



WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW
QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1) Since the Licensing policy statement has been in operation (24th November 2005) what changes if any have you noticed regarding Crime and disorder in your District.

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- 2) Since the Licensing policy statement has been in operation (24th November 2005) what changes if any have you noticed regarding risk to children in your District.

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- 3) Since the Licensing policy statement has been in operation (24th November 2005) what changes if any have you noticed regarding Public Safety in your District.

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- 4) Since the Licensing policy statement has been in operation (24th November 2005) what changes if any have you noticed regarding Public Nuisance in your District.

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5) Since licensing hours have been extended. Do you think public services should be changed? In particular Public Transport, Street Lighting, Public toilets, emptying of bins.

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6) Since licensing hours have been extended. What changes if any have you experienced in anti-Social behaviour?

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7) Would you recommend any changes to the operation of the licensing Act?

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Are there any additional comments that you wish to make on the new Licensing Act? (Continue on a separate sheet if needed)

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ASSISTANCE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE 15TH JANUARY 2007

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Statement of Licensing Policy

Licensing Act 2003

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A. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Wyre Forest District lies at the northern most tip of Worcestershire, to the south and west of the West Midland conurbation. It is bounded by the councils of South Staffordshire, Dudley, Bromsgrove, Wychavon, Malvern Hills, Herefordshire, and South Shropshire.
- 1.2 The district covers a large rural area. About 98,000 people live in the district. The largest town and urban area is Kidderminster, which has 55,182 residents, with the other market towns being Stourport-on-Severn and Bewdley.
- 1.3 Within the district there are approximately 300 licensed premises. A large proportion of these are situated in the town centres of Kidderminster, Stourport-on-Severn and Bewdley. The remainder are situated in surrounding villages and outlying rural areas. In addition, there are approximately 150 other licensed outlets made up of off-licences, restaurants, private members' clubs etc. There are presently two nightclubs in Kidderminster.
- 1.4 The licensed trade within the district has a positive impact on the local economy, tourism and cultural development. There is some negative impact including noise, nuisance and public disorder.

B. FOUR STATUTORY LICENSING OBJECTIVES

The Council is responsible for carrying out the licensing function under the Licensing Act 2003. The Act regulates the sale of alcohol, the provision of entertainment and late night refreshment. In discharging its function the council must promote the four licensing objectives which are:

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

Each of the licensing objectives has equal weight

Fundamental Principles

2.1 This Statement of Licensing Policy has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Act. The Council's Policy will take effect on 7th February 2005. The Statement of Licensing Policy is a live document, subject to continuous review, to meet the changing needs of the community, business circumstances and legislation. A formal review of the policy and further consultation will be carried out by February 2008.

2.2 Various groups have an interest in the licensing of premises under the Licensing Act 2003, in addition to the licensed trade. These may be residents, businesses and enforcement agencies. All have views and concerns that require consideration as part of the licensing function. Before publishing this Statement of Licensing Policy the Council has consulted with:

- West Mercia Police
- Hereford and Worcestershire Fire and Rescue Service

- Persons or bodies representing local holders of personal licences, premises licences and club premises certificates; and
- Persons or bodies representing local businesses and residents in the district.

In addition, the Council has also consulted with other local bodies and agencies as appropriate. A full list of Consultees is attached at (**Appendix B.**)

The Council's licensing function and the licensing objectives

- 3.1 The Council's aim is to facilitate well-run and managed premises with licence holders displaying sensitivity to the impact of the premises on local residents. The objective of the licensing process is for a unified system of regulation of licensable activities so that such activities are carried out in a way that ensures public safety but is not detrimental to residents and does not give rise to loss of amenity. To this end, (when the Licensing Authority can impose terms and conditions) such terms and conditions will be focused on matters within the control of the individual licensees and others granted relevant permissions. Nothing in the policy will undermine the right of any individual to apply for a variety of permissions and to have any such application considered on its individual merits.
- 3.2 The Council will consider the impact of extended hours on its public services and will take steps to ensure that they are appropriately managed to meet additional demands in respect of street lighting, the opening of public conveniences and the emptying of litter bins, etc.
- 3.3 Licensing law is not a mechanism for the general control of anti-social behaviour by individuals once they are beyond the direct control of the individual, club or business holding the licence, certificate or permission concerned. Nonetheless it is a key aspect of such control and licensing law will always be part of an holistic approach to the management of the evening and night-time economy in town and city centres. As a matter of policy, the Council expects every holder of a licence, certificate or permission to be responsible for minimising the impact of their activities and anti-social behaviour by their patrons within the immediate vicinity of their premises.

The Council's approach to applications for premises licences, club premises certificates and temporary event notices

- 4.1 The Council has delegated its Licensing function to its Licensing Committee, Sub Committees, and Licensing Officers. In the remainder of this Statement of Licensing Policy they are referred to collectively as the "Licensing Authority "
- 4.2 Every application for a licence will be considered on its own merits in line with the Statutory Guidance and this Statement of Licensing Policy. The Licensing Authority will seek to balance the needs of the wider community, local community, and commercial premises and activities, against the needs of those who may be adversely affected by such activities. The views of vocal minorities will not usually predominate over the general interests of the community. Where it is necessary to depart from the guidance, either in this policy statement or at any other time, the Licensing Authority will give clear and sound reasons for doing so.
- 4.3 The Licensing Authority will not attach blanket standard conditions to premises licences when relevant representations have been made. Rather it will tailor conditions to suit the individual style and characteristics of each premises.
- 4.4 The Licensing Authority will consult with its Wyre Forest Licensing Forum made up of representatives from licensed premises, personal licensees, businesses, residents and other appropriate bodies, and will meet with such bodies annually, or as and when required, to discuss and keep under review matters relating to licensing.

Cumulative Impact

- 5.1 The Licensing Authority will work in partnership with other local authorities, statutory bodies and agencies, particularly those located in Worcestershire, as appropriate, to

ensure that a consistent approach is taken to licensing matters whilst respecting the differing needs of individual communities. The Statutory Guidance refers to "cumulative impact" and defines it as "the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives of a significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area". The Licensing Authority has not currently identified any areas in its District where it would be appropriate to apply such a policy, but reserves the right to do so if circumstances change.

Licensing hours

6.1 When dealing with licensing hours each application will be dealt with on its individual merits. The Licensing Authority recognises that longer licensing hours with regard to the sale of alcohol is important to ensure that the concentrations of customers leaving premises simultaneously are avoided. Premises for which licences will be sought vary one from another and the Licensing Authority will have a flexible approach to licensing hours. The Licensing Authority will expect stricter conditions with regard to noise control in areas that have denser residential accommodation. This should not limit opening hours without regard to the individual merits of any application.

