

Summary of Responses to the Consultation on the Statement of Licensing Policy

A total of 35 responses plus a petition containing nearly 170 signatures.

Summary of consultation response	Officer comment
<p>Cambridgeshire Constabulary (RA) See Appendix E for full response</p> <p>In support of the Statement of Licensing Policy and continuance of the CI policy.</p> <p>Specific focus on the Op-Can-Do area, providing an analytical report relating to incidents and crimes within the CI boundary. Police data for the CI area shows that alcohol related incidents declined from October 2017 to September 2020, but alcohol related crimes rose by 51% in the same period. (Data possibly subject to the 'COVID effect')</p>	<p>The data and the choropleth mapping shows that the activities of the concentration of licensed premises is continuing to impact negatively on the objectives and residents within the boundary.</p>
<p>Recognised body to advise on protecting children from harm (RA) See Appendix F for full response</p> <p>Change of recognised body to The Director of Childrens Services</p>	<p>Paragraph 14.11 updated and section 22, contact details updated accordingly</p>
<p>Planning services (RA) See Appendix G for full response</p> <p>Information for licensing committee on recent changes to planning legislation which affects licensed premises.</p>	<p>Information only for members, no change to the proposed policy.</p>
<p>Director of Public Health (RA) See Appendix H for full response</p> <p>Supports the continuance of the cumulative impact policy for the Op-Can-Do area. It remains an area of deprivation and high alcohol outlet density which is negatively impacting on the objectives and the health and wellbeing of residents</p>	
<p>PES Peterborough Enforcement Services See Appendix I for full response</p> <p>Contains statistics on the crime and incident data for the CI area. They support the continuance of the cumulative impact policy and advise that the PSPO which expired in August 2020 should be reinstated by the end of 2020. Between August 2017 to December 2019 there were 2,344 FPN's issued for breaches to the prior PSPO for the area.</p>	<p>Data provided supports the continuance of the CI.</p> <p>Plans to reinstate the PSPO by the PES team, will include proposed conditions which will increase Police and authorised Council officer's ability to address street drinking and ASB.</p>
<p>Broadway Residents Association See Appendix J for full response</p>	

<p>Endorses policy, describes the problems alcohol abuse has on areas other than Can-Do, such as Broadway and Stanley Recreation Ground.</p> <p>That there are 3 theatres in Peterborough</p> <p>Suggests Eastfield Road has multiple alcohol outlets causing ASB</p> <p>Suggests detailing in paragraph 8.5 that the national emergency is COVID 19</p> <p>Concerned that the PSPO covering Op-Can-Do, the Embankment and Broadway expired and urges its renewal</p> <p>Queries if the Public Health figures quoted in the CIA relate to higher than the national mean.</p>	<p>Thank you, omission rectified and page 5 updated</p> <p>'COVID 19' added to paragraph 8.5 for clarity</p> <p>PES have stated that the PSPO should be re-instated by the end of 2020.</p> <p>Correct, the figures were a comparison with the national average</p>
<p>Paul Bristow MP for Peterborough See Appendix K for full response</p> <p>Is supportive of the adoption of the CI in 2013 and it's continuance.</p> <p>Is concerned that there is a perception that breaches of licensing conditions are not being enforced, residents need to be confident that when issues are reported, they are followed up.</p>	<p>This is perception only as the licensing team work with many partner agencies and resident representatives. Where allegations of breaches of conditions are received, they are investigated, and appropriate enforcement action is taken where necessary, to attain compliance and promote the objectives.</p>
<p>Vice Chair Community First See Appendix L for full response</p> <p>Raises concerns and details the problems and associated ASB the number of licensed premises in the Op-Can-Do area is causing.</p> <p>Grave concerns regarding the number of gambling outlets in the area and the effects problem gambling can have.</p>	<p>Plans to reinstate the PSPO by the PES team, will include proposed conditions which will increase Police and authorised Council officer's ability to address street drinking and ASB.</p> <p>Problems specific to gambling matters, cannot be considered in the determination of the Licensing Act policy. Such matters can be raised when the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles policy is reviewed and consulted upon in 2021.</p>
<p>MANERP and Community First See Appendix M for full response</p> <p>support the renewal of the cumulative impact policy for the Op-Can-Do area. They detail how residents and businesses are still being negatively affected by the large concentration of licensed premises.</p>	
<p>Cllr Ansar Ali x 2 See Appendix N for both full responses</p> <p>Endorses the comments made by MANERP and Community First</p> <p>Emailed a petition and is fully supportive of the residents objections to the increasing number of licensed premises in the Millfield area, and hopes</p>	

