



Sainsbury's has applied to the council for planning permission for a change of use: to convert the Mickey Flynn's snooker hall into a 'Sainsbury's Local' convenience store.<sup>1</sup> The Mill Road Society and many other local community organisations oppose a 'Sainsbury's Local' on Mill Road.

Our objections to the store are:

- The snooker hall is a popular leisure venue used by many locals of all ages, It provides an excellent alternative to the pubs in the area and is the only leisure facility on Mill Road.  
*Local Plan s.6/1 Leisure facilities should be protected*
- This store would be open 7am-11pm seven days a week. Its lorries would be stopping on Mill Road (and blocking it) to make deliveries – stopping for a total of over 3.5 hours a week – on a very crowded and dangerous section of Mill Road. This will cause problems for pedestrians, cyclists, cars, buses and emergency vehicles.  
*Local Plan s.6/7 Change of use should not be of a scale to significantly increase traffic.*
- We already have a large number of convenience stores with a huge variety of foods on sale in Mill Road. We don't need any more. Sainsbury's locals have a smaller range and higher prices than Coldhams Lane. (This is true for all similar 'local' stores operated by the large food chains.) *Local Plan s.6/7 Change of use should be of appropriate nature and scale.*

<sup>1</sup> You can see the full planning application by visiting:  
[www.cambridge.gov.uk/planningpublicaccess](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/planningpublicaccess)

The presence of a 'Sainsbury's Local' will force out independent shops, through rent and rate increases, leading to Mill Road becoming another 'Clone Street'. For these reasons we urge you to write to the council to object to Sainsbury's planning application for this store.

### **HOW TO OBJECT:**

You can object in three ways:

1. Write to:  
Tony Collins, Case Officer  
Cambridge City Council Planning Department  
Mandela House  
4 Regent Street  
Cambridge CB2 1BY
2. Email to: [planning.devcontrol@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:planning.devcontrol@cambridge.gov.uk)
3. Go to: [www.cambridge.gov.uk/planningpublicaccess](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/planningpublicaccess) to comment online

You must quote the planning reference:

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Give your name and address with your objection, and give your reasons for objecting (please use our objections overleaf as guidance). A template letter is available on our website.

Please support the diversity and vitality of our local area and object to a Sainsbury's Local on Mill Road by submitting your objection

**BEFORE 29 JULY**

Thank you

[www.millroadsociety.org](http://www.millroadsociety.org)

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