

# APPENDIX B

Please reply to: Superintendent Jon Hutchinson  
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Dear Sir or Madam

RE: **Licensing Policy consultation response**

I write in my capacity as Area Commander of Cambridge Police.

I have read the Cambridge 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 5 of the Draft: The Cumulative Impact of a Concentration of Licensed Premises.

I am pleased that you have used the Police analytical document that shows levels of crime related to Licensed Premises (Appendix 3 in the Draft). 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.

The only question I would raise is whether it is proportionate to maintain the Zone for the whole length of Mill Road? Whilst our data shows levels of alcohol related crime and disorder incidents of over one a week in Romsey, this is noticeably fewer than the lower end of Mill Road. Whilst there is certainly an issue with alcohol related disorder incidents in the section of Mill Road South of the Railway Line, it is not at the levels seen in other parts of the Zone.

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 Jon Hutchinson  
Local Area Commander  
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