### **Luke Catchpole**

From:

Alex Beebe

Sent:

25 January 2018 17:39

To:

licensing

Cc:

Yvonne ODonnell; Luke Catchpole

Subject:

LA response to CIA public consultation

Attachments:

Cumulative Impact Policy Public Consultation.docx

Good evening,

Please see attached a response to the Romsey CIA public consultation on behalf of the Licensing Authority.

Kind regards,

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Cumulative Impact Policy Public Consultation.

Please find a response on behalf of the Licensing Authority, acting as a responsible authority in regards to the public consultation on the Cumulative Impact Policy and whether the Romsey area of Mill Road should remain as part of the policy.

Currently the whole of Mill Road is part of the Cumulative Impact Policy and Is split into two wards — Petersfield and Romsey. The Romsey area of Mill Road is from the Railway Bridge to Brookfields.

Looking at the statistics provided as part of the Police response to the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy in October 2017, the number of licensed premises in Romsey was 22 and the number of alcohol related crime and incidents for the same ward had dropped year on year to a low of 62 in 2016/17.

When comparing the statistics provided for all areas within the cumulative impact area, the following was found:

Ward	Licensed Premises	Alcohol Related Crime and Incidents	No. of incidents per licensed premises
Market	206	570	2.77
Petersfield	72	138	1.92
Trumpington	48	99	2.06
Coleridge	37	62	1.68
Romsey	22	61	2.77

Based on the above, even though Romsey has the least amount of licensed premises, the incidents per the number of the licensed premises are the joint highest alongside the Market ward.

At the current time there are 28 premises in Romsey with a Premises Licence or a Club Premises Certificate. 19 of these are situated on Mill Road (68%).

The licensing authority believe that the current Cumulative Impact Policy is of a great benefit to Cambridge City and based on the above information believe that the Cumulative Impact Area should remain as it is with the Romsey area of Mill Road staying as one of the areas within the policy.

# **Luke Catchpole**

From:

Sent:

04 February 2018 21:57

To:

licensing

**Subject:** 

Mill Road cumulative impact area consultation

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in relation to the Mill Road cumulative impact area consultation.

In my view it is still necessary for the Romsey area to remain part of the special policy on cumulative impact. I live on Mill Road within the relevant area, and regularly see or hear alcohol related incidents outside my house, as well as having rubbish (wine bottles, beer cans, and pint glasses) left in the street and garden outside my house. With the addition of a significant amount of new student housing in the area, I think that these incidents are likely to increase. There is also a clear issue with street drinkers around the Co-op and I believe that removing the area fro the cumulative impact zone is likely to worsen the problem.

Kind regards,

## Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

31 January 2018 09:46

To:

licensing

Subject:

Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) consultation response

I read with interest the comments on the city council website about the possible removal of Romsey from the Mill Road CIA.

I object strongly to such a removal. We used to have a significant problem with street drinkers in Mill Road, and over the past five years these have much improved. Whilst it is not possible to point to one individual measure as being responsible for the improvement, I see no reason to doubt that every element of the package of measures introduced to address the problem, including the CIA, have been effective.

Your open letter says that "as part of the review ... statistics were provided breaking down the total number of Alcohol-related crime and incidents by ward. These figures have brought into question whether there is sufficient evidence for the Romsey area ... to remain" but it gives no pointer to the statistics, which makes it hard to critique them. Given that the internet makes it trivial to link to and thus propagate information, I can imagine no good reason why you would not provide the raw data.

But unless there has been a return of street drinking to pre-CIA levels, which would surprise me, I can't imagine what evidence you could find, given that the CIA remains in place. If it is merely that you see no evidence that it remains effective, I would remind the committee that absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.

At any rate, I live very close to the Mill Road, I have no problems in buying alcohol, I haven't seen a return to the street drinking levels that preceded the introduction of the CIA, and I object to the removal of Romsey from the Area.

### Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

30 January 2018 17:01

To:

licensing

Subject:

Mill Road Cumulative Impact area consultation

Dear Licensing officer and committee,

Thank you for consulting on whether to reduce the area of the Mill Road Cumulative Impact Zone.

I don't know what your latest review figures are, but taking from your letter this phrase

"As part of the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy, statistics were provided breaking down the total number of Alcohol related crime and incidents by ward. These figures have brought into question whether there is sufficient evidence for the Romsey area of Mill Road to remain as part of the Special policy on cumulative impact".

If the figures have improved I would say that the CIZ is working and should therefore be continued. This appears to be a successful policy - why throw it out?

It is important to remember the situation before the CIZ was put in place. I don't think the residents, City Council or police would want to revert to that.

Kind regards,

# Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

29 January 2018 13:36

To:

licensing

Subject:

Mill Road cumulative impact area consultation

# To the Commercial and Licensing team

I prefer that the Romsey area REMAIN part of the special policy on cumulative impact. My son has begun to make independent visits to the Romsey Co-op and I am reluctant to see any change in policy that could lead to him feeling unsafe.

Yours faithfully,



# Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

28 January 2018 20:18

To:

licensing

**Subject:** 

Mill Road Cumulative Impact Area

I write to ugre the Licencing Authorities to maintain its policy about alcohol sales throughout the length of Mill Road, including Romsey. Incidents of alcohol fuelled social misbehavior, including begging are still unfortunately to be seen regularly outside the Co-op, sometimes on top of the bridge, and around Gt Eastern St car park

### Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

28 January 2018 19:22

To:

licensing

Subject:

Mill Road Cumulative Impact Area

I understand that the cumulative impact area is being discussed.

As far as Romsey is concerned there is regular drinking and begging outside the co-op. This is a small group of regular drinkers/drug takers, and probably like others I have given up reporting them as it is difficult to find anyone to report it to, and nothing seems to happen if you do.

Also on Romsey Recreation Ground.

In the past there were regular PCSO patrols, with officers who would stop chat and listen to comments. They seem to have stopped now, or walk through quickly when seen?

Also seem to be regular drinkers/beggers outside Salvation Army in evening.

Removing the impact area would simply encourage more of this

Thank you



## Luke Catchpole

From: Sent: To: Cc:	28 January 2018 18:33 licensing
Subject:	Mill Road cumulative impact area consultation – alcohol sales

Dear Sirs/Mesdames.

I understand – from Mill Road cumulative impact area consultation | Cambridge City Council – that in assessing whether the Mill Road 'cumulative impact' area is still needed, statistics on *reports* of alcohol-related crimes and incidents have been reviewed, and that these *reported* figures have brought into question whether there is sufficient evidence for the Romsey area of Mill Road – from the railway bridge to Brookfields – to remain part of the special policy on cumulative impact.

My view is that this policy is still needed for the whole of Mill Road, including Romsey.

- I would suggest that the statistics are likely to understate the problem, I have seen numerous
  occasions where individuals have been begging on the Co-op forecourt, by the cash machine, to fund
  their alcohol addiction. A member of the Co-op stay has asked the individual to leave, reminding
  them that they are banned from the premises. I doubt if these instances are logged or reported.
- Insofar as there are been reduced instances, there may be temporary factors involved. One such temporary factor is the work on N°1 Great Eastern Street. This has made the adjacent play area temporarily less attractive to street-drinkers as a large amount of vegetation which provided cover for urination and defecation has been removed. Doubtless some re-landscaping will take place on completion of construction work.
- This section of Mill Road is the home to 'The Bridge' is drug advice and counselling centre. It is also
  home to Brookfields Hospital' recovery services and The Edge café. To put the users of these
  services at risk from increased availability of alcohol off-sales would, in my view, be negligent.
- The Romsey section of Mill Road will shortly become the home to Cambridge's new mosque, in front of which will be an open, public garden. The increased availability of alcohol off-sales nearby would, in my view, put at risk the mis-use of this new public asset.

