

Chairman
Licensing Committee
East Cambridgeshire District Council
Nutholt Lane
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DISTRICT COUNCIL

14 April 2025

Dear Committee

We write to formally object to the granting of the Alcohol Licence being made by Mr Singh for the proposed Budgens Convenience Store to be sited at The Old Garage 56 High Street Bottisham CB25 9DA. This application is for the sale of alcohol for consumption off premises between 6.00am and 10.00pm seven days a week. As the residents living immediately next door to this site we strongly oppose this application on the following grounds:

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

The availability of alcohol over such an extended period is liable to increase alcohol related crime and disorder. We understand a driver was arrested very recently in the village very recently having tried unsuccessfully to purchase alcohol at the Co-op store.

Anti-social behaviour has forced the local Medical Practice to prevent access to its Car Park out of surgery hours to try to deter this which was causing nuisance. The Old Garage site has a large unoccupied area designaged for car parking which would enable this

PUBLIC SAFETY

The sale of alcohol over such an extended period may encourage street drinking, loitering, littering and intoxication all of which could put local residents at risk. Alcohol related disturbances in the area are of particular concern and raise safety issues for families and elderly neighbours.

A major concern is the increase in traffic entering the site throughout the day and evening. Parking around the Old Garage site is already a problem despite assurance that there is adequate parking, cars associated with the businesses are regularly parked on the High Street blocking visibility for vehicles exiting the site itself and the driveways of the adjoining residential properties.

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

The proposed Convenience Store is in a predominantly residential area on the edge of the Conservation Area. The granting of this licence with extended trading hours would inevitably lead to an increase in noise disturbance from customers (particularly in the early morning and late evening), an increase in littering of discarded bottles, cans and other related rubbish.

The proposed store is just yard away from an alleyway leading to Downing Close and Queens Court Care Home and sheltered accommodation. These residents would be particularly a risk of any the above.

Noise associated with large Delivery vehicles arriving very early in the morning or late at night plus the frequency of large rubbish collection vehicles and the associated noise is again of great concern. Several of the properties affected by this application have Listed Building status which prevents them from installing effective noise reducing double glazing.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

This location is in close proximity to Bottisham Village College and Bottisham County Primary School. It is on a busy route for children walking to and from these schools, and also accessing the facilities at Bottisham Sports Centre, the Library etc. The extended availability of alcohol will encourage and facilitate underage drinking, proxy purchases and exposure to alcohol related behaviours ie smoking and drinking.

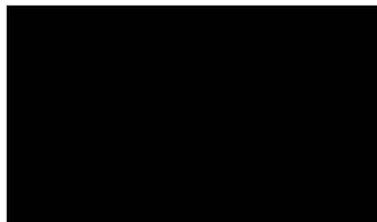
Given the above concerns we would strongly urge the Committee to reject this application or impose strict conditions reducing the opening hours.

We would like to point out that the official notices advertising this application have only been displayed in windows on the Old Garage site which are in effect on a private roadway. Public access is not visibly displayed and may well be dissuaded by the presence of multiple security cameras. Therefore knowledge of this application was a complete surprise to many people including immediate neighbours and the Parish Council.

Yours faithfully



Mr David Dalrymple



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