

OVERPROVISION CONSULTATION – OFF-SALES PREMISES

Prior to the full consultation on the Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Licensing Board is keen to establish an interim overprovision policy for off-sales premises given that the Licensing Board is currently operating without a policy in this area.

The Licensing Board has recognised the inherent difficulty in establishing a causal link between the operation of premises in a small defined area and the available statistics and data from partner agencies demonstrating health and crime statistics over the population of the whole of Aberdeen over a longer period of time. The Licensing Board does however consider it a reasonable assumption that the majority of alcohol sold within the Licensing Board's overall area will be consumed within that area. Accordingly, for the purposes of off-sales overprovision only, the Licensing Board have designated the Licensing Board's whole area as one locality in order to be able to attribute meaningful weight to relevant data which may not be available at a more localised level.

A list of all currently licensed off-sales premises, together with a note of capacity for each can be found here:



Offsales
Overprovision.xlsx

The location of those premises can be viewed here:

<http://accabdn.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=7ba881dab62146109a1cb852021dd8d1>

With this in mind the Licensing Board is keen to gauge opinion on the following question. Please also provide any relevant evidence to support any submissions.

1. Do you think the current provision of off-sale premises as shown as in the map is:
 - a) Too many?
 - b) About right?
 - c) Insufficient?

2. If you feel there are too many do you think there are too many of:
 - a) Premises of a particular type?
 - b) Premises of a particular size?
 - c) Off-sales premises in general? *available in almost every shop*

3. If the Licensing Board determine there is overprovision, do you think there should be any exceptions to this policy under the following licensing objectives:-
 - a) Preventing crime & disorder.
 - b) Securing public safety. *all valid reasons*
 - c) Preventing public nuisance.
 - d) Protecting and improving public health. *to reduce the availability of alcohol*

e) Protecting children and young persons from harm.

4. Do you have any other comments on off-sales overprovision?

Please send your comments marked "Off-sales overprovision consultation" to licensing@aberdeencity.gov.uk or alternatively to The Licensing Team, Business Hub 6, Level 1 South, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1AB

i worry that if @ over-provision if decided then the smaller local shops will lose out and places like Spar & Tesco will dominate the sale & could see smaller shops shut down.

The Licensing Board also intend to begin the consultation on the overall Statement of Licensing Policy early in the new year. The Licensing Board's current policy can be viewed here: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/aberdeen-cms/files/Statement%20of%20Licensing%20Policy.pdf>

The Licensing Board are interested to receive suggestions on which sections of the Policy Statement that warrant particular scrutiny. Please send any comments marked "Policy Statement" to licensing@aberdeencity.gov.uk or to The Licensing Team, Business Hub 6, Level 1 South, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1AB

PLEASE ENSURE ALL RESPONSES ARE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 28 FEBRUARY 2018.