# Yours faithfully,



# Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

28 January 2018 18:32

To:

licensing

Subject:

Mill Road cumulative impact area

# Good morning,

I have lived off Mill Road since 1971 and do not support the removal of the Romsey area from the cumulative impact area. I believe that it is essential that there is no change to the size of the current area because all the problems we experienced years ago will return.



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### Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

18 January 2018 08:55

To: licensing

Subject:

Opposition to the ending of the Mill Road Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ)

As County Councillor for Romsey Division I strongly oppose the proposals to end the Cumulative Impact Zone east of the bridge on Mill Road.

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# Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

18 January 2018 13:13

To:

licensing

Subject:

Cumulative Impact Area Romsey Mill Rd.

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing to say that I don't think the cumulative impact zone should be lifted just because there seems to have been 'little incident' - how do you know if this is because there has been a CIZ in place or not?

Also there is a lot of building going on in Romsey and with the new student flats there will be a whole new influx of people with considerably more potential trouble associated with alcohol sales.

Regards

### Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

17 January 2018 13:01

To:

licensing

Subject:

consultation on removal of part of Mill Road from the CIZ

I am writing to object to the proposed changes to the Mill Road Cumulative Impact Zone.

The Mill Road area of Cambridge has suffered for many years from alcohol related anti-social behaviour.

This has taken two forms, intoxicated aggressive begging on Mill Road during the day and noise and disturbance late at night drunks in the surrounding residential streets.

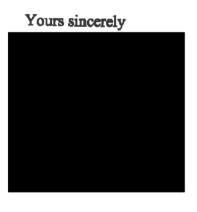
The original intention decision to limit the number of retail outlets selling alcohol was reflection of the concern of residents to both these problems. It was also a direct result of the inability of the Council to prevent the grant of an extended license to the International Food Store at 96 Mill Road.

Since then the policy has been successful in preventing three additional licensed premises from opening in the street, one of which is located in the area that is suggested for removal from the CIZ.

I understand that the police are now stating that the problems have reduced to such an extent that the policy can be relaxed. This is muddled thinking. If the number of licensed premises selling low cost alcohol is increased, and the problems of anti-social behaviour return, it is then almost impossible to reverse the decision. Whilst in theory it is possible for residents to ask for a licensing review in reality (as we know from experience) it is almost impossible to achieve. The level of evidence requires a police officer to be present when an intoxicated person is sold alcohol. Given the current levels of police resources this is not a viable policy.

I would also like to challenge the suggestion that the CIZ can be removed from part of the street.

Mill Road is one contiguous shopping street and to consider it can be split into two divisions is not logical. If low cost alcohol is sold in the Romsey part of Mill Road there is no prohibition to it being taken into the Petersfield part of Mill Road that still experiences considerable problems from anti-social behaviour.



### Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

16 January 2018 17:02

To:

licensing

Subject:

Mill Road Cumulative Impact Area

### Dear Licensing,

I understand that there is a public consultation currently taking place concerning the proposal to remove the Romsey end of Mill Road (from the railway bridge to Brookfields) from the existing Cumulative Impact Area.

I do not support the removal of the Romsey end of Mill Road from the Cumulative Impact Area given that my understanding is that he reduction in alcohol-related crime indicates the success of the Cumulative Impact Area and is a reason for maintaining it, including the Romsey end of Mill Road. Removing the Cumulative Impact Area from the Romsey end of Mill Road is likely to result in an increase in alcohol-related crime.

In addition, development in the area, and projects such as additional public seating for the Romsey end of Mill Road, may lead to a focus on the area that requires the Cumulative Impact Area status for this area to remain.

Regards.



# Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

15 January 2018 14:13

To:

licensing

Subject:

Opposition to ending of Mill Road Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) east of bridge

I want to add my voice as a Councillor for nearby Coleridge ward to oppose the shrinking of the CIZ.

