

APPENDIX B

Luke Catchpole

From: Taxi
Sent: 07 January 2019 13:00
To: Alexander Finlayson
Subject: FW: Representation regarding the proposed premises licence at Tesco, East Rd, Cambridge

From: Mike Davey [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 January 2019 12:57
To: licensing
Subject: Representation regarding the proposed premises licence at Tesco, East Rd, Cambridge

Dear Licensing Team,

I wish to make a representation in relation to the proposed premises license at Tesco's on East Road. I understand today is the closing date for making representations. I understand that I am entitled to make a representation as a local individual who's child attends St Matthews Primary school on Norfolk Street.

Whilst I am pleased that the Police have agreed to attach a number of conditions to the proposed sale of alcohol from Tescos, my concerns relate to where those purchasing will go to drink. As I am sure you will be aware there is considerable green space in and around the Norfolk Street and Staffordshire Gardens locality, and I would suggest that particularly in the summer months it is very likely that significant numbers of folk buying drink from Tesco will be tempted to go there to consume. This could cause considerable and on-going distress to the residents of the East Road estate, but of particular concern to me is the potential impact on children leaving school in the afternoon should they witness any drunken or disorderly behaviour. It is my understanding that there have been a history of anti-social problems in the past in this area, specifically in relation to alcohol purchased elsewhere in the locality. At that time local residents organised a successful campaign to prevent Tesco gaining a license when the shop first opened. I am not clear what has changed in the interim to make granting the license a wise move now. I am also aware that East Road is within the cumulative impact area in regard to the sale of alcohol. I am unclear as to why this shouldn't be taken into account in the granting of a new license. I am therefore making my representation to you in relation to the third and forth objectives under The Licensing Act namely, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mike Davey, 1 [REDACTED] de [REDACTED]

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From: Richard Robertson
Sent: 07 January 2019 10:07
To: Alexander Finlayson
Subject: Re: Current, outstanding premises licence applications - reminders.

Thanks for this Alexander.

I wish to object to the application for a licence to sell alcohol at 172 East Road.

The area around the premises, has a history of considerable drinking of alcohol on the street and park areas with resultant anti-social and violent behaviour. Because of this the street is included in the Cumulative Impact Area. This has existed for many years and was reviewed and confirmed in 2017/18 by the city council. It has had some effect in containing the problem caused by excess drinking on the street however further action had to be taken and Public Space Protection Orders were added covering certain areas including Petersfield Green which is located very close to the applicant's premises.

Despite all these actions problems persist in the form of drunkenness, noise, partying, fighting, urination and defecation in public in areas near the premises. During the last year and especially in summer months residents of Petersfield Terrace, Bradmore Street and Petersfield Mansions made numerous complaints to me, and I believe the city council and police, with regard to these events. The problems still exist and allowing a further premises to sell alcohol would be to risk exacerbating the current position.

Residents have also voiced concerns about the risk of harm to children in the area – physical, moral and psychological. St Matthew's Primary School is opposite the applicant's premises and there are three children's play areas close by – on Petersfield Green, in Flower St and on the East Road estate.

For these reasons I feel that all four of the criteria for assessing licence applications are at risk if this application is allowed. ie Prevention of Crime and Disorder; Public Safety; Prevention of Public Nuisance; and Protection of children from harm.

I do not feel that the provisions suggested by the applicant for controlling the sales of alcohol from their premises, such as only selling limited strength alcohol and providing a guard on the door, would be enough to prevent the problems and risks in the area being worsened by the licence being granted.

best regards

Richard
Cllr Richard Robertson



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From: Anthony Martinelli
Sent: 06 January 2019 14:59
To: Alexander Finlayson
Subject: Tesco, Unit 1, 172 East Road

