

Tuesday 10th October 2023

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Dear Sir or Madam

RE: **Licensing Policy consultation response**

I write in my capacity as Northern Area Commander for Cambridgeshire Police.

I have read the Peterborough City Council Draft Statement of Licensing Policy and am pleased that this makes suitable consideration around the key objectives of Prevention and Detection of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance and Preventing Children from Harm.

In terms of my specific focus, my feedback surrounds Section 12 of the Draft: The Cumulative Impact of a Concentration of Licensed Premises within the Op Can Do area.

Attached is the Police analytical document that shows levels of incidents and crime related to Licensed Premises for the Op Can Do Area. It is noted that the data shows a decline in alcohol related incidents and crimes since the last CIP review, this could be due to the positive impact of the CIP and Police / Partnership working.

It is my view that the Cumulative Impact Policy is both necessary and proportionate to prevent crime, disorder and nuisance, promote public safety and prevent children from harm. Unfortunately, violent crime and alcohol related anti-social behaviour remains a significant issue for both the Police and Local Partners to address. We continue to spend considerable time, effort and resource tackling this. The Special Policy on Concentration of Premises is seen as a vital tool in preventing further escalation of crime and disorder levels.

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My conclusion is that it is my view that the Special Policy works and should continue to form part of the City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Yours sincerely



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PETERBOROUGH CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY REVIEW 2023

This report has been written using data comparisons between April 2019 and March 2023. It needs to be noted that during the period between March 2020 and July 2021, the UK experience lock downs due to the COVID Pandemic. “Business as Usual” was not possible and this may have impacted on the number of recorded crimes and incidents. There were national lockdowns between late March 2020 and June 2020, and between January 2021 and July 2021. Tiered COVID restrictions were in place between September 2020 and November 2020. These lockdowns and restrictions will account for the change in the number of crimes and incidents recorded over that period.

The Crime data used covers the Peterborough Area and then makes a direct comparison with the Peterborough CIA using the following criteria: All Crime Types, which either have an Alcohol related keyword or a ‘Street Drinking’ or ‘Drunken Behaviour’ category.

The table below shows the total of alcohol related crime recorded across Peterborough. Alcohol related crime has decreased by 18% during between April 2019 and March 2023. During the COVID Pandemic, Central Ward saw a large reduction in alcohol related crime while areas that historically had lower rates recorded an increase. This was likely due to the change in socialising locations throughout the pandemic.

WARD NAME	April 19 to March 20	April 20 to March 21	% change	April 21 to March 22	% change	April 22 to March 23	% change	overall % change
Central Ward	489	267	-45%	466	75%	406	-13%	-27%
Dogsthorpe Ward	92	77	-16%	71	-8%	55	-23%	-40%
North Ward	122	112	-8%	117	4%	89	-24%	-27%
Park Ward	81	75	-7%	74	-1%	54	-27%	-33%
East Ward	99	95	-4%	103	8%	94	-9%	-5%
West Ward	19	17	-11%	24	41%	19	-21%	0%
Eye Thorney and Newborough Ward	25	28	12%	38	36%	27	-29%	8%
Gunthorpe Ward	47	34	-28%	41	21%	22	-46%	-53%
Paston and Walton ward	68	77	13%	68	-12%	70	3%	3%
Werrington Ward	31	25	-20%	24	-4%	27	12%	-13%
Barnack Ward	9	0	-100%	3		3	0%	-67%
Bretton Ward	93	88	-5%	82	-7%	63	-23%	-32%
Glinton and Caster Ward	12	11	-8%	3	-72%	12	400%	0%
Ravensthorpe Ward	102	76	-25%	84	10%	78	-7%	-24%
Wittering Ward	8	8	0%	13	62%	5	-62%	-38%
Fletton and Stanground Ward	70	67	-4%	90	34%	65	-28%	-7%
Fletton and Woodston Ward	98	84	-14%	86	2%	71	-17%	-28%
Hampton Vale Ward	37	25	-32%	35	40%	34	-3%	-8%
Hargate and Hempsted Ward	34	31	-9%	38	22%	36	-5%	6%
Orton Waterville Ward	31	60	93%	42	-30%	24	-43%	-23%
Stanground South Ward	58	44	-25%	46	4%	42	-9%	-28%
Orton Longueville Ward	46	60	30%	55	-8%	70	27%	52%
Total Alcohol Related Crime	1671	1361	-19%	1603	17%	1366	-15%	-18%