It has paid a crucial part in reducing street drinking and related anti-social behaviour along the full length of Mill Road,

there are already plenty of licensed outlets, who now take a far more responsible attitude to the sale of high strength drinks.

and it needs to continue for the whole length of Mill Road.

Councillor

# Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

14 January 2018 20:49

To:

licensing

Subject:

Mill road culmative impact Zone

I am writing to Inform you of my views in regards the the above.

Currently the zone is working well and any efforts to remove this from Romsey side of Mill road will be a disaster.

**Best wishes** 

# Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

14 January 2018 16:51

To:

licensing

Subject:

Mill Road cumulative impact area consultation

#### Dear sir

I am writing to object to the proposal to remove half of Mill Road (from the bridge to the end of Mill Road) from the cumulative impact area. There continues to be a problem with street drinking along this section of the road, and wherever there are benches, such as outside the co-op store or at the top of Sedgwick street or on the playground/car park area at the beginning of Great Eastern Street. These areas become unusable for residents. As a local resident, I have seen how the impact zone here has contained the problem, but If it is abolished on just one section of Mill Road, it will worsen the problem in that area, and encourage drinkers to move to the unrestricted area.

Please keep the whole length of Mill Road as it is currently, not just on one half.





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### Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

13 January 2018 15:39

To:

licensing

Subject:

Mill Road Impact Area Consultation

Hi,

I am writing to respond to the Mill Road Impact Area Consultation as a Romsey Ward Councillor. I believe that the CIA should remain in place at the Romsey end of Mill Road for the following reasons:

- The reduction in alcohol related crime indicates that the Cumulative Impact Area is working.
- There are several developments planned on or near Mill Rd which will increase the number of residents and specifically the number of students living in the area e.g. the McClarens development with an additional 270 student rooms. This may lead to an increase in alcohol related incidents.
- There are plans to add seating to both Mill Rd and Cavendish Rd as part of S106 projects. This may
  make the area more appealing to street drinkers, which may increase the need for the Cumulative
  Impact Area.

Please could you take these comments into consideration as part of the consultation?

Many thanks



# Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

12 January 2018 00:10

To:

licensing

Subject:

Cumulative Impact Area consultation response

I am writing to object to the proposed removal of the Romsey Area of Mill Road (from the Railway Bridge to Brookfields) from the Cumulative Impact Area. I support the proposal that the entire length of Mill Road should be a Cumulative Impact Area.

### Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

15 December 2017 22:52

To:

licensing

Subject:

Mill Road Cumulative Impact Zone

#### Dear Sir,

I read with bemusement the article in today's Cambridge News which stated that the police think Cumulative Impact Zone for Mill Road is no longer needed. If the ban on new alcohol licences has reduced alcohol-related crime and nuisance, that is a very good reason to keep the ban. Police thinking here is barmy. You might as well say that since wearing glasses you have no longer bumped into things, so it is all right to take them off. Have the police come under pressure from businesses wanting to sell alcohol? The proposal is even more absurd given the construction of students flats and a mosque in Romsey. Whatever are the police thinking?

There is still too much drink-fuelled rowdiness in the city and I should have thought it was in the police's interest to keep it to a minimum. I still remember my dismay at seeing a police van disgorging constables into Petty Cury one Friday evening, some ten or more years ago, obviously in anticipation of late-night mayhem. That was something I had never previously seen and it showed the way things had gone, especially after Gordon Brown's ill-judged relaxation of licencing hours.

Councillor Baigent's remarks are spot on.

Yours sincerely.

### Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

14 December 2017 10:28

To:

licensing

Subject:

Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) order objection

Cumulative impact Zone (CIZ) order.

I wish to formally object to the police proposing reducing the CIZ order for Mill Road. The role of the Police is to enforce the law and not to make or influence the law/licensing.

