

Appendix B1

Cumulative Impact Policy Consultation

What is cumulative impact?

Cumulative impact is not mentioned specifically in the Licensing Act 2003, but is covered within the Section 182 Guidance issued in conjunction with the Act, which refers to it as 'the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives of a significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area'.

This may include potential impact on crime and disorder or public nuisance resulting from a concentration of licensed premises in an area which is likely to undermine the promotion of the licensing objectives.

When can a Cumulative Impact Policy be implemented?

Following consultation and subject to a supporting body of evidence from either an interested party and/or the Responsible Authorities as listed in Section 5(3) of the Licensing Act 2003, a decision can be taken to subject an area to a Cumulative Impact Policy.

Where the council is satisfied that such a policy is appropriate and necessary in order to promote the Licensing Objectives, it must be included in the Licensing Policy Statement.

The Cumulative Impact Policy will indicate that the Council is adopting a policy of refusing applications in a specified area whenever it received relevant representations about the cumulative impact of such on the licensing objectives.

However, the adoption of the policy does not prohibit applications in the designated cumulative impact area, and it is for the applicant to demonstrate that the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced.

What will happen following the consultation?

The responses will be summarised and included in a report to the Council's Licensing Committee so that they may take regard of the responses before making any decision on a Special policy for inclusion in the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Any such recommended amendments to the Statement of Licensing Policy will then be included in a report to Full Council for approval.

Please return your completed response form to the Licensing Team;

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