

## Licensing Act Consultation Responses

### **1. Response 17/7/18**

Dear Sirs

The document states in section 22.2

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Please can this be amended to

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Regards  
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### **2. Response 17/7/18**

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of Harston Parish Council I wish to comment in response to your email on the above topic dated 16th July 2018.

I wish to focus on one particular aspect of the sale of alcohol and express concern at its sale in vehicle service stations. There are a number of potential problems related to these outlets that do not apply to the same extent to public houses.

I list these as follows:

- The availability of alcohol at these outlets would seem to contravene the requirements of public safety by making drink easily available to vehicle

drivers. Unlike a public house, which demands a specific visit to buy alcohol, the purchase of alcohol at a service station can be a secondary activity to buying fuel. This does little to discourage the offence of drinking and driving

- A service station selling alcohol can easily become the scene of anti-social behaviour. Unlike a public house where the staff is specifically involved in the sale of alcohol in a controlled environment, service stations are often maned by a minimum of personal who are primarily engaged in selling fuel and have poor control over what takes place on their forecourts. In this situation, there is considerable potential for public nuisance
- Service stations that are located in urban areas are likely to cause public nuisance by generating excessive noise by customers drinking on the forecourt
- Unlike in a public house where staff can spot an underage drinker, in a service station, young adults can purchase alcohol and easily pass it to adolescents for consumption. Child protection can become an issue in this circumstance

Based on the above concerns, it is recommended that the licencing for service stations to sell alcohol should be subject to a particularly strict set of criteria.

Yours faithfully,

Niall O'Byrne,  
Chair Harston Parish Council.