Off sales

7.1 Generally the Licensing Authority will consider licensing shops, stores, supermarkets and other premises selling alcohol for consumption off the premises during the normal hours that they are open for shopping purposes. The Licensing Authority may however consider that there are good reasons for restricting those hours especially where the police recommend this in the case of some shops known to be a focus of disorder and disturbance because youths gather there.

Types of Licence

8.1 The Licensing Authority is responsible under the Act for granting licences for any licensable activities, namely:

- The sale by retail of alcohol
- The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club or, to the order of a member of the club
- The provision of regulated entertainment and
- The provision of late night refreshment.

Regulated Entertainment

9.1 Regulated entertainment is entertainment provided in the presence of an audience for the purpose of entertaining that audience, which consists of:

- The performance of a play;
- The exhibition of a film;
- An indoor sporting event;
- Outdoor boxing or wrestling;
- A performance of live or recorded music;
- A performance of dance.

Late Night Refreshment

9.2 Late night refreshment means the sale of hot food or drink to members of the public between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

G. THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

10.1 Licensed premises, especially those offering late night / early morning entertainment, alcohol and refreshment for large numbers of people, can sometimes, if not properly managed, become a source of crime and disorder problems.

10.2 The Licensing Authority will expect licensees of premises to develop Operating Schedules that satisfactorily address these issues from the lay out of the premises, through to the daily operation of the business.

10.3 In developing such Operating Schedules, applicants should take notice of this policy, and where appropriate are recommended to seek advice from either the Licensing Authority's Officers or the West Mercia Police Licensing Officer.

10.4 In addition to the requirements for the Licensing Authority to promote the Licensing Objectives, it also has a duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1988 to do all it can to prevent crime and disorder in the District. The Licensing Authority will expect applicants to consider what actions they can take in the management of their premises that will contribute towards the reduction of crime and disorder and their responsibilities to the community in general when engaged in their activities and trading as licensed premises. Applicants should include information on how they intend to address these issues within the Operating Schedule for the premises.

10.5 The Licensing Authority will consider the actions that are appropriate for the premises that the applicant has taken, or is proposing to take with regard to the following:

- The training given to staff regarding crime prevention, (e.g. training relating to public safety, conflict management, and drug related issues);

- Physical security features installed in the premises, (e.g. position of cash registers, gaming machines, CCTV. toughened drinking glasses etc.
- In areas and at times risk assessed by the Licensing Authority as high risk e.g. town centres and late night opening, the Licensing Authority will normally expect licensed premises to have CCTV installed both internally and externally and linked to appropriate recording equipment).
- The Licensing Authority expects reasonable Management attitudes, (e.g. responsible pricing promotions, willingness to stagger trading and willingness to limit sales of bottles or canned alcohol for immediate consumption.
- That where appropriate, door supervisors approved, trained, and registered, with the Security Industry Authority are employed to regulate entry, and prevent disorderly behaviour, at premises or events.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY

11.1 The Licensing Act 2003 covers a wide range of premises that require licensing including cinemas, night-clubs, public houses, village and community halls, schools, cafes, restaurants and fast food outlets/takeaways. Each of these types of premises present a mixture of risks to public safety, some of which may be common to most premises whilst others will be unique to specific operations.

11.2 The Licensing Authority will expect Operating Schedules to satisfactorily address these issues. The conditions that are necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives should emerge initially from a prospective licensee's or certificate holder's risk assessment which should be undertaken by applicants or clubs before making their application for a premises licence or club premises certificate. This would be translated into the steps recorded in the operating schedule or club operating schedule that it is proposed to take to promote the licensing objectives.

12.1 Licensed premises, especially those operating late at night and in the early hours of the morning, can sometimes cause a range of nuisances impacting on communities and people living, working or sleeping in the vicinity of the premises, e.g. noise and odour.

"In the vicinity"

12.2 The Licensing Authority is keen to protect the amenity of residents and businesses in the vicinity of licensed premises. For these purposes the Licensing Authority proposes that "vicinity" is taken to mean the immediate area around licensed premises, and the natural thoroughfares leading to and in the immediate vicinity of such premises.

Local economy and culture

13.1 The Licensing authority is aware of the importance of the licensed trade to the local economy and its culture and leisure aspirations. The Licensing Authority will, therefore, work together with all interested parties, statutory agencies and licensed businesses to ensure a mutual co-existence.

Nuisance / anti-social behaviour

14.1 In each individual case that arises, following relevant representation, the Licensing Authority will take an objective view as to the potential for nuisance and anti-social behaviour, and will attach appropriate and proportionate conditions to licences and certificates where necessary, in order to prevent it. These may include conditions drawn from the guidance notes and the pool of model conditions. Any such conditions imposed will be tailored to the style and characteristics of the premises and the type of activities expected to take place there. The Council will consider the following appropriate action:

- Prevention of noise and vibration escaping from the premises, including music, noise from ventilation equipment and human voices. Such measures may include the installation of soundproofing, air conditioning, acoustic lobbies and sound limitation devices and limitation of times of use of outside areas;

- Preventing disturbance by customers coming to, leaving or loitering near the premises, particularly between the hours of 11.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m.;
- Preventing queuing by prospective customers, or vehicular traffic, or if some queuing is inevitable, then ensuring that queues are diverted away from neighbouring premises, or are otherwise managed, to prevent disturbance or obstruction by pedestrians or traffic
- Ensuring staff leave the premises quietly;
- Arrangements for parking by patrons and staff, and the effect of the parking on local residents;
- Provision for public transport (including taxis and private hire vehicles) for patrons;
- The installation of any special measures where licensed premises are, or are proposed to be, located near sensitive premises such as nursing homes, hospitals, hospices or places of worship;
- The use of gardens and other open-air areas;
- The location of external lighting, including security lighting;
- Other appropriate measures to prevent nuisance, such as the employment of registered door supervisors or the use of CCTV;
- Preventing the consumption or supply of illegal drugs, including search procedures;
- Refuse storage or disposal problems or additional litter (including fly posters and illegal placards) in the vicinity of the premises;
- The history of previous nuisance complaints proved against the premises, particularly where statutory notices have been served on the current licensees;
- The use of effective means of reducing disorder by communicating with other licensees and the Police in communicating information regarding the potential for anti-social or criminal behaviour, (e.g. radios, pagers, ring rounds, membership of Pubwatch, etc.).

