

Our Ref: PC60 Licensing/Cambridgesupermarket

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Dear Sir

SUBJECT: Cambridge Supermarket 28 Mill Road Cambridge CB1 2AD

Please find attached Police representation in regard to the application for a grant of a premises licence for the above. The premises are situated in a cumulative impact area and these representations are in regard to licensing objectives for Prevention Of Crime and Disorder, Public nuisance , Public Safety & the Protection of Children from harm under Licensing Act 2003.

Yours Sincerely

P. Sinclair

Pc60 Peter Sinclair
Divisional Licensing Officer
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**THE LICENSING ACT 2003
REPRESENTATION FORM FOR “RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY”**

Please delete as applicable: **POLICE**

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Name of Premises you are making a representation about:	Cambridge Supermarket
Address of the premises you are making a representation about:	28 Mill Road Cambridge CB1 2AD

This section is about your representation/s. They must relate to one or more of the Licensing Objectives. Please detail the evidence supporting your representation, (under the relevant headings) and the reason for your representation/s. *It is important that you detail all matters that you wish to be considered. (Use additional sheets if necessary). Regulations provide that in considering representations the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by the party either before the hearing or, with the consent of all parties, at the hearing.*

Which licensing objective(s) does your representation relate to?	Please see below
The prevention of crime and disorder See Below	Public safety See below
The prevention of public nuisance See Below	Protection Of Children from Harm See below

Prevention Of Crime & Disorder /Public Nuisance/ Public Safety/ Protection Of Children from Harm

Mill Road has been adopted by the City Council as a Cumulative impact zone within Cambridge.

This remains an area which still suffers from anti social behaviour. This is despite a drop in incidents of alcohol related violent crime which we consider has come about mainly due to robust policing in the area and the fact that licensing controls through the use of the CIZ are having the desired effect

Should the applicant require details of the evidence presented in relation to those areas this can be viewed on pages 16 onwards by clicking on the following link or by copying and pasting the link into web address bar

<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/docs/statement-of-licensing-policy.pdf>

It is also a major thoroughfare for patrons leaving the city centre and any additional outlets for the sale and consumption of alcohol on the premises will only add to and exacerbate the pre-existing issues.

Furthermore a recent East Area Committee meeting the following Police concerns were raised :

(v) Greater emphasis on licensing agreement terms to prevent the sale of alcohol to people who were already intoxicated. Licence holders should feel supported that they can refuse to sell alcohol when it would be inappropriate to do so, and that they have a responsibility not to do so under licensing law eg when someone is intoxicated.

(vi) Rising levels of ASB in Petersfield and Romsey.

(vii) The need to address ASB through joined up multi-agency action. For example, provision of support and facilities for the street life community, as well as the option for Police and Licensing Officers to take enforcement action. Greater focus on education, encouragement and support.

The following priority was agreed unanimously by the committee:

(i) Alcohol and drug related street anti-social behaviour in the east, targeting known hotspots and focusing on education and enforcement to address licensed premises selling alcohol to the intoxicated.

Extract from City East Update 2012 Final

Petersfield Ward

- Total crime in Petersfield Ward has decreased compared to the previous period (325 offences vs. 355 offences) but increased compared to the same period last year (310 offences).
- Violent crime offence levels have decreased compared to the previous period (37 offences vs. 40 offences) but remained stable compared to the same period last year (also 37 offences). In 19 of these offences an offender has been arrested and charged.
- Criminal Damage offences have increased with 41 offences in this period compared to 22 in the previous period and 25 in the same period last year. 27 Offences were criminal damage to a vehicle whereby windows had been smashed in majority of offences.
- ASB incidents have increased compared to both the previous period (186 incidents vs. 169 incidents) and compared to the same period last year (135 incidents). Incidents included street drinking (53 incidents were complaints about street-life being abusive and being intimidating to members of the public), youths congregating and being abusive to members of the public and abandoned vehicles. Common locations for ASB were Mill Road (51), St Matthews Gardens (12) East Road (11) and Norfolk Street (10).

Environmental Services Data

Between November 2011 and February 2012, 29 needles were reported compared with 393 during the same period the previous year. 24 were removed from Mill Road. During the previous reporting period 183 needles were removed from Mill Road, 130 needles were removed from St Matthews Street.

The problems associated with the area particularly in relation to anti-social behaviour, alcohol misuse and public nuisance are well documented. It is also continues to be an area that attracts groups of individuals who live a Street life existence. These vulnerable adults with drink and drugs problems lead a chaotic life style. They would no doubt be susceptible to the draw of an additional alcohol outlet particularly where they would not be known to the proprietors. They can be very intimidating to staff and are often ready to offer violence when challenged.

As for measure in place which will effectively deal with the resultant issues of the grant of an alcohol licence it is difficult to see how there is any way that any degree control can be exercised over customers that effectively walk away with the alcohol. Once having left the premises they are at liberty to do whatever they wish without any possible intervention from the licensee to negate the risk of adding to the negative impact.

An additional outlet selling alcohol in Mill Road is not only unnecessary but a most unhelpful addition in an area already suffering. The Police object in the strongest terms to any grant of an alcohol licence with or without additional controls/conditions applied for the reasons given.

Furthermore the police consider that we would be failing in our obligation under Section 17 of The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended when exercising functions to give due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that they reasonably can to prevent, crime, disorder anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment, including the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area.

Evidence adduced in support of such representations may comprise of, although not exclusively, firsthand knowledge of officers involved in policing the area, statistical analysis of crime, disorder & incidents of anti social behaviour, as well as police records from the Command and control logs, police crime files, statements and/or CCTV footage.

The committee will also be aware of the recent amendments contained within the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act in that the evidential burden when determining an application and their decisions to promote the licensing objectives changes from 'Necessary' to 'Appropriate', therefore giving increased powers to Licensing Authorities as this is a lower threshold.

In regard to Cumulative impact areas the guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 states:

Effect of Special Policies

13.29 The effect of adopting a special policy of this kind is to create a rebuttable presumption that applications for a new premises licence or club premises certificates or variations that are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused following relevant representations, unless the applicant can demonstrate in their operating schedule that there will be no negative cumulative impact on one or more of the licensing objectives.

Signed



Date 8/5/2012



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Licensing Act 2003

Delegation of responsibilities by the Chief Officer of Police

In accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 I hereby delegate authority to Divisional Commanders and to Divisional Superintendents to develop policies and procedures and to exercise all powers vested in the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary. Such delegation to include the power to delegate specific tasks to licensing constables and support staff.

This delegation shall remain in force unless otherwise notified.

Signed

Simon Parr
Chief Constable
Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Dated.....7/9/10.....