Mill road has huge social problems of street drink and alcohol related problems, which are constantly ignored by the Police in 2017. I personally feel intimidating walking along mill road as it is in 2017 by the amount of social/ alcohol problems.

I am also concerned by the large scale building project of students flat at the brook roads end of Mill road and the proposed new building at the formal council building, by mill road bridge. With this increase in footfall I would have thought a CiZ order would continue to be necessary. To ensure social order. I am surprised that the CiZ order wishes to be reduced as the area still have a lot of social problems.

Figures and statistic can be easily misinterpreted. Until people have physically walked along Mill Road and seen for themselves the problems of street drinking and alcohol related problems etc. They will never be able to appreciate the problems that our community experience.

I wish the CIZ order to stay in place as it's current policy.

Regards



# Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

13 December 2017 18:05

To:

licensing

Subject:

Mill Road Cumulative Impact Area consultation

Hì,

I don't think Romsey should be taken out of the cumulative impact area. Certainly the main shopping area between Coleridge Road and the railway bridge should remain within it. It might be reasonable to take out the stretch from Coleridge Road to Brookfields, though - there is only one pub and one off licence in that section anyway, as far as I'm aware. Doing that would allow the effects to be monitored, comparing the two stretches, prior to any future review, but I don't think doing it all at once without knowing what will happen is sensible.

### Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

12 December 2017 17:47

To:

licensing

Subject:

Cumulative Impact Area consultation response

I would like to object to the possible removal of Romsey area of Mill Road (from Railway Bridge to Brookfields) from the Cumulative Impact Area. The Cumulative Impact Area has produced great results, making Mill Road not only a vibrant area of the city, but a safe environment for students and families alike. As a resident of Mill Road (owner of the city, but a safe environment for students and families alike. As a resident of Mill Road (owner of the Cumulative Impact Area may reverse the progress made during the students to the area, the removal of the Cumulative Impact Area may reverse the progress made during the last few years. I and other neighbors will be monitoring police incidents in the area and if the removal goes ahead and the numbers go up (which I'm sure they will), we will make sure the public learns about it.

### Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

12 December 2017 16:36

To:

licensing

Subject:

Cumulative Impact area- Proposed removal of Romsey from the area.

I live in Romsey and feel that the area has benefited significantly since the introduction of the Cumulative Impact area. There has been a reduction in Street drinking on this side of the Mill Rd Bridge. And the area has been quieter with less noise from drunken behaviour both during the day and in the evening from the general public. In my view this points to the existing policy being a reasonable success. There are still numerous places to buy alcohol and drink alcohol socially on the Romsey side of the bridge and indeed all along Mill Rd. There is no reason to allow an increase.

Despite this, there is still a significant problem with street drinkers on Mill Road. If you remove Romsey from the cumulative impact area, all you will do is risk expanding problem areas along the whole of the road, and leave the Romsey side of the bridge with no means of enforcement.

I strongly support retaining Romsey within the cumulative impact zone.

# Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

05 December 2017 12:20

To:

licensing

Subject:

Cumulative Impact Area-consultation response

To whom it may concern,

I understand the consultation on the Mill Road Cumulative Impact Area is about the possible removal of the Romsey area from the Cumulative Impact Area; however, I would like to suggest adding to this new impact area some of the side streets from East road to the bridge. I feel we are at a critical juncture in the number of licensed premises in the area, and we now need a means to allow stricter licensing. On Gwydir street, for example, every night there is constant noise and nuisance behaviour, because we now have at least 8 licensed premises in less than 1 square kilometre (Hot Numbers Cafe, The Petersfield, Cambridge Blue, The Alex, The Kingston Arms, The Dobblers Inn, The Geldart, The Blue Moon, etc.....). None of these are on Mill Road.



## **Luke Catchpole**

From:

Sent:

16 November 2017 20:45

To:

licensing

Subject:

Proposed revisions to specific cumulative impact areas of Mill Road

16th November 2017

Dear person at the licensing authority

we are told that there has been a reduction in the number of alcohol related crimes over the ward. But the suggestion is to change the cumulative impact zone for a very small and narrowly specified area - from the Mill Road bridge to Brookfields.

