

Statement of Licensing Policy – Consultation Responses

Person / Organisation	Response	Officer Comments
Poynton Town Council	<p>The Town Council has no comments to make on the proposed revisions to the Licensing Policy. However, the Town Council would find it very useful if Cheshire East could notify Town and Parish Council's of licensing applications in their areas in the same way as planning applications?</p>	<p>How applications are advertised is set out within the legislation. The Town and Parish Councils are not a 'Responsible Authority' and there are not actively consulted on applications. The Council also cannot be seen to invite objections.</p> <p>Westminster City Council was challenged through the Judicial Review process in the case of R (app Albert Court Residents Association) v Westminster City Council (2010). Part of the issue in that case (and a cause for Westminster CC losing their case) was that the Council has consulted beyond the statutory requirements.</p> <p>However, the Licensing Team does publish a notice on our website of all applications received as required. The Town and Parish Councils can monitor that page for applications received.</p> <p>Officers do not therefore recommend any changes.</p>
Public Health	<p>On behalf of the Public Health Team we are pleased to see the reference within the revised Statement to the health issues associated with excessive alcohol consumption and the reference to the Alcohol Harm Position Statement and Forward Plan.</p>	No comments

Pickmere Parish Council	<p>Further to the above consultation, this council considered the revised statement at its last meeting and had the following comments.</p> <p>The Cheshire Showground is close to/partly within the parish boundary and clearly parish residents are widely affected when large scale events are held on the showground. The showground site is obviously very extensive and completely out of the ordinary in that sense and in the size of events it can and does accommodate.</p> <p>Concern was expressed by the Parish Council that the opportunity for comment on licensing applications on such events, is <u>severely constrained</u> and is insufficiently advertised to allow for reasonable public comment on the licence applications. Whilst it may be that you say that you are confined by statutory requirements as to advertising, the Council would hope that a way could be found to increase the knowledge of licence applications for such large events in the local area to give the opportunity for local residents to have a reasonable opportunity to community to comment.</p>	<p>See comments in relation to Consulting applications</p> <p>It is not appropriate for Officer to comment on individual licences or applications. The consultation exercise was concerned with the content of the draft policy.</p>
Cheshire Police Licensing	No objections to the revision	No comments