

King Tara**From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** 03 February 2012 20:12**To:** King Tara**Subject:** Re: Co op

Dear South Cambs

Cottenham Cooperative application to extend licensing hours.

I would like to object to these extended hours on the grounds that it will encourage anti social behaviour.

I see no reason for the coop to sell alcohol from as early as 6am and as late as 11pm, selling alcohol so early can only mean people starting to drink earlier in the day. Selling alcohol so late into the evening will encourage anti social behaviour around the shop and village. Cottenham is a quiet village and we don't want people hanging around drinking.

I feel the current licensing hours are sufficient for the needs of the village.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On 3 Feb 2012, at 09:32, "King Tara" <Tara.King@scambs.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to my e mail of 13 January 2012, I notice that I have not received a re-dated representation. If you are still wishing to make a representation please re send your comments.

Representations must be received by 6th February 2012. If I can be of any help, please call me.

Kind Regards
Tara King
01954 713144

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King Tara

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 February 2012 18:47
To: King Tara
Subject: Co-op application Cottenham

Dear Ms King

I am writing with regards to the co-op's application for new licensing hours.

I would like to object for the following reasons:

Unsocial behaviour - unfortunately the co-op attracts groups of youths in the car park and at the front of the building. By changing these licensing hours it would give more opportunity to purchase alcohol and increase the anti-social behaviour. There was a fire last summer at the co-op that caused it to be closed for numerous months and it is still not fully open to its full extent, i understand the fire was caused by youths in the car park.

Residential area - where the co-op is situated with houses all round. If the hours are changed there will be an increase in activity around the area causing noise, traffic and general disruption to all nearby houses.

I trust my views will be taken into consideration when reviewing the application.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Ms Tara King
LICENSING SERVICES
South Cambs District Council
South Cambs Hall
Cambourne Business Park
Cambridge
CB23 6EA

3 February 2012

Dear Madam

COTTENHAM CO-OP

We write in connection with the application from the Co-Op to alter its licensing hours in our village store.

The application to alter the licensing hours is not something that we can ignore as it we believe that it will ultimately lead to the store extending its opening hours and that will have a permanent detrimental impact on our home life.

It is the extension of the hours relating to alcohol sales that gives us particular concern. We understand that the changes requested are as follows:-

Current hours -

Monday to Saturday 08.00am - 11.00pm

Sunday 10.00am - 10.30pm

Good Friday 08.00am to 10.29pm

Christmas Day Noon - 03.00pm and 07:00pm to 10.30pm

New Request

Monday to Sunday 06:00 - 23.00

We ask that you consider our objection to this application on the grounds of public nuisance. Our previous letter objecting to the first application detailed the anti-social activities that we currently endure and to summarise, they are as follows:-

- The deliveries, cleaning and opening and closing of the store and any associated gates and barriers already occur at times when our young family would hope to be asleep.
- The shop traffic uses the single-track driveway alongside the exterior wall of our house as the sole customer entrance and exit. The noise from this alone must be deemed anti-social at present and will be wholly unacceptable beyond the existing hours of operation.

- During the Summer months in particular we have to put up with football being played up against our back fence and we have seen drug dealing in the car park, of which the manager is aware, along with other anti-social activities undertaken in the car park.
- Whilst taking our children to school at 8.30am, we have met a drunk man outside our home, swaying up the Co-Op driveway and then witnessed him buying his next lot of alcohol in the Co-Op. This is not nice for our children to see but at present, unavoidable. We also have a point on the external wall of our house which is clearly where certain members of society deem it fit to relieve themselves as they walk down the Co-Op driveway.

We should point out that these activities mainly occur during the existing opening hours. To alter the licensing and/or opening hours will only exacerbate the current issues.

You will of course be aware that in July 2011, mid-afternoon, arsonists set fire to rubbish in the Co-Op car park. This put our home at risk and we deem this to be anti-social behaviour. We would see it as part of the Licensing Authority's remit to attempt to limit such activities.

The Co-Op store reopened on Thursday 7th December 2011. On the morning of the following Sunday, we found that ripped open bags of the Co-Op's rubbish had been dumped against the wall of our house and the contents littered that area of the driveway. Already, within four days, the anti-social behaviour is back and this particular incident has occurred a couple of times since.

Whilst the Co-Op we are sure, will wish to demonstrate that this type of behaviour can be limited by putting proper security in place, this will not stop the anti-social activities that currently occur within the existing licensing and opening hours.

We are concerned that any alteration of the licensing hours, the extension of alcohol sales and ultimately, a change to the opening hours will affect our home life and young family.

We have a happy Edwardian home into which we have invested both financially and emotionally in order to restore the property to the stature that it had when it was originally built in this Conservation Area.

The potential impact of an alteration to the existing hours has made us think about the way that we feel about our home. After all the money, time and effort it is very upsetting to be asking ourselves if we really want to live here anymore.

Yours faithfully



[REDACTED]
Cottenham
[REDACTED]

Chief Environmental
Health Office
29 DEC 2011
South Cambridgeshire
District Council

23rd December 2011

Licensing Services

South Cambs District Council

South Cambs Hall

Cambourne Business Park

Cambourne

Cambs CB23 6EA

Dear Sirs

Application to extend licensing hours for the Co-op in Cottenham

We would like to express our concerns over the Co-op's application to extend their licensing hours for the selling of alcohol from 6am to 11pm Monday to Sunday.

