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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. We also need to consider that Licensed Premises that use to provide solely On sales of Alcohol, are now automatically allowed to provide Off sales due to the Covid Pandemic & the potential impact of the 'COVID effect'.

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.

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 faithfully

Superintendent Andy Gipp
Northern Area Commander

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