05/2012 08:57
Date: Application for the extension of licensing hours ...
Subject:

Dear Sirs

Application by the Co-op, 52 Hills Road, Cambridge ...Extending Licensing Hours

I object to this application to extend licensing hours by this organisation on the following grounds:

- 1.. Extending licensing hours in Hills Road will, inevitably, lead to an increase in the already present public nuisance and disorder as late night revelers use this extended facility as they return toward home from the centre of town. I would remind the Committee that Hills Road is a C.I.Z. over its entire length.
 - 2.. Success in this application will, no doubt, cause the many licensed premises in the Hills Road area to make similar applications to neutralize competitive advantage by the Co-op organisation, thus potentially escalating the already huge problem of alcohol abuse in our City.
- Compliments,