Other mechanisms

15.1 Whilst the licensing function is a key aspect in controlling anti-social behaviour there are other mechanisms for addressing such behaviour that occurs away from licensed premises. These include:

- Planning controls;
- Positive measures to create a clean and safe town centre environment in partnership with local businesses, transport operators and other divisions of the Council;
- The provision of CCTV surveillance in town centres, ample taxi ranks, provision of public conveniences open late at night, street cleaning and litter patrols;
- Powers to designate parts of the District as places where alcohol may not be consumed publicly and the confiscation of alcohol from adults and children in such areas;
- Police enforcement of the general law concerning disorder and anti-social behaviour, including the issuing of fixed penalty notices;
- The prosecution of any personal licence holder or member of staff at such premises who is selling alcohol to people who are drunk;
- Police powers to close down instantly for up to 24 hours any licensed premises or temporary event on grounds of disorder or noise emanating from the premises causing a nuisance;
- The power of the police, other responsible authorities or a local resident or business to seek a review of the licence or certificate in question;
- The above measures may also be supplemented by other local initiatives that similarly address such problems.

16.1 The Licensing Authority recognises that there are a range of activities for which licences may be sought, meaning that children can be expected to visit many of these premises, often on their own, for food and/or other entertainment.

16.2 The Licensing Act 2003 allows access by children to licensed premises subject to certain statutory restrictions. The Licensing Authority recognises that limitations may have to be considered where it is deemed necessary to protect children from harm (whether physical, moral or psychological). The following are examples of premises that may raise concerns:

- Where entertainment or services of an adult or sexual nature are commonly provided;
- Where there have been convictions of members of the current staff at the premises for serving alcohol to minors or with a reputation for under-age drinking;
- Where there is a known association with drug taking or dealing;
- Where there is a strong element of gambling on the premises;
- Where the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises is the exclusive or primary purpose of the services provided at the premises.

This list is not meant to be seen as an exhaustive list but gives applicants examples of the conditions the Licensing Authority may seek to impose in meeting its obligation towards the protection of children from harm.

16.3 Venue operators seeking premises licences and club premises certificates may volunteer such prohibitions and restrictions in their Operating Schedules. Where no relevant representations are made such volunteered prohibitions and restrictions will become conditions attached to the licence or certificate and will be enforceable as such.

16.4 The Licensing Authority will not impose any conditions that specifically require the access of children to the premises.

16.5 The Portman Group operates on behalf of the alcohol industry a Code of Practice on the Naming, Packaging and Promotion of Alcoholic Drinks. It is an important weapon in protecting children from harm because it addresses the naming, marketing and promotion of alcohol products sold in licensed premises in a manner which may appeal to or attract minors. The Licensing Authority commends the Code to applicants for personal licences, premises licences, club premises certificates and persons operating under the authority of a temporary event notice.

16.6 Films cover a vast range of subjects some of which deal with adult themes and/or contain, for example scenes of horror or violence that may be considered unsuitable for children within certain age ranges. Where a premises is used for film exhibitions, the Licensing Authority will expect licensees or clubs to include in their Operating Schedules arrangements for restricting children from viewing age restricted films, classified according to the recommendations of the British Board of Film Classification or the Licensing Authority itself.

Live music and dancing

17.1 The Licensing Authority recognises the need to encourage and promote a broad range of entertainment for the wider cultural benefit of the community. The Licensing authority will monitor the impact of licensing on the provision of regulated entertainment, and particularly live music and dancing. Only necessary, proportionate and reasonable licensing conditions will impose any restrictions on such events when relevant representations have been made.

Temporary Event Notices

18.1 No permission is required from the Licensing Authority in relation to temporary event notices. The Licensing Authority will promptly acknowledge receipt of a temporary event notice.

18.2 The Licensing Authority cannot seek to attach any terms, limitations or restrictions on the licensable activities at such events other than those set down in the 2003 Act and subordinate legislation made under it. However, the Licensing authority will endeavour where possible to provide local advice about proper respect for the concerns of local residents;

- of other legislation requirements regarding health and safety, noise pollution, or the building of temporary structures;
- of other necessary permissions for example with regard to road closures or the use of pyrotechnics in public places; with regard to local bye laws;
- and the need to prevent anti-social behaviour by those attending.

18.3 On each occasion at least ten working days notice must be given. This is the minimum possible notice and the licensing authority would encourage givers to provide at least twenty working days notice of events likely to take place.

Integrating strategies

19.1 The Licensing Authority will secure the proper integration of its licensing policy with other strategies adopted by the Council.

19.2 Where relevant representations have been made, any Conditions attached to premises licences and club premises certificates will reflect, so far as possible, local crime prevention strategies and will take account of any input of the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

19.3 The Licensing Authority will identify and take action where necessary to ensure that effective local transport strategies include provision of nighttime and evening services.

19.4 The Licensing Authority will ensure that planning, building control and licensing functions will be properly separated to avoid duplication and inefficiency.

19.5 The Licensing Authority will conduct its licensing function in a way that will promote good race relations and with due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination.

Annual reports

20.1 The Licensing Authority will learn about relevant county and local strategies by an annual report. The report may include information relating to:

- Local crime prevention strategies
- Needs of the local tourist industry
- Cultural strategy for Worcestershire
- Employment issues in the area
- Local relevant partnerships and their objectives

Enforcement

21.1 The Licensing Authority intends to establish protocols with the local police and other relevant authorities on enforcement of the Licensing Act 2003.

21.2 The protocols will provide for the targeting of agreed problem and high risk premises which require greater attention while providing a lighter touch in respect of low risk premises which are well run.

Public open space

22.1 The Licensing Authority will encourage the granting of premises licences for public open spaces for the promotion of cultural activities but having regard to the impact such activities may cause.

Issue of licences

23.1 The Licensing Authority is responsible for making licensing decisions but may delegate some of its powers to authorised officers. The table shows how it is proposed decisions will be made.

24.0 Scheme of Delegation

Matter to be dealt with:	Decision to be made by:		
	Full Committee	Sub-Committee	Head of Planning, Health and Environment
Application for personal licence		If a police objection	If no objection made
Application for personal licence with unspent convictions		All cases	
Application for premises licence/ club premises certificate		If a relevant representation made	If no relevant representation made
Application for provisional statement		If a relevant representation made	If no relevant representation made
Application to vary premises licence/club premises certificate		If a relevant representation made	If no relevant representation made
Application to vary designated premises supervisor		If a police objection	All other cases
Request to be removed as designated premises supervisor			All cases
Application for transfer of premises licence		If a police objection	All other cases
Applications for Interim Authorities		If a police objection	All other cases
Application to review Premises licence/club Premises certificate		All cases	
Decision on whether a complaint is irrelevant, frivolous, vexatious, etc.			All cases
Decision to object when local authority is a consultee and not the relevant authority considering the application		All cases	
Determination of a police objection to a temporary event notice		All cases	

APPENDIX A

CONTACT LIST

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APPENDIX B

LICENSING ACT 2003

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CONSULTEES

Wyre Forest District Council have consulted with other Government Departments, executive agencies and Advisory Groups comprising representatives of the following organisations.

