

Appendix B

REVIEW OF LICENSING (2003 ACT) POLICY CONSULTATION COMMENTS

The five statements below were received in respect of the consultation process:

1. Representee (a)

'I would like to see stricter limits on the amount of noise generated by licensed premises in residential areas, especially after 10:30 at night.

1. Strict time limits the operation of outdoor smoking areas.
2. Strict volume and time limits on amplified music.'

2. Representee (b)

'You say in the South Cambs Magazine, which we received today - after many of the events had happened which were advertised in the magazine - that you would like comments from the public re licensing policy:-

My view on licensing policy is that the holder of the license should be held more accountable for the 'binge drinking' that we see among our young people. Someone who holds a license has sold/obtained alcohol for those individuals; they have consumed that alcohol within a licensed premise and then are seen to be drunk on our streets every Friday and Saturday nights, and some inbetween. I believe that there has to be a greater accountability placed on the licensee for allowing either the sale or consumption of alcohol on their premises to those people who have very obviously drunk far too much. The penalty should be a very heavy fine.

I do appreciate that monitoring and policing this may have its difficulties, but these are not insurmountable. No one who is already drunk should be allowed on licensed premises and if anyone leaves licensed premises in a drunken state, the licensee of those premises should be fined.

For far too long authorities have 'pussy-footed' around the drink companies and licensees (dare I say it because they produce a very large revenue in taxes!!), now we must take a very hard line and forget their voluntary enforcement, and hold the licensee totally responsible. This would include large outlets such as Tesco and other supermarkets (who we must not forget, make a huge profit out of alcohol, despite their loss leads directed at young people).

If we are to return to 'responsible drinking', then I feel the above measures (or similar) are the only way.'

3. Representee (c)

'My view regarding licensing policy is that the Council should do what it can to restrict alcohol consumption, because of the damage that alcohol does to individuals, families and the community.'

4. Representee (d)

'I live near the Little Rose Pub, Haslingfield which, from time to time, holds 'events' which invariably involve music. A noise limiter has been installed for recorded music, but there is no such control when the music is live. Amplified music travels and, despite shutting all our windows and doors on the occasions when live music is played at the pub, and the pub doing likewise, the sound penetrates the house, in particular the bass, and we are disturbed. Why, when a device is available to control the level of recorded music is there no way of similarly controlling live music?

In view of the draft policy which is to be considered, is this the time to suggest that live music no longer be allowed in pubs which are situated in quiet residential areas, or to explore ways of preventing it being a public nuisance?'

5. Representee (e)

See **attached** separate sheet showing tracked changes to the Policy document that this representee has made.