

From: Lesley Abrams [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 9:27 AM
To: licensing (CCity) licensing@cambridge.gov.uk
Subject: 172 East Road

I am concerned about the off-licence application by the Tesco on East Road. There are already plenty of outlets for alcohol in the area, and it really doesn't need another. At times the atmosphere on my street (Guest Road) has been very unpleasant, as drinkers pass through, or stay drinking for a while, sitting on my front wall, on their way from the main roads to the cemetery or elsewhere. This is intimidating as well as unpleasant. Night-time drinking on my street also means unsightly and potentially harmful littering, as empty bottles and half-eaten take-away food are left behind for us to clear up. Easier access to alcohol on East Road would increase this general public nuisance and also probably make the Burleigh Street end of the Grafton Centre area in particular less pleasant. I would stop going to the Grafton Centre shops if so.

I hope the council will not grant this licence.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Abrams
23 Guest Road

Firstname: Julie Surname: Murphy

Address: 4 The Old School, Norfolk Street, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB1 2LE

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I would like to enter my opposition to the premises licence application by Tesco, Unit 1, 172 East Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB1 1BG. I live on Norfolk Street and work at St. Matthews Primary school. I have lived on Norfolk Street for 20 years. In the past I have been 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. Located on East Road, the Tesco Express is within the Cumulative Impact Area Market Ward. According to the current 2023 Statement of Licensing Policy on the Cambridge City website there are currently 254 licensed premises in Market ward (the highest number in the city). The statement also shows there have been 665 alcohol related crimes and incidents (also highest number in the city). In this report it was recommended that Market Ward should remain a Cumulative Impact Area. This part of the city has a problem with aggressive beggars, rough sleepers, street drinkers, drug dealers, as well as drug users. This part of Market Ward (The Kite) has very few, if any, police on foot patrol. People are sleeping rough in the doorways 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 there are rarely staff on hand to help at the tills. As far as their "Good Neighbour" policy, I have never seen them engage in the community at all, they only contribute to the amount of beggars and litter on East Road. To my knowledge they don't get involved with the local primary or secondary school, nor with PACT (Petersfield Area Community Trust). There also seems to be a certain amount of bravado amongst the current staff who have been telling customers that the license is a sure thing. I hope that this application will be turned down, as they have been in the past.

Thank you, Julie Murphy

I Object to the granting of a licence to sell alcohol at Tesco on 172 East Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB1 1BG.

This premises is directly across the street from the 600-pupil St Matthew's Primary School and is also very near the vulnerable adults who are accommodated at Jimmy's Night Shelter.

East Road has for many years been trying to tackle serious problems with public drunkenness and associated antisocial behaviour. It has been a Cumulative Impact Zone.

The City Council website (<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=21556>) records Item 19/9/Lic of the Meeting of Premises licence application, Licensing Sub Committee, dated Monday, 4th February, 2019. This meeting **rejected** that previous licence application for this same Tesco Express, at 172 East Road. Then, as now, this Tesco was located directly across the street from the 600-pupil St Matthew's Primary School and was then also very near to Jimmy's Night Shelter.

The reasons given for this refusal were:

"The application was likely to add to the existing cumulative impact. Relevant representations had been made, the applicant had made very little attempt to demonstrate why the operation of the premises involved would not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced."

The 2024 level of public drunkenness, as well as both drug and alcohol abuse continues to be a serious problem that must **not** be exacerbated by the approval of a licence at Tesco's on East Road.

Please note that these comments draw on my knowledge and experience as:

- a parent of children formerly at both St Matthew's Primary School and at Parkside Community College;
- formerly, a Vice Chair of the Governing Body at St Matthew's Primary School;
- formerly, Chair of the Petersfield Community Trust (PACT); and
- an active and concerned local resident of the St Matthew's area of Petersfield, of well over 40 years standing.

This is a supplement to my previous Objection (submitted 25 April 2024 at 22:28:02 BST).

After reading through Tesco's "Offered Conditions" (with difficulty due to the lack of formatting on your website), I note that there is no suggested restriction on sale of alcohol to individuals who are clearly already drunk or high. A serious omission.