This area is inseparable from the whole of Mill Road, and there definitely should not be any change to the cumulative impact area/zone for either the whole, or any part of Mill Road.

It would also seem that it goes without saying that if there has actually been a reduction in the number of alcohol related crimes in the area of Mill Rd specified (and we are not given the exact figures) then this is exactly because the existing CIA is being successful.

I strongly oppose any revisions and/or changes and reduction to the overall Mill Road CIA that would reduce the strength and effectiveness of this CIA over all of, or any part of Mill Road.

# Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

16 November 2017 15:37

To:

licensing

Cc:

Subject:

Cumulative Impact Area consultation response

I am responding to this consultation:

https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/consultations/mill-road-cumulative-impact-area-consultation

I object strongly to any change to the CIA. It is precisely because of the CIA that the problem has been reduced.

Both sides of Mill Road are very much needed to remain in the Cumulative Impact Zone. There is no need to increase availability of alcohol in either area.

### Luke Catchpole

From:

Sent:

13 November 2017 15:40

To:

Subject:

licensing

**Cumulative Impact Area** 

Thank you for contacting us re Cumulative Impact policy Area

The existing boundaries including Romsey should be maintained.

- There is going to be a large increase in the number of young people living on Mill Road in Romsey
  with the opening in 2018 of the Mclaren student flats, the proposed student flats at Romsey
  Labour Club, and the proposed student flats at the NHS site in Vinery Road. This group need to
  know that there are firm controls re their behaviour and re their own safety.
- There is still a regular group of drinkers and beggars outside the Co-op/Londis. These can be threatening to the elderly and the young, and need controlling if social services cannot provide help.

# **Luke Catchpole**

From:

Sent:

13 November 2017 13:28

To:

licensing

Subject:

Cumulative Impact Area Consultation Response - Mill Road

### Dear Licensing Team,

I'm responding, as a resident of Romsey Town, to your consultation on possible changes to the cumulative impact area that currently covers the length of Mill Road from East Road to Brookfields.

Since the creation of the cumulative impact area the Romsey Town end of Mill Road has benefited tremendously from a marked reduction in alcohol-related incidents and has thus become a much safer-seeming area in which to shop and enjoy leisure activities.

I object to the proposed exclusion of the whole of this end of Mill Road from the cumulative impact area on the grounds that such an action would return the area to the levels of incident and consequent air of potential personal danger that we experienced before its introduction. There is no shortage of outlets for the sale of alcohol, for consumption on- and off-premises, on this stretch of road and no need for any additional licenses to be granted. I say this as a drinker myself who makes frequent use of the current outlets.

I would not object to a change that removed the just furthest end of Mill Road (from Ross Street down to Brookfields) from the cumulative impact area as I can appreciate that this is potentially an area of regeneration and retail expansion that could well benefit from additional licensed premises.



### **Luke Catchpole**

From:

Sent:

13 November 2017 09:01

To:

licensing

Subject:

Proposed changes to Cumulative Impact Area - Public Consultation

Attachments:

Consultation letter.docx: ATT00001.htm

This is an early response from me as a City Councillor and I may come back with further arguments.

My view is that we should not change the situation whereby the whole of Mill Road remains a Cumulative Impact Area for the following reasons:

- If one part of Mill Road loses this designation and there is a relaxation on rules regarding the sale of alchohol, it is likely to result in displacement of alcohol related incidents.
- There are a number of new builds that will house students in the near future (McLaren's alone will
  hold around 240 students) and we should pause before changing the designation to see if this has an
  impact on alcohol related incidents.
- Two open/public spaces are due to be refurbished during the next year and these will provide additional seating that may attract street drinkers

Cambridge City Councillor for Romsey

