

SUPPORTING REPRESENTATIONS 44a Mill Road

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 17 March 2021 20:56  
To: licensing (CCity) <[licensing@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@cambridge.gov.uk)>  
Subject: New Cooperative in Mill Road

Dear All

I am, as you may know, an Honorary Councillor and was for some years a member of, and Chair of, the Licensing Committee. I have received an email from Mill Road Traders and supported by our councillors asking us to object to the application.

I believe that the application should be treated on its merits. If the store is able to satisfy you that it will control the purchase of alcohol, and particularly to ensure that the rules of licensing for Mill Road are dealt with, I am totally happy that the license should be approved.

In any case, I would have thought that the license once held for this site by a previous supermarket (Fine Fare) will be taken into account under grandfather rules, as happened, for instance, with the Sainsbury shop on Mill Road. I was a member of the committee that denied a license for Tesco, mainly because they did not take account of the need for special arrangements to be made for Mill Road.

Best wishes

Mike Dixon

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From: Ellen Fleming <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: 18 March 2021 13:56  
To: licensing (CCity) <[licensing@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@cambridge.gov.uk)>  
Subject: The Co-operative 44a Mill Road

I am in favour of the new Co-op store being granted an alcohol off-licence. It would be a great shame if they could not sell their good range of wines. I would prefer drinking in the street to be tackled by better community policing.

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**From:** Richard Balfe <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 20 March 2021 21:22  
**To:** licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** The Cooperative, 44a Mill Road

Dear Licensing Department,

I am writing to indicate my support for the Coop application for an alcohol off licence at the new Coop store at 44a Mill Road. I do not feel that the licence should be for any longer than the licence presently given to Mill Road Sainsbury but if Mill Road is to be a reasonable shopping venue then giving a licence to a responsible retailer seems sensible.

I am not aware of any problems with the licences the Coop and Tesco have in Hills Road so they seem to be responsible and sensible retailers.

I write as a lifelong member of the Cooperative movement and a Tesco card holder as well as a Sainsbury Nectar card holder.

We are truly in a different world when the Labour Party through its local Councillors is opposing a Coop licence and I as a fully paid up Conservative am supporting them. But then since the Labour Party is opposing an increase in corporation tax which my Party is supporting maybe the political world is "turned upside down"!!

Goodness knows what Labour will next support!

Best wishes,

Richard Balfe

The Lord Balfe

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**From:** COOK DIANA <[REDACTED]>  
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**To:** licensing (CCity) <[licensing@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@cambridge.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Co-operative store 44A Mill Road Cambridge CB1 2AS

I write in support of the Co-op's application for a licence for their new store at 44A Mill Road.

There is no reason why, and indeed it would be very unfair, if Sainsbury's should continue to have a monopoly on this stretch of Mill Road. There are other licensed outlets in this area but they do not serve the respectable, local, wine drinking residents appropriately. In any case, Sainsbury's is a small shop with a very limited selection. The new Co-op will give us greater choice and at more competitive prices.

In addition; when it comes to wine, Sainsburys never change their overall (very limited) stock but instead engage in a weekly rotation game of increasing prices on some of the same old wines one week only to declare a bargain the following week, by dropping the prices. And so it goes on, ad infinitum ..

It is true that we have *Baccanhalia*, but it closes very early in the evening and *Nip In*, which is a deeply depressing and normally empty shop with a poor selection of wine, stocked by non drinkers.

Please give us some choice and grant the Co-op a licence. (Soon I will be too old to walk to the Co-op over the Mill Road bridge.).

Thank you for your consideration

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