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Thank you for providing me with the details of the consultation on the Statement of Licensing Policy and the Cumulative Impact Policy and Assessment.

I am very pleased that Peterborough City Council adopted a Cumulative Impact Policy in 2013, that it has been retained as a result of previous consultations and reviews, and that it is again proposed for renewal.

The Cumulative Impact Policy plays a crucial role in meeting our licensing objectives, including the prevention of crime and disorder, ensuring public safety, preventing public nuisance and protecting children from harm. The presumption under the policy, whilst useful when considering new applications, needs to be matched with a commitment to rigorous enforcement of existing licences.

Since becoming the Member of Parliament for Peterborough, I have visited many areas of the City that suffer from the consequences of anti-social behaviour, whether that is street drinking, under-18 alcohol abuse, litter, noise, or drunk and disorderly behaviour. Many people have raised with me a perception that when there are breaches of licensing conditions there is a lack of enforcement. This needs to change, and local residents need to be confident that when these issues are reported they are followed up.

I support the extension of the Cumulative Impact Policy and look forward to continuing to work with Peterborough City Council, the Millfield and New England Regeneration Partnership (MANERP) and our businesses and residents to ensure our licensing scheme is used in a constructive way to prevent anti-social behaviour.

Yours sincerely,

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Paul Bristow MP
Member of Parliament for Peterborough

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