Dear Alexander,

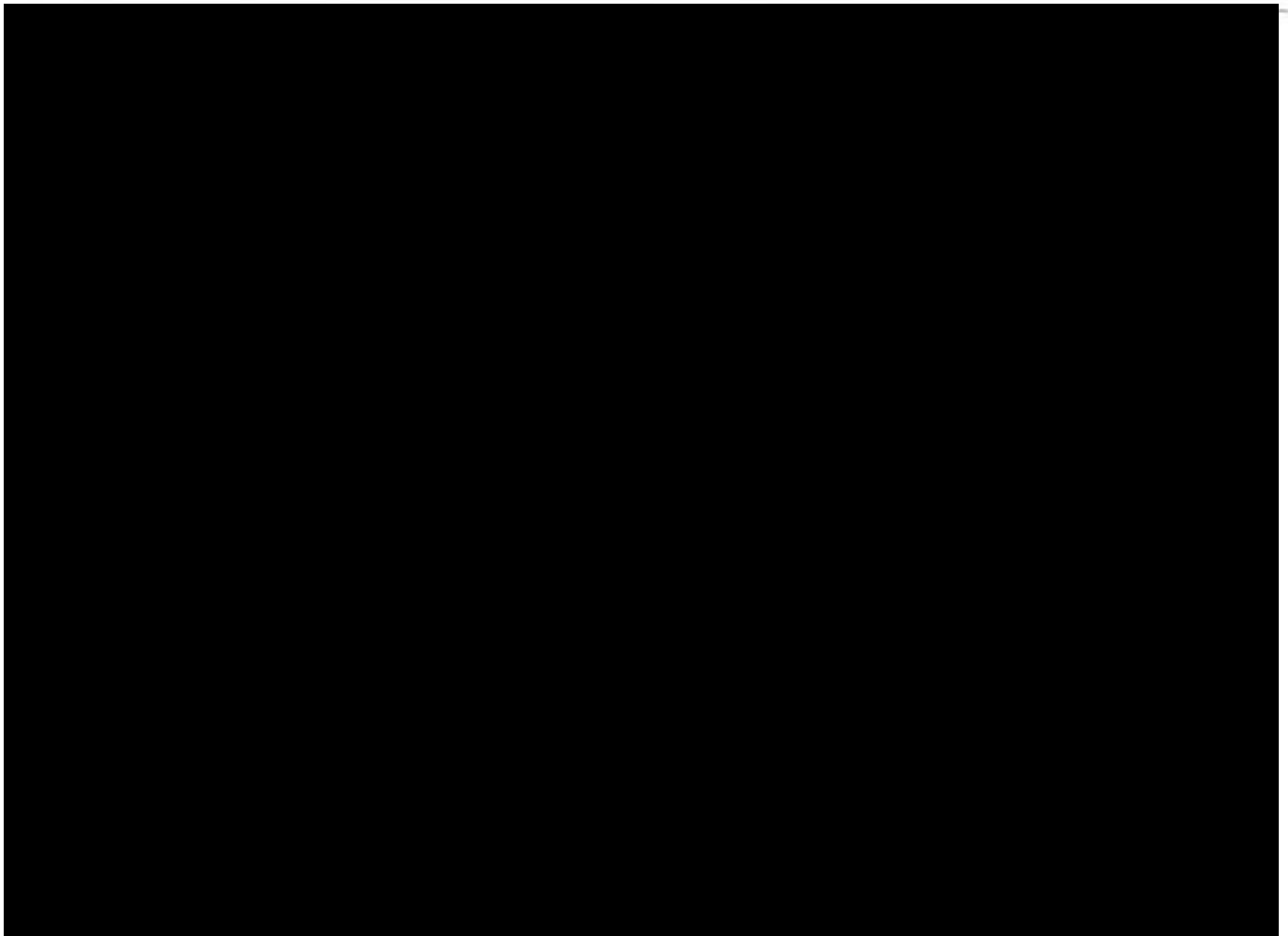
As a councillor for the ward I would like to object to this application for the sale of alcohol.

This area already experiences significant problems with begging and visible alcohol abuse, particularly associated with significant street-life related issues. I would expect the additional sale of alcohol here to drive further antisocial behaviour, alcohol-related crime and alcohol-related injury. This is not mentioned or addressed within the application and no plans are suggested that would in any way mitigate this.

Additionally, this store is situated within the cumulative impact zone and it seems clear that this proposal would add further impact - there is no demonstration that this would not be the case. Of the nearby premises that do sell alcohol, none operate before 11:00 and thus this licence would be a significant outlier.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Martinelli
City Councillor for Market Ward (Liberal Democrat)



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 January 2019 14:34
To: Alexander Finlayson
Subject: Tesco East Road Premises License

Importance: High

Tesco premises licence application

I would like to enter my opposition to the premises licence application by Tesco, Unit 1, 172 East Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB1 1BG.

Deadline for representations: Monday 7th January 2019.