Members Of The Wyre Forest District Council – 2004/05.

Corporate Performance Advisor,
Wyre Forest District Council.

Strategy, Partnerships and Communications Manager,
Wyre Forest District Council.

Economic Development and Tourism Manager,
Wyre Forest District Council.

Head of Human Resources,
Wyre Forest District Council.

Head of Legal and Democratic Services,
Wyre Forest District Council.

Head of Financial Services,
Wyre Forest District Council.

Principal Revenues Officer, Revenues Section, Council Tax,
Wyre Forest District Council.

Principal Benefits Officer, Financial Services – Benefits Section,
Wyre Forest District Council.

Head of Planning Health and Environment,
Wyre Forest District Council.

Head of Cultural Leisure and Commercial Services,
Wyre Forest District Council.

Town Clerk and Clerk to the Charter Trustees, Kidderminster.

Town Council, Stourport on Severn.

Town Council, Bewdley.

Parish Clerk,
Rushock Parish Council.

Police Licensing Officer, Kidderminster, West Mercia Constabulary.

Licensing Committee, Severnminster P.S.D.

Chairperson, Bewdley Licensees Association.

Chairperson, Stourport on Severn, Licensees Association.

Chairperson, Kidderminster Licensees Association.

Stourport on Severn Business Association.

Stourport on Severn Town Centre Forum.

Bewdley Chamber of Trade.

Wyre Forest Business Club.

Chamber of Commerce.

Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership.

Rowland Hill Shopping Centre, Kidderminster.

Swan Centre, Kidderminster.

Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association.

Talbots Solicitors.

Lumsdon Grindley Solicitors.

Painters Solicitors.

Thursfields Solicitors.

Morton Fisher Solicitors.

John Gaunt and Partners Solicitors.

Poppleston Allen, Licensing Solicitors.

Messrs Berwin Leighton Paisner, Solicitors.

Blake Laphorn Linnell Solicitors

Cobbetts Solicitors

Lockett and Co. Licensing Consultants.

Mr J. Humphreys, BII., Licensing Consultant.

L and R Consulting.

All Justices Liquor Licencees located within the
Wyre Forest District.

All Registered Clubs located within the
Wyre Forest District.

Wharton Park Golf Club,
Bewdley, Worcestershire.

Little Lakes Golf Club,
Bewdley, Worcestershire.

Bathams Brewery.

Enterprise Inns.

WDB Brands,
The Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries, Plc.

Bargain Booze.

Miss Jeanette Badham
Hope and Anchor, New Street, Stourport on Severn

Alcohol Advisory Service.

Alcohol Concern.

British Beer and Pub Association, Midland Counties.

Business in Sport and Leisure.

Jazz Services Ltd.

Arts Council England.

The British Institute of Innkeeping.

The British Marine Federation.

Kemps
Reeds Business Information.

TMA
Theatrical Management Association.

BEDA
Bar, Entertainment and Dance Association.

Alan Ferguson
Child Protection Planning and Review Unit.

RESIDENTS

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Mr J. Henshaw,
Squirrell Cottage, Heighington, Bewdley.

Mr Swaffield,
40, Park Lane, Kidderminster.

CHIP SHOP PROPRIETOR

Mr Louis Costas,
13, Bridge Street, Stourport on Severn.

The Environmental Health and Licensing Section, Planning Health and Environment Division, Wyre Forest District Council have completed the following presentations in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 the Licensing Policy Statement and the impact upon those persons employed by the Licensing profession and those in the community residing within Wyre Forest District.

Bewdley Licensees Association,
Tuesday July 20th, 2004.

Wyre Forest Licensing Forum,
Wednesday August 18th, 2004.

Stourport on Severn Licensees Association,
Wednesday August 25th, 2004.

Enterprise Inns,
Friday August 27th, 2004.

Kidderminster Licensees Association,
Wednesday September 1st, 2004.

Bewdley Town Council,
Thursday September 2nd, 2004.

Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership,
Monday September 6th, 2004.

Licensing Committee, Severnminster P.S.D
Thursday September 9th, 2004.

Stourport on Severn Town Centre Forum,
Wednesday September 15th, 2004.

Cultural Leisure and Commercial Services
Wyre Forest District Council
Friday September 17th, 2004.

Wyre Forest Licensing Forum.
Registered Clubs
Tuesday September 21st, 2004.

Chartered Institute of Environmental Health,
Thursday September 23rd, 2004.

Kidderminster Licensees Association,
Wednesday September 29th, 2004.

Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership,
Tuesday October 5th, 2004.

Hereford and Worcester Building Control Inspectors,
Monday October 11th, 2004.

Stourport on Severn Town Council,
Tuesday November 9th, 2004.

Hereford and Worcester Fire Rescue Chief Officers,
Monday November 22nd, 2004.

**Wyre Forest – Licensing Act 2003
01 November 2005 – 31 October 2006
Brief Overview**

All data relating to criminal offences was taken from WMC CRIMES (08 January 2007) using the i2 programme iBASE.

Data details all Offences with an Alcohol (AI) Interest Marker recorded across the Wyre Forest District during the period 01 November 2005 – 31 October 2006 and a comparative period 2004 - 2005.

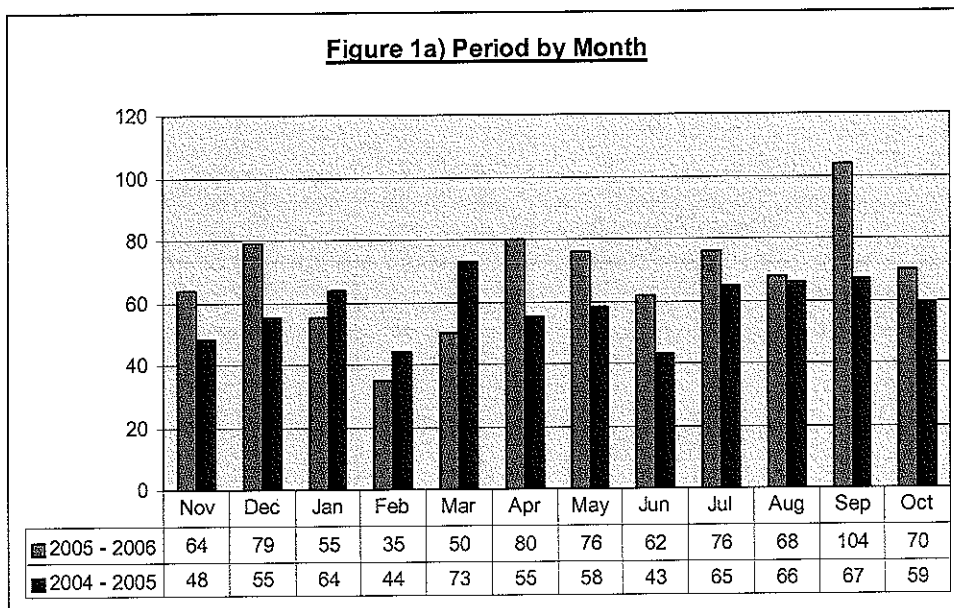
With reference to **Figure 1:**

- There were 819 offences recorded during the 2005 – 2006 period examined where alcohol was a factor in the offence.
- This equates to a 15% (n = 122) increase when compared with 2004 – 2005.