<p>the views of residents and businesses will be heard and acted upon.</p>	
<p>Petition containing nearly 170 signatures See Appendix O for full preface page. (The petition is exempt from publication, see paragraph 2.3 of the report)</p> <p>The signed petition pages state: We the undersigned residents adversely affected by the gambling and alcohol licenses in the central ward /Lincoln Road area hereby give notice to Peterborough City Council to forthwith stop the issuance of new licences and to permanently revoke the licenses of infringing businesses due to the adverse effects on residents of this densely populated area. We strongly object to the current licensing policy and demand immediate action and effective enforcement in the area</p> <p>The petition cover page, expresses the dismay at the state of the area due to excessive licensing of off licenses and Gambling halls. It states that excessive licensing has caused a breach of the objectives and swathes of the community are being destroyed. It states that the cumulative impact policy and other initiatives have not worked.</p>	<p>The licensing of gambling and alcohol premises are regulated under separate individual legislation, that being, the Gambling Act 2005 and the Licensing Act 2003 respectively. The council's decision making process when considering both types of applications are set out in the specific legislation, regulations and policies. Therefore the council are not legally permitted to adopt the proposal to 'stop the issuance of further new gambling or alcohol licenses', as this would be outside the powers conferred.</p> <p>In 2013 it was acknowledged that the saturation of licensed premises, in the Lincoln Road area was having a negative impact on the licensing objectives, and a Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) was adopted and subsequently re-adopted when reviewed. The Licensing Act is permissive in many ways, the effect of a CIP allows greater scrutiny of new and variation applications, by requiring the applicant to demonstrate that they will not add to the issues identified in the published Cumulative Impact Assessment, but provides no other powers.</p> <p>Whilst the policy cannot be absolute, it does allow those who wish to object to a licence being granted in the CI area, a formal basis for their representation.</p> <p>Plans to reinstate the PSPO by the PES team, will include proposed conditions which will increase Police and authorised Council officer's ability to address street drinking and ASB</p>
<p>Portman Group See Appendix P for full response</p> <p>Welcomed the reference and commendation of the Portman Group Code of Practice in paragraph 14.12 of the draft policy. It suggests the addition of extra wording to clarify the aim of the Code of practice and its operation.</p>	<p>Paragraph 14.12 amended link to portmangroup.org website added</p>
<p>2 Local residents See Appendix Q for the full responses</p> <p>The residents have serious concerns regarding the effectiveness of the policy. They say that over the last decade the area has been neglected and allowed to rot through lack of investment and failing policies. That crime is on the up and this is linked to the concentration of licensed premises. They go on to describe the effects this has on residents and</p>	<p>The Licensing Act is not the primary mechanism to deal with general control of nuisance and ASB by individuals once they are away from licensed premises.</p> <p>Plans to reinstate the PSPO by the PES team, will include proposed conditions which will increase Police and authorised Council officer's ability to address street drinking and ASB</p>

<p>community green spaces. That the area needs better enforcement, not an extended failing policy, but a fresh approach.</p>	<p>The CI policy allows for greater scrutiny of certain applications and provides a formal basis for representations.</p>
<p>One Local Resident See Appendix R for the full response</p> <p>The resident is dismayed at the state of the area and the rampant alcoholism that has emerged. That the numerous off licences contribute to street drinking, littering, fighting etc. If nothing is done very soon, the area is on the verge of a dangerous crescendo.</p> <p>The resident is also concerned about the amount and type of gambling premises operating in the area and the effects problem gambling can have.</p> <p>The same resident also submitted another email which has not been included as it is a complaint regarding a specific premises, rather than a response to the consultation.</p>	<p>Plans to reinstate the PSPO by the PES team, will include proposed conditions which will increase Police and authorised Council officer's ability to address street drinking and ASB</p> <p>Problems specific to gambling matters, cannot be considered in the determination of the Licensing Act policy. Such matters can be raised when the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles policy is reviewed and consulted upon in 2021.</p> <p>Officers are investigating the concerns raised, and are working with the premises to ensure the licensing objectives are promoted.</p>
<p>One local business owner See Appendix S for the full response</p> <p>States that in the last decade the area has changed with off licenses and mini-marts being the issue, it has a distasteful appeal, with so many licensed premises, you are not more than 200 yards away from the next venue. The area needs a mix of businesses, but is just takeaways and mini-marts and littering of alcohol related containers. He explains the impact the associated problems have on his business. That there is an unspoken ghetto effect and knows he paints a nasty distasteful picture of Millfield, but when councillors and council employees have all gone home, it's what residents and businesses see and are left with.</p>	<p>In 2013 it was acknowledged that the saturation of licensed premises, in the Lincoln Road area was having a negative impact on the licensing objectives, and a Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) was adopted and subsequently re-adopted when reviewed.</p> <p>The Licensing Act is not the primary mechanism to deal with general control of nuisance and ASB by individuals once they are away from licensed premises.</p> <p>Plans to reinstate the PSPO by the PES team, will include proposed conditions which will increase Police and authorised Council officer's ability to address street drinking and ASB</p>
<p>4 responses See Appendix T for all 4 responses.</p> <p>State 'I am against the extension of the licensing policies in the Op-Can-Do area.'</p>	
<p>3 similar responses See Appendix U for all 3 responses in full</p> <p>Totally object for the alcohol licence policies to be extended in the area. That there are too many alcohol premises which is not good for the area, and don't need anymore. One states that they are scared to go to certain places on Lincoln Road and is sure many others feel the same. The number of licenses should be reduced.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, need is not a consideration under the Licensing Act, it is for market forces to determine the survivability of different businesses.</p>
<p>1 boxing club owner See Appendix V for response in full</p>	