Yours sincerely,

Dr J V Neal

6 Edward Street

Cambridge CB1 2LS



From: Dan Kunkle [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 2:49 PM

To: licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>

Subject: 172 East Rd

Dear City Council,

As a 20-year resident of Petersfield, I strongly urge you to deny Tesco's request for an alcohol license on East Road. Because of Jimmy's establishment, there is a well established gathering of street drinkers and drug users in the immediate area, creating an atmosphere of threatening behavior, crime, noise, litter and excrement.

There are already excessive alcohol outlets in the area.

Yours sincerely

Dan Kunkle
1 Petersfield
CB1 1BB

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 11:12 PM

To: licensing (CCity) licensing@cambridge.gov.uk

Subject: Against East Road Tesco's application for an alcohol 'off licence'

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request that East Road Tesco's application for an alcohol 'off licence' be rejected. As a resident, I witness too much alcohol-related anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder. If Tesco is allowed to sell alcohol, the situation will only worsen. And of course, there are already too many alcohol outlets in such a small part of Cambridge.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 11:53 AM

To: licensing (CCity) licensing@cambridge.gov.uk

Subject: 172 East road

Good morning,

I am emailing providing my objection on giving a license for alcohol to Tesco on East road. It's bad enough that I witness drug dealing on an almost daily basis around the outside of Tesco and on burleigh street on a daily basis. With Jimmy's homeless shelter only a few metres away, having alcohol available at Tesco would exacerbate public nuisance and likely impact public safety negatively.

I was born and raised on [REDACTED]. I remember when alcohol was available on East road and the negative impact it had on the area. Let's not go backwards on this issue.

My details:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

From: Aidan H <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 12:02 PM
To: licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Subject: 172 East Rd

Hello,

I would like to object to the granting of an alcohol off licence at the Tesco store on East Road.

I am concerned that the sale of alcohol in this store would adversely affect public safety and the protection of children in the nearby Primary school by

- encouraging those who drink on the street to congregate in the area
- encouraging those who beg for change, which I notice happens almost continually outside other outlets that sell alcohol (e.g. the Sainsbury's near the railway station and on Hills Rd)
- increasing the occurrence of shop-lifting (which I have witnessed already happens in this branch of Tesco's) to increase.

Yours faithfully,

Aidan Hawkes
4, Blossom St, Cambridge, CB1 2NQ

From: jenny kirner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 10:21 PM
To: licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Subject: Tesco East Road

Dear Licensing,

I am writing to let you know that I am concerned about Tesco on East Road selling alcohol. I live locally on Petersfield Green close to Jimmies and the rowdy drinking groups can get quite intimidating especially in the summer. Groups gather outside Jimmies on the green at the entrance to the green from East Road.

This is intimidating for people wanting to enter the green space and can make the green an unpleasant place to be. This situation interferes with the enjoyment of the children's play area. Parents do not feel comfortable bringing children to the play area when there are rowdy drinkers present.

If alcohol was sold at Tesco, I would expect the amount of drinkers hanging around on East Road between Petersfield Green and Tesco to increase. ARU and St Matthews school are also on East Road and attracting more drinkers here this would not be good for the pupils, students as well as the residents.

To summarise, my concerns are that an increase in drinkers would increase the public nuisance already experienced in the Petersfield, Bradmore Street, East Road area. It would increase crime and disorder as well as public safety through alcohol fuelled intimidating behaviour and an increase in drinkers on the green space would mean children are affected by the reduced use of the play area.

Yours sincerely

Jennifer Kirner
10 Petersfield

From: Caroline Wilson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 11:06 AM
To: licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Subject: 172 East Road

I wish to register my objection to the application for an alcohol licence by the Tesco Stores in East Road

The nearby area is already plagued by anti-social behaviour and the granting of a licence for these premises would only exacerbate the problems. The area includes Mill Road cemetery; an area in which I have a particular interest as I am a member of the committee of the Friends of Mill Road Cemetery; the cemetery is plagued by alcohol and substance abuse and making alcohol still easier to obtain would be deleterious.

Caroline Wilson
2 Willis Road
CB1 2AQ

From: Cllr Martin Smart (Cambridge City - Kings Hedges) [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 9:55 PM

To: licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>

Subject: Tesco at 172 East Road

Hi

Tesco at 172 East Road

I am writing both as a local resident and as a City Councillor.

I object to the application to grant an alcohol licence to Tesco, address as above.