Figure 1: Period by Month

Period	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Grand Total
2005 - 2006	64	79	55	35	50	80	76	62	76	68	104	70	819
2004 - 2005	48	55	64	44	73	55	58	43	65	66	67	59	697
Difference	16	24	-9	-9	-23	25	18	19	11	2	37	11	122
% Difference	25%	30%	-16%	-26%	-46%	31%	24%	31%	14%	3%	36%	16%	15%

- Reasons for this increase include:
- Direct Dial C01s. Interest Markers are now more accurately recorded where previously there were issues of under reporting.
- Seasonal factors like the warm Summer and events like the World Cup will have further exacerbated the total figure.



With reference to **Figure 2:**

- Unsurprisingly Kidderminster Town Centre (n = 204, 25%) individually accounted for the most offences per beat.
- Incidents recorded in the other beats were comparatively lower.
- Broadwaters (n = 102, 12%) accounted for over a tenth of activity, whilst Stourport town 8% (n = 64).

Figure 2: Beat by Month (2005 – 2006)

Beat	2005										2006				Grand Total	Percentage
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct				
DD05 - Broadwaters	1	10	3											14	1%	
DD01 - Stourport Town	6	2	6	2	3	7	5	2	2	6	13	9		64	8%	
DC03 - Sutton Park	1	10	8	1	1	3	8	10	5	3	1	1		52	6%	
DB04 - Greenhill	2	4		1	1	10	4	2	7	5	4	4		44	5%	
DC01 - Franche		4	4			7	5	1	8	6	7	1		44	5%	
DC02 - Habberley/ Blakebrook	6	4	3		1	8	4	2	1	7	3	5		44	5%	
DC04 - Foley Park	6	7	4	2	5	1	2	4	1		8	4		44	5%	
DD02 - Milton	4		2	2	1	2	5	7	3	3	3	5		37	5%	
DD06 - Bewdley Town		2	4	1	4	1	3	2	9	2	3	4		35	4%	
DD04 - Lickhill	1	2			5	1	1	4	2	6	2	4		28	3%	
DB01 - Aggborough/ Hoobrook		5	1	2		1	1	1	4	2	2	4		23	3%	
DC07 - Wolverley	1	1		2	1	3		4	5	1	1	2		21	3%	
DD05 - The Walshes	1	1		1	2	4	1	3	5	2		1		21	3%	
DB03 - Offmore	1		3	2	1	1	1	4	2		2	1		18	2%	
DD07 - Wribbenhall	2	2		1	1	4		1		1	5	1		18	2%	
DB02 - Spennells			2	2		2	1	1			3	2		13	2%	
DC05 - Oldington	2	1												3	0%	
DB10 - Churchill & Blakedown	1									1				2	0%	
DD03 - Areley Kings									2					2	0%	
Grand Total	64	79	55	35	50	80	76	62	76	68	104	70		819	100%	
Percentage	8%	10%	7%	4%	6%	10%	9%	8%	9%	8%	13%	9%		100%		

With reference to **Figure 3:**

- The majority of alcohol related offences were Violent Crimes and Public Order incidents, however drink also played a role in thefts (affecting both victims and offenders).
- Malicious Wounding (n = 365) offence accounted for 45% of all alcohol related offences, of these 92% or 334 offences were ABH Assaults.

Figure 3: Alcohol Related Offences by Month

Offence	2005		2006										Grand Total	Percentage	
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct			
Criminal Damage	7	7	5	6	10	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	12	15	1%
Offence Against PC	0	5	6	7	1	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1
Common Assault	2	3	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	7	5	29	4%
Resist Arrest/ Assault PC	3	2		4	1	2	1	2	1	1	4	3		24	3%
Drugs		3	1	1	1	6	3	2	1	3	1	1		23	3%
Other PO Offences	5	3	1		2	2					3	2		18	2%
Theft from Store	3		1		3	2	4	1	1	1	1			17	2%
Robbery			1				1	1		4	2			9	1%
Sexual Assault (Female)		1	2					1		2	2			8	1%
Other Indicable Offences			1	1	1					1	3	1		8	1%
Rape	1	1			1	1			1	1		1		7	1%
Burglary Dwelling		2				1	1		1	1	1			7	1%
Theft Other			1	1	1		1		1		2			7	1%
Wounding	1	1	1					1				1		5	1%
Theft from Dwelling	1					1		1	1			1		5	1%
BOTD				1	1	1	1							4	0%
TOMV						1	1	1	1					4	0%
Violent Disorder			1		1					1		1		4	0%
Exposure			1					1	1					3	0%
Agg Vehicle Taking (Damage Only)							1			2				3	0%
Murder								2						2	0%
Blackmail				1		1								2	0%
Theft from Person	1					1								2	0%
TFMV									1	1				2	0%
Threat to Commit Crim Dam		1										1		2	0%
Abscond form Lawful Custody		1									1			2	0%
Attempted Murder		1												1	0%
Threats to Kill				1										1	0%
Aggravated Burglary							1							1	0%
Aggravated BOTD							1							1	0%
Kidnapping								1						1	0%
Theft by Employee	1													1	0%
Other Frauds												1		1	0%
Arson										1				1	0%
Atit Pervert the Course of Justice		1												1	0%
Drug Trafficking					1									1	0%
Vehicle Interference										1				1	0%
Other Summary Offences											1			1	0%
Danagerous/ Reckless Driving				1										1	0%
Grand Total	64	79	55	35	50	80	76	62	76	68	104	70	819	100%	
Percentage	8%	10%	7%	4%	6%	10%	9%	8%	9%	8%	13%	9%	100%		

Changes to the Licensing Act – One year on

Part 1 – The year prior to the amendments (24/11/04 to 23/11/05)