<p>States they try hard to get kids off the streets and into the gym, but it's getting harder, too many influences from drinking and gambling outlets, having an adverse effect on local quality of life.</p>	
<p>11 responses from residents See Appendix W for all 11 responses in full</p> <p>Summary of matters raised:</p> <p>Residents feel let down by all professionals / authorities. The area generates income for the council, but they see nothing in return</p> <p>The area is getting worse by the day, too many off licenses, area is full of people drinking and causing problems for the community. Cannot use green spaces due to drunks, litter etc.</p> <p>Constantly finding people loitering onto property drunk. They use it as a public toilet, this has an adverse effect on the community, would welcome stricter controls.</p> <p>So many premises serving alcohol has caused the area to become one of the worst places in the country. I can't visit the area with my family as so many drunk individuals causing ASB, it's a danger zone for anyone walking past.</p> <p>Disappointed and disgusted at the way Peterborough City Council has allowed the Millfield area to deteriorate into an unruly cesspit, too many drinking outlets in a small area, having a negative impact on residents, ASB, urination in public, litter, objectives not being upheld</p> <p>Highly oppose any further licenses being issued, stricter controls, too lenient.</p> <p>Should not be licensed to 2am in a residential area.</p> <p>Against the extension of the licensing policies in the Op-Can-Do area</p> <p>No more licenses, work to regulate and manage the existing licenses, to meet the objectives. Shop owners clearly flout the rules. Enforce punishments for breaches to make it a safer place for residents.</p> <p>Suggests enforcement to stop underage sale of alcohol, serving to people who are intoxicated, littering, as a few things that should be better handled.</p> <p>Too many gambling premises in the area, stricter controls needed.</p>	<p>In 2013 it was acknowledged that the saturation of licensed premises, in the Lincoln Road area was having a negative impact on the licensing objectives, and a Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) was adopted and subsequently re-adopted when reviewed.</p> <p>The Licensing Act is permissive in many ways, the effect of a CIP allows greater scrutiny of new and variation applications, by requiring the applicant to demonstrate that they will not add to the issues identified in the published Cumulative Impact Assessment, but provides no other powers.</p> <p>Whilst the policy cannot be absolute, it does allow those who wish to object to a licence being granted in the CI area, a formal basis for their representation.</p> <p>New and full variation applications are advertised at the premises by way of a pale blue notice, in the public notice section of the local newspaper and on the public register on the council's website, and there is a mandatory 28 day public consultation. Members of the public can object to any application which they consider does not promote the licensing objectives during the consultation period.</p> <p>Even with a CI policy in place, if there are no objections to an application, the Act requires the licence to be granted as applied for.</p> <p>The Licensing Act is not the primary mechanism to deal with general control of nuisance and ASB by individuals once they are away from licensed premises.</p> <p>Plans to reinstate the PSPO by the PES team, will include proposed conditions which will increase Police and authorised Council officer's ability to address street drinking and ASB.</p> <p>The licensing team work with many partner agencies and resident representatives. Where allegations of breaches of conditions are received, they are investigated, and appropriate enforcement action is taken where necessary, to attain compliance and promote the objectives.</p> <p>Problems specific to gambling matters, cannot be considered in the determination of the Licensing Act policy. Such matters can be raised when the</p>

<p>The money that was meant to regenerate the area is nowhere to be seen.</p>	<p>Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles policy is reviewed and consulted upon in 2021</p>
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