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NOTICE

Cumulative Impact Policy Consultation

Have your say on proposed changes to the Council's Licensing Policy.

Following representations from Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Fenland District Council has been asked to consider the adoption of a Cumulative Impact Policy for Wisbech Town Centre.

This consultation seeks views on the proposed special policy for the area of Wisbech Town Centre and includes;

- Whether there should be a special policy for the area identified.
- The boundary of any areas for which a special policy should have effect.
- The extent of the special policy in the area identified.

Before a final decision is made on implementing any special policy in this area, the Council would like to hear views on the proposal so that they may be taken into account.

Response forms and further information is available;

- on the council website www.fenland.gov.uk
- the Wisbech One Stop Shop on Bridge Street
- at Fenland Hall, County Road, March.
- and from licensing@fenland.gov.uk

Your response must be received on or before the 08 March 2013.

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Website information

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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 objective 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, the Act 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 receives 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 complete response form to the Licensing Team;

Via post to: Fenland Hall, County Road, March. PE15 8NQ

Via email to: licensing@fenland.gov.uk

Consultation end date: 08 March 2013