1.1 Violent Crime

This report compares violent crime data from the 12 months before the amendments to the Licensing Act came into effect (24/11/05) with the 12 months after the changes. This report is based on Violent Crime as recorded on the West Mercia CRIMES database. The offences included are as follows:

- Assault on a Police Officer or with Intent to Resist Arrest
- Administer Poison
- Aggravated Vehicle Taking
- Aid/Abet Assault Occasioning ABH
- Allow Dog to Enter Public Place and Cause Injury
- Assault Occasioning ABH
- Attempted Murder, Robbery, Wounding and Rape
- Breach of ASBO
- Cruelty to Child Under 16
- Cause Death by Dangerous Driving
- Cause GBH
- Common Assault by Beating
- Exposure
- Fear or Provocation of Violence
- Harassment
- Murder
- Possess an Article with Blade/Sharp Point, Firearm, Imitation Firearm or Offensive weapon
- Racially Aggravated Violent Crime*
- Rape
- Robbery
- Sexual Assault/Activity
- Threats to Kill
- Using Threatening Words/Behaviour to Cause Alarm/Distress
- Wounding

[* This includes any of the other offences listed that are deemed to be racially aggravated.]

1.2 Alcohol Related Violent Crime in Wyre Forest

There were 529 alcohol related violent crimes in Wyre Forest in the twelve months between 24th November 2004 and 23rd November 2005. This made up 33.9% of all violent crimes in the district.

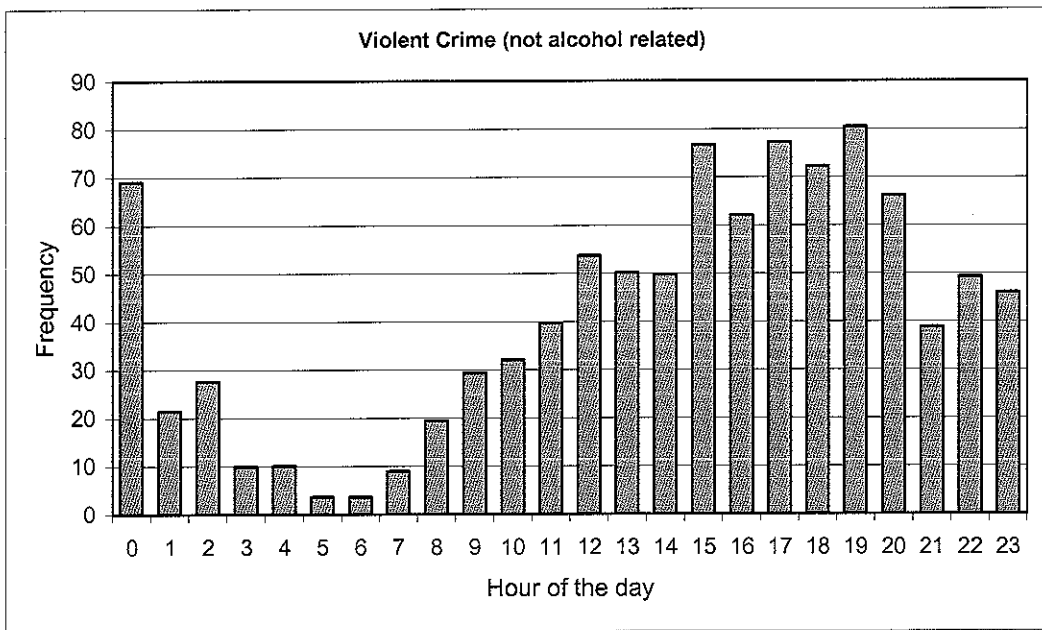
The following table shows the five most common types of alcohol related violent crime:

Violent Crime	Frequency	Percentage of ALL Violent Crimes
Assault – ABH	309	55.3%
Disorderly/Threatening Behaviour	59	11.6%
Common Assault	44	8.3%
Fear/Provocation of Violence	31	5.9%
Assault on PC	29	5.5%

Violent crime most commonly occurred on Fridays and Saturdays, with just over 60% of all violent crime happening on these two days.

The five premises, which were most commonly locations for alcohol related violent crime, were Mirage, Redwoods, Police Station, Lazio Pizza and The Eagle and Spur.

The following graphs shows the times of day when alcohol related violent crime took place, compared with violent crime that was not described as being alcohol related.



These graphs show a very different pattern to violent crime depending on whether it is alcohol related or not. Alcohol related violent crime number start to rise at 19:00, with a main peak between 23:00 and 01:00, though numbers remain fairly high between 01:00 and 03:00. In contrast to this, violent crime that is not alcohol related has a much different pattern. From 10:00 numbers of violent crime are relatively high but peak between 15:00 and 21:00. This peak is spread over more hours than the alcohol related violent crime.

Part 2 – The year after the amendments (24/11/05 to 23/11/06)

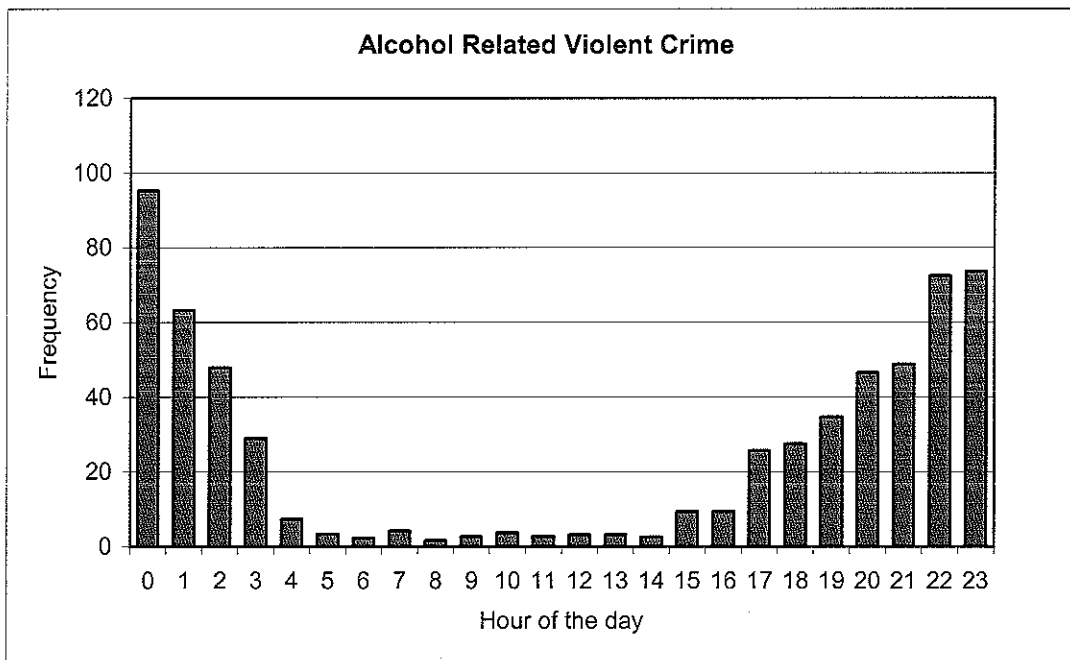
There were 621 reported alcohol related violent crimes during the 12 months after the new Licensing Act legislation came into force, making up 42.4% of all violent crime reported in this period.

