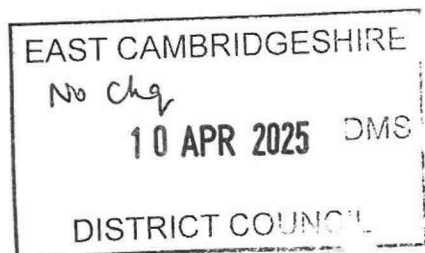


**MARGRET COLES**



7th April 2025

Licensing Section  
East Cambridgeshire District Council  
The Grange  
Nutholt Lane,  
Ely, CB7 4EE



Dear Sirs,

**Application for the supply of alcohol for proposed Budgens, Units 2-6, 56 High Street, Bottisham off the premises from 6.00 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Sunday**

I would like to make a formal objection to the above application for an alcohol licence. The village already has four outlets (a pub, a club, a shop and a restaurant) which have an alcohol licence and this would not be meeting any need.

These units will be in a residential area where the neighbouring houses are either listed or in a conservation area. The sale of alcohol from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. for seven days a week can only lead to disturbance and nuisance for the residents. There will be deliveries in the early morning and staff leaving late at night which will have a considerable impact on this quiet area.

There are currently problems with unsociable behaviour in pockets of the village and this site, being off the main road and having access to alcohol, would be an ideal area for people to buy cheap alcohol and congregate. The amount of litter blowing or being thrown into neighbouring gardens and onto the street would create a real nuisance.

I appreciate that there is parking on site but people will take the easy option and park on the road, creating a hazard for locals. This means there is a lack of visibility for residents trying to get out of their drives and even more congestion for the service buses and school buses going through the village.

Bottisham has a Village College with 1500 students and over 90% come from other villages. Those who catch the service bus into Cambridge have a 35 minute wait and use that time by walking to the furthest bus stop and will pass the proposed Budgens on their way. The local

Co-op has had to adopt a number of strategies to cope with such a large number of students to minimise theft of confectionery and alcohol. In the morning and at lunch time a teacher is deployed to supervise in the shop and in the afternoon the Post Office is closed for a period to allow more staff to monitor pupils. I know that the pupils are not old enough to buy alcohol legally, but they will obtain it either by proxy or theft. The proposed Budgens would be another opportunity for such behaviour and will further stretch the College's resources if they have to monitor another outlet.

I hope that you will consider the detrimental impact that this will have on a small village.

Yours faithfully,

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