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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 Cumulative Impact Policy Review 2023 Policy prepared by our Licensing Department. I 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.

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.

I have taken note of the recommendations in relation to parts of Market Ward being identified as a hot spot area for alcohol related crime and incidents. Data provided has shown over the last 3 years that this area continues to be a hotspot. This is particularly evident between the hours of 2100-0500 at weekends. This ties in with local demand in relation to night time economy which affects not only us but other emergency services and businesses in the area. It also has an effect on those living in the vicinity and those out enjoying all Cambridge has to offer. The recommendations submitted are supported in relation to this area.

My conclusion is that the data and my experience of policing the City in recent years does not present a meaningful reason for change. In particular in relation to Market Ward which I believe most certainly should form part of the City Councils Statement of Licensing Policy. It is of course for the City Council to decide whether they wish to retain Market Ward and the other Cumulative Impact Areas in their Licensing Policy.

Yours sincerely



Superintendent Adam Gallop
Area Commander South