



Dear Resident

Licensing Act 2003
Review of 1st Years Operation

The Licensing Act 2003 came into operation on 24 November 2005 and has now been in operation for one year. City of York Council is seeking to assess the impact this legislation has had on the City with a view to, if necessary, reviewing its Statement of Licensing Policy.

I am writing to you directly as you live within the special policy area and we are particularly interested to assess the impact that special policy has had on residents.

Printed on the rear of this letter is a description of the area and the policy which applies within it. For further details of the policy please see our website at www.york.gov.uk/licensing

The special policy was applied by the Council at the request of the Police in relation to their concerns over crime and disorder. Recent statistics have indicated that as far as crime and disorder is concerned, the impact of the special policy has been positive. For the period of January to October, the 2006 recorded drink related violent assaults within the special policy area have reduced on the 2005 figures by 42.1% as compared with a reductions of 35.4% in the remainder of the area within the City walls.

The Council would however wish to receive residents views on the success of this policy and I should be obliged if you could complete the attached questionnaire and return it to Licensing & Regulation, City of York Council, FREEPOST (YO239), De Grey House, Exhibition Square, York, YO1 7ZZ or by e-mail licensing.unit@york.gov.uk, by 31 December 2006.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Haswell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H'.

Richard Haswell
Head of Licensing & Regulations

Area Covered by Special Policy

The special policy includes the following areas - Micklegate, Toft Green, Tanner Row, Rougier Street, George Hudson Street, Bridge Street, Low Ousegate, Clifford Street, Tower Street, Tanner Moat, Wellington Row, North Street, Cumberland Street, King Street, Lower Friargate, Kings Staith and Peckitt Street.

Effects of the Special Policy

1. This policy relates to applications for the grant and/or variation of premises licences or club premises certificates or the issue of provisional statements.
2. Each application will be considered on its own merits.
3. Where no representations are received any application will be granted in terms consistent with the operating schedule.
4. Applications for the grant of a new premises licence or club premises certificate or provisional statement :

Where relevant representations are received there will be a presumption against the grant of such a licence or certificate unless the applicant can rebut the presumption that the granting of such a licence or certificate would undermine the licensing objectives.

5. Application for the variation of a premises licence or club premises certificate due to a change of style of operation :

Any application for the variation of style of operation which is subject to relevant representations will be considered on its own merits having regard to the promotion of the licensing objectives.

6. Application for the variation of a premises licence or club premises certificate resulting in an extension of the premises and increased capacity:

There will be a presumption to refuse such applications, where relevant representations are received and where the increase in capacity would undermine the licensing objectives unless the applicant can rebut the presumption that the granting of such a variation would undermine the licensing objectives.

7. Application to vary the hours of operation attached to a premises licence or club premises certificate:

All applications that seek to extend the licensed hours will be considered on an individual basis. No different policy will apply in this area as opposed to the rest of the city.

Licensing Act 2003 – 1st Year Review

Are you aware of the changes to the licensing law that came into effect on 24 November 2005?

YES / NO

What impact have these changes had on your lifestyle over the last 12 months?

POSITIVE

NEUTRAL

NEGATIVE

Please summarise:

Do you consider that the special licensing policy for your area helps protect your living conditions?

VERY MUCH

SOME

NO CHANGE

NOT AT ALL

What alterations (if any) would you like to see in the revision of the policy?

Overall do you think the new licensing law has benefited the City?

YES / NO

Name & Address (optional):

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By 31 December 2006