

Licensing

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Good Afternoon,

I have some serious concerns which I want to raise in regarding the policies under consultation especially concerning the licensing of the Op-Can-Do area.

I have lived in the central ward all my life and have grown up in this area. Over the last decade or so this area has been heavily neglected. It has criminally been allowed to rot through the lack of investment and continuation of failing policies like those under consultation. Under the false guise of encouraging financial growth and encouraging local businesses to thrive, the City Council has contributed to the wards within this area becoming rife with the exact same issues that the policy was supposedly implemented to address.

Crime & Disorder is on the up within this area. The number of assaults, public indecency, public disorder linked to the sale of alcohol from the nearly 100 licensed premises has made this an unsafe area for the local residents. This is certainly not an environment that any of the policy makers would want their families living in. It is therefore that I am at a loss as to why the policy makers think it a good idea to even consider extending the same failing policies.

The limited green spaces have intimidating drunks congregate en masse. Local shops sell them cheap alcohol and they stay in these green spaces from early in the day to late at night. They leave behind litter, empty beer and spirit cans & bottles. These are the only green spaces many of the local residents and their children have access to. How is this deemed a safe environment or an environment where the children are safe from harm?

I see that certain green spaces have had their tokenistic investment of gym equipment installed. But why would any sane resident want to go to an area full of drunks to exercise or even socialise.

Lincoln Road is littered with beer cans, bottles and smashed glass. Huge crowds gather outside the licensed premises and make certain paths intimidating for even the most burly amongst us.

Not to mention the sale and consumption of drugs, the countless needles left behind after the addicts have had their fix. The flytipping, the noise pollution and the countless people thinking it is acceptable to congregate outside the businesses, openly drink and urinate on street corners.

This area needs better enforcement, it does not need the same failing policies to be extended. If the policies are extended, inevitably the issues highlighted in the Cumulative Impact Assessment will be ignored yet again until the next review. I strongly oppose this and want to see a fresh approach to handling the problematic issues in this area.

There is no need for any more licences in this area. The area does not need or warrant any more gambling shops, any more off-licences. There is however a clear need for better enforcement.

Enforcement which the current policy has failed miserably to deliver.

Many of the licensed premises will sell alcohol to underage children without even attempting to pretend to check IDs. I cant remember the last time I ever saw any enforcement officers target these places. All I tend to see is dodgy cigarettes being confiscated but what about punishing those who sell alcohol to underage children or sell to drunk individuals who struggle to stand and even string two words together.

In recent weeks along with other concerned residents, I have attended roving surgeries with representatives from the council, the neighbourhood policing teams and one local councillor. These issues have been highlighted to all the individual faculties and they witnessed first hand what I have mentioned in this email. Not one of them disagreed with our valid frustrations.

It is high time that the City Council invested some time, effort and money in the Op-Can-Do cashcow. A fresh new approach is needed and I hope somebody takes note of the problems we are facing.

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Concerned Local Resident

Local area concerns

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As a place of worship we actively have a interest in the local area and try our best to encourage everyone to improve it in any way they can

We are taking a stance by voicing our concerns, thank you in advance

Kind Regards

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