We assume that this means the Co-op are also applying to extend their opening times by 2 hours from 7am to 10pm to 6am to 11pm. If this is the case, we would find this totally unacceptable. We live very close to the rear of the Co-op in the narrow road leading from Denmark Road into the Co-op car park. If the Co-op were to open at 6 am and close at 11pm this would result in us being disturbed very early in the morning (from 5.30am when staff would arrive) and would equally be disturbed at around 11.15pm when the staff leave the premises. If the Co-op are not actually applying to extend their opening times, we still feel it would not be appropriate to be able to sell alcohol early in the morning.

Apart from these concerns, there would be a serious risk of increased anti-social behaviour if alcohol could be sold up to 11pm with a high probability of youths congregating in the car park late at night. We have had problems in the past with anti-social behaviour at night and this would be exacerbated if late night drinking takes place in and around the car park.

We would appreciate a reply to confirm whether or not the Co-op are actually applying to extend their opening hours.

Yours faithfully

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E-mail: [REDACTED]

Chief Environmental
Health Officer
3 - FEB 2012
South Cambridgeshire
District Council

1 February 2012

Dear Ms King,

Application 002954 for variation of licence PA0243 for Cottenham Co-operative store

I attach comments on the application submitted by Mr Alvin Scott to vary the licence for the Cottenham Co-operative Store, 273 High Street, Cottenham.

My comments on the form attached relate to the potential increase in anti-social behaviour and nuisance to people living in the vicinity should the variation of licence be granted.

I would be pleased to provide any further information as required.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**THE LICENSING ACT 2003
REPRESENTATION FORM FOR "INTERESTED PERSON" / "BODY"
(living in the 'vicinity' of the premises detailed below)**

Your name / Company name	[REDACTED]
(Name of Body you represent) Please tick one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> i) a person living in the vicinity of the premises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ii) a body representing persons who live in that vicinity <input type="checkbox"/> iii) a person involved in a business in the vicinity of the premises <input type="checkbox"/> iv) a body representing persons involved in these businesses	
Postal Address (inc post code)	[REDACTED] Cottenham [REDACTED]
Contact telephone number:	[REDACTED]
Mobile Number:	[REDACTED]
Email address:	[REDACTED]

Name of Premises you are making a representation about:	Mr Alvin Scott Co-operative Store
Address of the premises you are making a representation about:	273 High St Cottenham Cambridge CB24 8QF

The prevention of crime and disorder

I am making a representation in relation to application 002954 by Mr Alvin Scott to vary the current licence PA0243 for the Cottenham Co-operative store to provide for licensing hours of 6am to 11pm.

I object to the licence being varied because of the potential for an increase in anti-social behaviour in and around the store with a resulting negative impact on people living in the vicinity. There is a history of anti-social behaviour in the Co-operative car park which has frequently gone unchecked. This has mainly involved youths and older groups congregating in cars or on foot, playing loud music, shouting, screaming and drinking alcohol. This behaviour mostly occurs in the evenings as well as during the day at weekends, mostly during the Co-op store's opening hours. On occasions, the anti-social behaviour carries on after the store's operating hours as, even if the car park is locked, it is still accessible by pedestrians. At present, the store is open until 10pm. Should sales of alcohol take place up to 11pm it is highly likely that these problems will be exacerbated because they could carry on much later than at present and attract people who have already been drinking until closing time in pubs. There are not sufficient staff in the store in the evenings to supervise what is happening on the car park and it is not a pleasant place for staff or local residents to venture after dark to remonstrate with people behaving in an intimidating and anti-social way.

The prevention of public nuisance



The Co-operative Store is set within an, otherwise quiet, residential area and both the store and the car park are surrounded by residential properties. Any noise from the front of the store and from the car park is transmitted to surrounding homes and, especially at night time when background traffic noise dies down, can prevent the quiet enjoyment of those homes. The concealed nature of the car park attracts anti-social behaviour from groups of youths and other people congregating, whether in cars or not. The noise of revving engines, car doors slamming, shouting, screaming, loud music and general bad behaviour is a source of nuisance and is extremely upsetting to people living in the vicinity. The store's current operating hours of up to 10pm result in the disturbance carrying on until closing time and sometimes later. Should sales of alcohol take place up until 11pm, there is an enormous risk of this nuisance carrying on much later than it does at present. It is often left to local residents to call the store or the Police to deal with the nuisance and it would not be acceptable for this type of disturbance to carry on even later than it does at present.

Public Safety
Protection of Children from Harm

The term 'vicinity' is used in the Licensing Act 2003, in particular with reference to those 'interested parties' (see definition in guidance attached) who may lodge objections to applications for premises licences and who may make representations concerning existing premises licences. Unfortunately the Act does not define the term 'vicinity' but the licensing authority will determine each case on its individual merit.

If the licensing authority considers that relevant representations are made the licensing team will consider arranging a mediation meeting between the relevant parties (if all agree) to try and reach a settlement. If this informal process is unsuccessful a hearing before the Licensing Sub Committee will follow, unless the interested parties withdraw their representations.

All representations in their entirety, including your name and address will be disclosed to the applicant for the premises licence.

Signed  Date 1 February 2012
 
 Please print name

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to:

The Licensing Section
 South Cambridgeshire District Council
 Cambourne Business Park
 Cambourne
 Cambridgeshire
 CB23 6EA

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