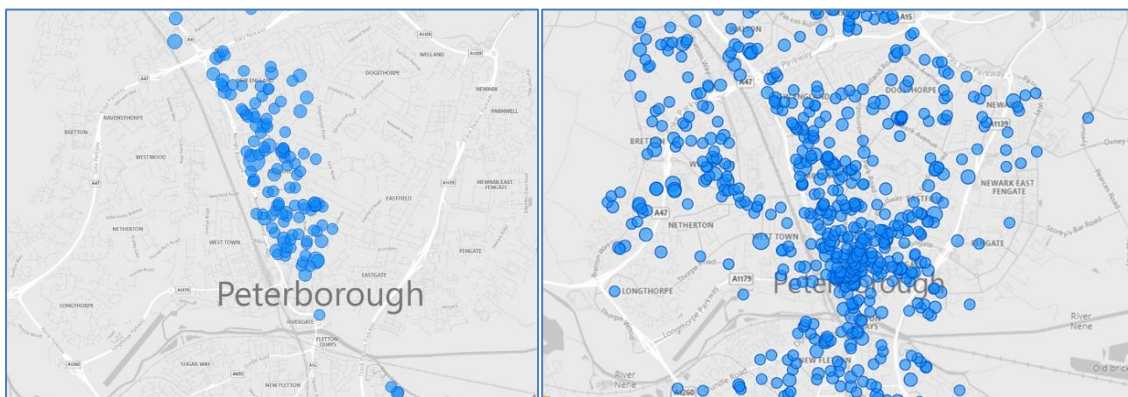
The recorded Alcohol related crime within the Peterborough CIA is shown in the table below. There was only a small reduction of alcohol related crime recorded during the pandemic, the significant reduction has been during the period between April 2022 and March 2023 which has seen a decrease of 28%. The overall reduction of alcohol related crime within the CIA between April 2019 and March 2023 is 25%. This is a slightly higher decrease than that recorded for Peterborough as a whole.

	April 19 to March 20	April 20 to March 21	% change	April 21 to March 22	% change	April 22 to March 23	% change	overall % change
CIA Alcohol Related Crime	252	261	-4%	261	0%	189	-28%	-25%

The Peterborough CIA is made up of roads that fall within various wards, and it is not possible to accurately break the figures down any further for the purposes of this report.

The map on the left shows the density of alcohol related crimes reported in the Cumulative Impact area for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. Of the 189 alcohol related offences recorded, 53 have been recorded as violence without injury and 49 violence with injury.

The map on the right shows the location for all alcohol related crime over the same period across the whole of Peterborough for the same period. The mapping demonstrates that there is a higher concentration of alcohol related crime within the Peterborough CIA.



The next table below shows the alcohol related incidents recorded across Peterborough. The incident data used covers all of the Peterborough Area and selects all types of incidents that have an ‘Alcohol’ marker attached. It should be noted that these figures are dependent upon the incidents having had the relevant ‘alcohol’ marker and keyword attached to it by the person closing the incident, which is not always reliably the case.

Over recent years the way in which crimes have been recorded has been streamlined, with many more incidents now being recorded straight onto Athena as a crime rather than first being recorded on Command and Control as an incident. Therefore, it can be assumed the recent data set will have less duplication between incidents and the crime system but this reduction is not quantifiable.

