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Review of the Cumulative impact policy

What is Cumulative Impact?

“Cumulative impact” is not mentioned specifically in the 2003 Act. It means the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives of a significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area.

Problems occurring as a result of cumulative impact are described as large numbers being concentrated in an area, for example when leaving premises at peak times or when queuing at fast food outlets or for public transport.

Large concentrations of people are of concern in Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) because they may also increase the incidence of disorder or criminal activities in the street. Local services such as public transport services, public toilet provision and street cleaning may not be able to meet the demand posed by such concentrations of people leading to issues such as street fouling, littering, traffic and public nuisance caused by concentrations of people who cannot be effectively dispersed quickly.

These are the reasons for implementing Cumulative Impact Policies (CIP's) and these, therefore are the types of impacts that should be examined when considering new applications within CIP areas.

The s182 Guidance also makes it clear that there should be an evidential basis for the decision to include a 'special policy' within the statement of licensing policy.

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Key findings

The report has been commissioned to review crime and incident levels within the following streets which form part of the Cumulative Impact Area within Bridgend Town Centre and identify whether there has been an increase since the opening of new premises on 31st July 2015 in Market Street.

- Market Street
- Derwen Road
- Wyndham Street
- Nolton Street

The total number of occurrences reported has been in decline in the analysis period, however we have to factor in that there have been three licensed premises which have now closed which would impact the analysis.

Although there have been declines in many areas of the findings South Wales Police still support the (CIA) as the removing of such a policy would have a negative impact upon the Licensing objectives.

The prevention of crime and disorder

Public safety

The prevention of public nuisance

The protection of children from harm

It remains that there is still a saturation of licensed premises in this relatively small geographical area, within this area there are two premises licensed until 4am and one premise licensed until 4.30am which provides a high level of footfall at this early hour.

Conclusion

South Wales Police supports the continual use of a Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) policy in Bridgend town centre.

This has in effect created a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences or variations are likely to impact on the four licensing objectives.

The implications of the CIA policy are essential when South Wales Police has made representations against new or varied licence applications.

Taking this into account, this has had a direct bearing on the reduction of recorded crime within the town centre and reported anti-social behaviour.

This report is submitted with the authorisation by the officer submitting, to include within the document for a public consultation on the review of the Council Licensing Policy.

Yours sincerely

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