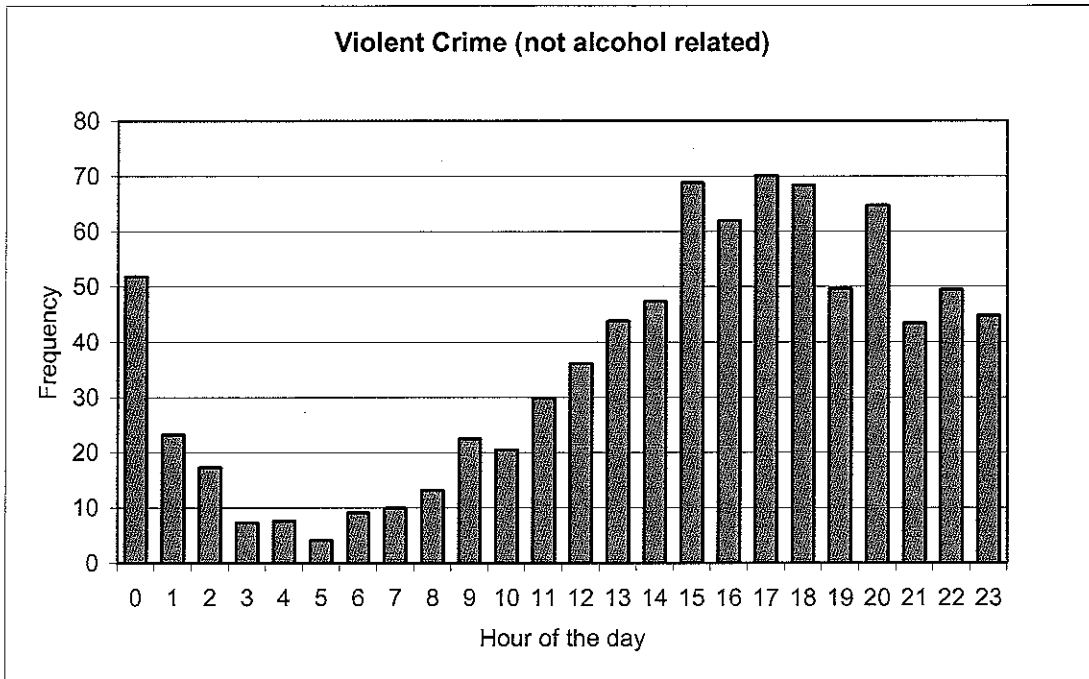
A breakdown of the five main types of violent crime reported is shown in the following table.

Violent Crime	Frequency	Percentage of ALL Violent Crimes
Assault – ABH	359	57.8%
Disorderly/Threatening Behaviour	92	14.8%
Common Assault	33	5.3%
Assault on a PC	25	4%
Fear or Provocation of Violence	18	2.9%

Just under 60% of all alcohol related violent crime happened on Fridays and Saturdays, with slightly more offences happening on Saturdays than Fridays.

The five premises, which were most commonly locations for alcohol related violent crime, were Yates Wine Lodge, Kidderminster Police Station, Mirage, Tesco and The Penny Black.





The peak time for alcohol related violent crime was between midnight and 1am. There was a smaller peak either side of this, between 10pm and midnight and between 1am and 2am. Violent crime that was not alcohol related peaked at 3pm and 7pm and again between 8pm and 9pm. There were relatively few reported offences between 1am and 12pm.

Part 3 – A comparison of alcohol related violent crime before and after 24/11/06

- There were 529 reported alcohol related violent crimes in the year preceding the changes to the Licensing Act, and 621 during the months after. This was a difference of 92 offences or 8.5%. This difference was statistically significant.
- After the Licensing Act came into force the percentage of alcohol related Assaults Occasioning ABH and Disorderly/Threatening Behaviour was higher than it was in the 12 months before the changes. However the percentage of Common Assault, Assault on a PC and Fear/Provocation of Violence were lower.
- A slightly higher percentage of alcohol related violent crimes happened on Fridays/Saturdays than happened on these days in the 12 months after the new Licensing Act.
- Kidderminster Police Station and Mirage nightclub were among the top 5 most common places where alcohol related violent crime happened. Before the Licensing Act changes the other premises were Redwoods, Lazio Pizza and The Eagle and Spur. After the changes the other three premises were Yates Wine Lodge, Tesco and The Penny Black.
- Before the Licensing Act changes came in reported alcohol related violence was higher between 1pm and 3pm and again between 2am and 3am than it was when compared with times of alcohol related violent crime. After the licensing changes come in alcohol related violent crime was higher between 5pm and midnight and again between 1am and 2am.

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Dear Darren

I am writing in response to your enquiry about supporting your 12 month impact study concerning the new Licensing Act.

Although we are keen to support this study, the way in which our data is coded means that it is unlikely that we will be able to provide you with any robust data. For example, if we attended an assault which was alcohol related, this would only be coded as an 'assault'. Even though the assault was 'alcohol related' it would not be shown as this in our statistics. The same applies to road traffic collisions, collapses and other emergencies often associated with excessive alcohol.

I have checked with our Risk Manager about the number of assaults on our staff caused as a result of excessive alcohol consumed by the patient. Fortunately, there does not appear to have been an increase since the new licensing laws were introduced.

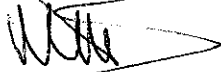
We may be able to provide you with data on the number of incidents that we have attended in licensed premises in the Wyre Forest area. Due to Data



Protection issues, I would require written confirmation of exactly what information you require and the reason you require the information.

May I take this opportunity to wish you every success with your study. I would be interested to see your findings and recommendations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Price', written over a horizontal line.