WARD NAME	April 19 to March 20	April 20 to March 21	% change	April 21 to March 22	% change	April 22 to March 23	% change	overall % change
Ravensthorpe	146	117	-20%	90	-23%	79	-12%	-46%
Bretton North	154	145	-6%	129	-11%	103	-20%	-33%
Bretton South	47	26	-45%	36	38%	37	2%	-21%
West	175	119	-32%	145	22%	117	-19%	-33%
Northborough	12	6	-50%	7	17%	8	14%	-33%
Glington and Wittering	47	48	2%	53	10%	27	-49%	-43%
Barnack	11	10	-9%	14	40%	9	-36%	-18%
Werrington North	48	40	-17%	36	-10%	32	-11%	-35%
Werrington South	40	15	-62%	35	133%	25	-29%	-37%
Paston	122	129	6%	124	-4%	88	-29%	-28%
Walton	80	90	12%	84	-7%	53	-37%	-34%
Eye and Thorney	62	57	-8%	70	23%	42	-40%	-32%
Newborough	21	15	-29%	39	160%	19	-51%	-10%
Orton Waterville	74	76	3%	70	-8%	48	-31%	-35%
Orton Longueville	104	100	-4%	109	9%	58	-47%	-44%
Stanground Central	137	152	11%	156	3%	116	-26%	-15%
Stanground East	34	35	3%	21	-40%	8	-62%	-77%
Fletton and Woodston	207	209	1%	224	7%	148	-34%	-29%
Orton with Hampton	173	128	-26%	159	24%	126	-21%	-27%
Dogsthorpe	145	160	10%	124	-23%	89	-28%	-39%
Park	177	221	25%	146	-34%	116	-21%	-35%
North	101	83	-18%	86	4%	59	-31%	-42%
East	289	277	-4%	337	22%	232	-31%	-20%
City Centre	670	323	-52%	617	91%	487	-21%	-27%
Central North	288	272	-6%	245	-10%	168	-31%	-42%
Total Alcohol Related Incidents	3364	2853	-15%	3156	11%	2294	-27%	-32%

The recorded alcohol related incidents within the Peterborough CIA is shown in the table below. Selections have been based on the same criteria as the previous table but only for roads within the Peterborough CIA. There was only a small reduction of alcohol related incidents recorded during the pandemic, again the the significant reduction has been the period between April 2022 and March 2023 which has seen a decrease of 42%. The overall reduction of alcohol related incidents within the CIA between April 2019 and March 2023 is 42%. This is a slightly higher decrease when compared to Peterborough as a whole.

	April 19 to March 20	April 20 to March 21	% change	April 21 to March 22	% change	April 22 to March 23	% change	overall % change
CIA Alcohol Related Incidents	546	520	-5%	496	-5%	317	36%	-42%

The maps below show the location of recorded incidents with an alcohol marker between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023. The map on the left is selecting the alcohol related incidents with the Peterborough CIA. The blue circles denote incident locations, (the larger the circle the higher the number recorded at that specific location).

The map on the right depicts all alcohol related incidents across the whole of Peterborough City. The incidents do not correspond fully with the extracted data as the current CIA does not fit within ward boundaries. There are a handful of roads that only part of the road falls within the CIA. Of the 317-incidents recorded for this period, 85 have a domestic marker and 52 a violence marker. When viewing the detail of the incidents, it can be identified that there is an increase in reporting of alcohol related domestic and violence incidents on a Friday and Saturday evening between 7pm and 2am. It is evident that the highest concentration of alcohol related incidents recorded between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023 are within the CIA.



Conclusion

The data examined shows a reduction in alcohol related crime and incidents over the 4-year period for which data has been extracted. It is not possible to say that this is due to the CIA as a CIA has been in place since 2013 and the significant reductions have been recorded in the last 12 months. I suspect that it is a combination of the CIA and other more recent initiatives.

The data does show that there is a higher concentration of alcohol related crime and incidents within the current Cumulative Impact Area. The work that is being undertaken by Police and partner agencies appears to be having a positive effect and the Police would be supportive of the CIA remaining in place.

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