I live locally, and have done for over 30 years. My children attended St Matthew's and I was Chair of governors there for eight years. I objected as Chair of governors when they applied previously. I believe it will have a detrimental effect on the children at that school, and protection of children from harm is a very important matter, including their mental health. I am also concerned about crime and disorder that might result, plus public safety and public nuisance.

This application is in a City Council Cumulative Impact Zone and I believe this application would add unreasonably to that, and that there are plenty enough sources of alcohol in the area already.

Please reject this application.

Regards

Martin

Councillor Martin Smart (he/him pronouns)
Deputy Leader of the Council - Non Statutory
King's Hedges ward | Cambridge City Council
[REDACTED]

From: Cllr Anthony Martinelli (Cambridge City - Market) [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:46 PM
To: licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>;
Subject: PRECAM 000948 Tesco 172 East Road (Objection)

As city councillors representing Market Ward, within which this premises lies, we formally object to this application for selling alcohol at Tesco, 172 East Road. This premises sits within the City Centre Cumulative Impact Zone and we believe that a further shop selling alcohol within the CIZ will exacerbate problems experienced with antisocial behaviour, public disorder and nuisance in the Fitzroy Street/Burleigh Street area. Alcohol-related antisocial behaviour has been a problem within this area for many years and we do not anticipate this will improve, particularly as the nearby Parkside police station is planned to be closed within the coming years. There are several establishments selling alcohol within a short distance of this site, including WT's, Duke of Cambridge, Six Six, and The Blue Moon: adding an additional venue for off sales therefore increases the risk of public disorder due to alcohol overuse. Problems with alcohol usage in this area are also related to issues with rough sleeping and begging, which continue to be a major concern within the city centre and in this part of the city centre in particular. Should this licence be approved, we are concerned that we would see an increase in alcohol-related antisocial behaviour, crime, and injury (and reduced public safety) secondary to increased consumption. We also note its proximity to schools and therefore are concerned that increased street drinking in this area may create a risk to children. We urge the committee to reject this application.

Many thanks,

Cllr Anthony Martinelli
Cllr Tim Bick
Cllr Katie Porrer

Licence number	PRECAM 000948
Premises name	Tesco
Premises address	UNIT 1, 172 East Road, CAMBRIDGE, Cambridgeshire, CB1 1BG
Proposed licence holder	Tesco Stores Limited
Consultation start date	12-04-2024
Consultation end date	10-05-2024

Timothy Rufus Neal
6 Edward Street
Cambridge CB1 2LS



OBJECTION TO GRANTING OF LICENSE

Submitted 8 May 2024

My objection

A similar application has been made before and refused. What has changed?

This is the very worst place to put an off license – it will add to already extant and well-documented problems – crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance and potential harm to children.

Burleigh Street is just round the corner with a large number of homeless sleeping in doorways and swigging beer or drink from early to late and often verbally and physically aggressive.

Burleigh Street is a main thoroughfare to town on Friday and Saturday nights, so putting an off license there is clearly going to add to problems that already exist. Jimmy's Night Shelter is just down the road, so more potential for nuisance and disorder.

If that is not enough St Matthews school is just across the road. The obvious dangers of attracting people who not only drink until they are dangerous and those who leave needles in the shrubbery everywhere near this school where the Council has a duty to keep the children safe from harm should be enough to refuse the application on its own. If Tesco wanted to have a shop with a liquor license, they should have put the shop somewhere else.

The application clearly adds to the cumulative impact right in the middle of an area that already has enough problems, and should be refused.

From: Ivan Hare KC <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:10 AM
To: licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Subject: 172 East Road

Hello,

I am a local resident and object strongly to the application by Tesco, East Road for an alcohol off-licence. The frequent incidents of alcohol-related anti-social behaviour on the East Road and Petersfield Terrace have led me to advice my three children to avoid the area altogether.

Best wishes,

Ivan Hare
6 Willis Road
CB1 2AQ

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Roger Blench <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 28, 2024 12:55 PM
To: licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Subject: 172 East Road

Sir/Madam

This is to register a strong protest against the granting of an alcohol license to TESCOs at this address. There are already far too many places with these licenses and East Road is already not a nice place to walk along at night. The auto checkouts at TESCO allow under age drinkers to buy alcohol without checks.

the prevention of crime and disorder.

East road is already not a great place to walk along at night. More alcohol will make it worse
public safety

Easy access to alcohol makes the homeless aggressive and particularly unsafe for women
the prevention of nuisance.