I live on Norfolk Street and work at St. Matthews Primary school. I have lived on Norfolk Street for 15 years. I am also a Governor at St. Matthew's Primary School. The school is located directly across the road from the Tesco Express, with windows looking directly onto said area of East Road. Living and working just 300 meters from the Tesco Express I feel that I know the area very well. This shop is also located just down the road from Jimmy's Night Shelter. The Tesco Express is in the Cambridge City East Road Cumulative Impact Area, the area in the city that has the highest density of alcohol-related offences and licensed premises.

This part of the city has a problem with aggressive beggars, rough sleepers, street drinkers, drug dealers, as well as drug users. Petersfield and Kite wards have very few, if any, police on foot patrol. People are sleeping rough in the door ways of many of the surrounding businesses, as well as in the front of the Tesco Express itself. Not to mention the fights and shouting matches that currently take place in front of the very said Tesco Express.

In their application Tesco state that they will have digital CCTV that will cover many areas of the shop floor, that a member of the Management team will ordinarily be on the premises, as well as a security guard. They currently have a security guard on the door but still have a problem with shoplifters; management ordinarily being on the premises doesn't sound very convincing to me either. As far as their "Good Neighbour" policy, I have never seen them engage in the community at all, just contribute to the amount of beggars and litter on East Road. To my knowledge they don't get involved with the local primary, secondary school, nor with PACT (Petersfield Area Community Trust).

I hope that the right thing will be done, and that the variation application will be turned down again.

Thank you,

Mrs. Julie Murphy



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 January 2019 15:35
To: Alexander Finlayson
Subject: Tesco Premises Licence Application - Unit 1, 172 East Road

Dear Alexander,

As a ward councillor, I wish to object to the above application for the sale of alcohol.

I am concerned about compliance with all four licensing objectives, in particular noting the premises' proximity to:

- Jimmys Homeless Hostel and Assessment Centre
- St Matthew's Primary School
- the prevalent begging, street culture in the vicinity, including immediately outside the premises concerned

The applicant's response to the third licensing objective - prevention of public nuisance - is particularly insubstantial. And the applicant's interpretation of the fourth objective - the protection of children from harm - is focused solely on under-age sales, and not at all on the impact of supplied alcohol fuelling intoxicated street behaviour on the street in front of young school children.

The retail sale of alcohol along this facade of shops has been experienced until several years ago and was clearly associated by the Police and members of the public with high intensity of begging and anti-social behaviour. An application for these premises by this same applicant has previously been rejected largely on these grounds.

Given that the premises are located within the cumulative impact area, I do not consider that the applicant has satisfactorily demonstrated why the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced. Furthermore the conditions offered are significantly below, and the hours of sale proposed are significantly excess of the standards imposed on a similar operation at Sainsburys, 52-54 St Andrews Street, noting particularly:

- sales being permitted from 7am to 10pm, instead of the much more limited 11am to 8pm
- no necessary presence of the designated premises supervisor for all alcohol sales, to make and authorise the sales
- absence of permitted price controls
- no requirement for incident book, refusals register or DPS to attend meetings with the Police upon invitation
- explicit specification of necessary training.

In a number of respects, too much in this application is assumed to be regulated internally by the applicant's wider company, leaving insufficient points of specific public accountability to the licensing authority for this particular application.

In summary, I believe the applicant misunderstands the factors lying behind the cumulative impact area within the council's policy and the sensitivities inherent in this vicinity within it.

Cllr Tim Bick

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 January 2019 20:40
To: Alexander Finlayson
Subject: Tesco premises licence application

Dear Alexander

Tesco premises licence application

I wish to object to the application as below.

Applicant: Tesco, Unit 1, 172 East Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB1 1BG.

Deadline for representations: Monday 7th January 2019

I have lived locally for over 25 years and am familiar with the local community.

I believe this would lead to the following.

1. An increase in crime and disorder around the East Road area due to aggressive begging for money to buy alcohol.
2. A decrease in public safety primarily in people wandering across East Road through moving traffic as I have personally witnessed myself on many occasions.
3. An increase in public nuisance due to those who are intoxicated
4. The threat of harm to children primarily to those going to and from St Matthew's Primary School. Those schoolchildren may witness crime and disorder and injury and even death of intoxicated people wandering in East Road from the windows of the school that directly overlook East Road.

This business is located in the Cambridge City East Road Cumulative Impact Area, the area that has the highest density of alcohol-related offences and licensed premises.

I have written before about licensing applications from businesses on East Road before, especially in relation to the children and families attending St Matthew's Primary School, and including in my previous capacity as Chair of Governors there.

Regards

Councillor Martin Smart
Labour, King's Hedges
Cambridge City Council