

To the Licencing team at Peterborough City Council

We write this letter and attached petition to express our dismay at the state of area due to excessive licencing of off-licences and gambling halls in the Gladstone Area. As residents of the area, the state that the area is in is a disgrace to the honest and law-abiding residents of the area.

The problems in the area caused directly by your licencing are:

- Drug abuse
- Drug Dealing
- Harassment
- Fighting
- Noise
- Littering
- Loitering
- Public urination
- Public drinking
- Theft and other petty crimes

The excessive licencing in the area is directly causing crime & disorder and public nuisance. Businesses such as off-licences are endangering public safety and increasing the risk of harm to children with drinking centred around the busy parts of the area and its green spaces.

The location of the problem stretches across the Gladstone area, from Taverhens Road to the Triangle. This is an entire swathe of the community that is being destroyed through your reckless grants.

You have saw fit to grant a 24 hour gambling licence in a residential area. This beggars belief and reinforces our position that the City Council does not care for the area.

The current cumulative impact policy, OP CAN DO and other initiatives have clearly not worked as they are unenforced, measured and the set objectives are not met. This area generates a great deal of income for the council and not enough has been put back for the residents.

Specifically the Blue Shop on Lincoln Road is a particular hub of problems. This establishment has people drinking outside its door from morning to night. These establishments have no regard for the residents of the area and they are allowing people to drink in the vicinity of the premises. Businesses on Lincoln Road must take responsibility for their patrons and exercise civic responsibility.

Please consider this letter and take action on this matter.

Petition enclosed.

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