As above

the protection of children from harm.

As above

My point is that the Co-op on Mill Road because of its unsupervised tills makes access to alcohol easy for young people etc. with all, the bad outcomes. Do we really want to reproduce this experience on East Road?

Roger Blench [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
8, Guest Road
Cambridge, CB1 2AL
United Kingdom

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2024 7:18 PM
To: licensing (CCity) <licensing@cambridge.gov.uk>
Subject: Tesco Alcohol licence application.

I strongly object to the granting of any license to Tesco's or any one else seeking a license in the vicinity.. The area is overrun with drunks and there are several places to buy alcohol within a short walking distance.
NO NO NO!

[REDACTED]

Thank you

As a councillor for Petersfield ward I object strongly to this application.

I am very concerned about this application for an alcohol licence at the Tesco store on East Road. The store does not have such a licence and this is the third time they have tried to get one having twice before been refused.

There are already sufficient alcohol outlets in the area and adding to them just increases the likelihood of excessive drinking. The city council's policy is to recognise the cumulative impact of all the existing licenses and seek to prevent new ones being allowed.

The Cumulative Impact Zone policy for the areas around East Rd has just recently been reviewed and renewed for another three years. The report which led to the policy renewal includes ample evidence of the problems encountered as a result excess availability and consumption of alcohol on the streets and parks of this area.

I have marked the location of the Tesco's store on East Rd on these two maps which were included in the impact policy review report. The maps show the location of crimes and incidents recorded by the police in the year to 31st March 2023. Later last year there were numerous reports of problems with street drinkers in the area, particularly on Petersfield Green.

Alcohol related crimes



Alcohol related incidents



During the last year and especially in summer months residents of Petersfield terrace, Bradwell St, and Petersfield mansions make numerous complaints to me about the noise

and drunkenness in front of the homes. Allowing further premises to sell alcohol would be to risk exacerbating the current position.

I do not believe that the proposals put forward by the applicant for controlling the sales of alcohol from the premises, such as only selling limited strength alcohol and limiting the hours within which alcohol could be sold, would be enough to prevent the problems, and risk the area being worsened by the licence being granted.

Residents have also voiced concerns about the risk of harm to children in the area - physical, moral and psychological. St Matthews 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 Rd 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, protection of children from harm.

Yours sincerely

Richard
Cllr Richard Robertson
Petersfield Ward
Cambridge City Council

6 Gurney Way, Cambridge CB4 2ED

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

I am writing to object the proposed license to sell alcohol at the East Road Tesco. Our primary concern is the continual and worsening anti-social behaviour during the day and throughout the night all week within the area. There are already enough pubs, late night clubs and other supermarkets where alcohol is readily available alongside the easily accessible delivery companies that operate 24/7. Why do we need another outlet which would increase and exacerbate the problem? There has been no outreach or proactive consultation inviting the community to consider and discuss this application, given the negative impact it will have on residents, families and our children at St.Matthew's primary school. We can only assume there has not been any direct communication with the school as we've received no correspondence from St Matthew's telling us that they have been notified of the application. The application only seems to address the security and training of staff within the premises and clearly does not take into account the cumulative effect on the area. It obviously and cynically prioritises profit and greed over people and communities who have to live and work here. How would the managers/shareholders like to live in this environment 24/7? We are trying to make the area a safer and more pleasant place to live free of intimidation, broken glass, vomit and aggressive levels of behaviour and noise.

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The application is for an alcohol 'off licence' at the Tesco store on East Road. The store does not have such a licence and this is the third time they have tried to get one having twice before been refused.

I am of the view there are already sufficient alcohol outlets in the area and more just increases the likelihood of excessive drinking. The city council's policy is to recognise the cumulative impact of all the existing licenses and seek to prevent new ones being allowed. The Cumulative Impact Zone policy for the area around the East Rd has just recently been reviewed and renewed for another three years.

The area around East Rd has a long history of alcohol related anti social behaviour, particularly in the vicinity of Petersfield Terrace, Bradmore St and Petersfield Mansions. It would add to the problem if Tesco were allowed to sell alcohol at their East Rd store. I am objecting on the following grounds

- Public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm
- Prevention of crime and disorder

I am the ward Cllr for Petersfield. I live at 18 Riverside, Cambridge, CB5 8HL

Thank you ,

Mike Davey