Malcolm Price
Assistant Director of Operations

RESPONSES TO LICENSING QUESTIONNAIRE - IMPACT OF LICENSING POLICY STUDY 2006

Stakeholder (Date returned)	Q1 Since the last licensing policy statement has been in operation (24th November 2005) what changes if any have you noticed regarding crime and disorder in the district.	Q2 Since the licensing policy has been in operation (24th November 2005) what changes if any have you noticed regarding risk to children in your District	Q3 Since the licensing policy has been in operation (24th November 2005) what changes if any have you noticed regarding Public Safety in your District	Q4 Since the licensing policy has been in operation (24th November 2005) what changes if any have you noticed regarding Public Nuisance in your District	Q5 Since licensing hours have been extended. Do you think public services should be changed? In particular Public Transport, Street lighting, public toilets, emptying of bins.	Q6 Since licensing hours have been extended. What changes if any have you experienced in anti-social behaviour?	Q7 Would you recommend any changes to the operation of the Licensing Act?	Q8 Are there any additional comments that you wish to make on the new Licensing Act?
Unsigned "We are a country pub" (4.12.06)	None whatsoever.	None	None	None	Yes. We have none	None	Only supermarkets should not be allowed to sell alcohol due to lack of control and supervision	No
Unsigned (6.12.06)	None	None	None	None	No	None	No.	No
Unsigned (6.12.06)	None	None	None	Increase	Yes - All the above	As bad as usual	How is it that people seem to be exiting pubs etc in a drunken state? Needs more enforcement	Would like to see more Police Officers walking Town Centre beat. At random times.
Unsigned (6.12.06)	No	None	None	None	None	None	-	Phone box on corner has been vandalised again. This is a quiet country area. We have never had bad behaviour. Litter is left by people driving by.
Unsigned (6.12.06)	I haven't noticed any	None	None	Fewer people out at night less noise	No	None	None	-

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Unsigned (6.12.06)	No change	No Change	No change	No change	Emptying bins weekly	No change	No	None
Unsigned (6.12.06)	None	None	Noise at night between 12.00 - 2.00 am	Yes	No manners some people	None	None	Nil
Unsigned (7.12.06)	None	None	None	No	None	None	Not from our point of view	We are quite happy with the new Act
Trimpley Social Club (7.12.06)	None	None	None	No, not in a small rural community such as Trimpley	None	None	No, it has been most helpful to our very small operation having the extra hour open on function nights has made a big difference and has saved administrative time for both parties	The new Licensing Act has made very little difference in our small community. We are not open any more hours than before. It's just that we don't have to apply for the extensions as mentioned in Q7 it's made life much easier.
Unsigned (7.12.06)	Less noise and trouble in the early hours of the morning	None	About the same	More public toilets. Why do other European countries i.e Spain, France, Portugal etc have refuse collections during the night and more frequent this also causes less congestion on the roads.	Its about the same as before. You still get the idiots but they are the same ones we had before.	I think every licence should be 24 hours. Responsible licensees and that about 95% would not use it every day but it would give freedom if it warranted staying open later or to open earlier.	As a licensee in Stourport it seems to be working OK. I do think 24 hour licence would work as most licensees and customers need to be in bed at a reasonable time and if you had a problem you could revoke their 24 hours licence for a period of time.	

Unsigned (8.12.06)	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	Questionnaire waste of time and money
Unsigned (11.12.06)	No changes - did not experience any problems before	None	None	None - very safe district	None - did not have any problems before and none since	No, not due to licensing hours being extended	No changes	No	No recommendations	As a filling station, shop and off licence we have not extended our hours so the impact has been minimal.
The Plough, Shenstone (11.12.06)	None	None	None	None	None	No	None	Not yet	No	No
Unsigned (11.12.06)	None in my area	None in my area	None in my area	None in my area	None in my area	Public transport should be available to all not just Green Street area lat at night	None in my area	Can't think of any at present	-	-
Unsigned (11.12.06)	Note at present	None	Probably the same as before	None at present	None at present	Public Transport no better, Street lighting mostly good, public toilets poor, emptying of bins could be improved with extra bin for garden waste	None yet	Not at present	-	-
Unsigned (11.12.06)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	No	Nil	No	No	No
Unsigned (12.12.06)	No changes	No changes	No changes	No changes	No changes	No change	No changes	None	-	-
Bellman Cross, Shatterford (12.12.06)	None	None	None	None	None	No	None	No we have not changed our hours	None	None
Unsigned (12.12.06)	More disorder later at night	The children seem to be out later under 16	No change	Late at night (12am - 4 am)	More Police in the evening	None	None	Earlier closing of pubs	More CCTV	More CCTV

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Unsigned (7.12.06)	No noticeable change	No noticeable change	Noticeable increase in late night/early morning speeding past our premises. This now carries on later into the early hours of the next day.	No noticeable change	Stricter enforcement of the laws in respect of drunken behaviour in the streets	Stricter enforcement of the laws in respect of drunken behaviour in the streets	Enforcement of section of the Act which refers to proprietors of licensed establishments who continue to serve customers who are already drunk! Remove their licenses!	The concept of 24 hours drinking is totally mis-conceived. The licensing hours were already far too long and the availability is increasing the risk to health and reflecting the performance of employees at work next day.
Unsigned (7.12.06)	None	None	None	None	No	None	No	-
Unsigned (8.12.06)	None	None	None	None	Public transport should be provided and better street lighting	None	No	No
Unsigned (8.12.06)	None	None	None	None	Transport and Lighting	None	No	Has given customers more choice in hours and eased drinking up and emptying public house
Unsigned (8.12.06)	None	None	None	None	No	None	No	-
Unsigned (8.12.06)	None	None	None	None	None in relation to Rose Theatre	None	The provision to appoint a named deputy, who has suitable experience for occasional absence of the "Personal Licence" holder.	We have not noticed any difference in operation.

Unsigned (13.12.06)	None	None	None	None	There is and always has been a problem with rubbish and debris being dropped from take-away products. It is not pleasant to the eye or passer by. More frequent emptying of bins may assist - but it is not the answer.	None	No	No
Unsigned (15.12.06)	None	None	None	None	No, Taxis are available, however not always reliable	No different!	Not really - just that I would like it to be more transparent - I don't feel that the license summary is clear English!	I feel that there should be a list (on my licence summary) of activities that I have not been allowed, as well as those that have been authorised. Also it states that I am authorised late night refreshment, however you require a food license, which I haven't got. I don't feel that its very self explanatory.
Gilt Edge Leisure Centre (15.12.06)	None	None	None	Increase in crime on sports fields	Yes, more later issues	None	No	No

Richard Williams, Principal Pollution Control Officer (12.12.06)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Complaint of noise nuisance have increased with regard to licensed premises. However the increase has been progressive over the last 3 years of about 11% each year. The last 12 months have not been an exception to this rule.	N/A	N/A	N/A - However complaints of public disorder/noise have increased and occur later at night	No	No
Unsigned (13.12.06)	None	None	None	None	Yes	Yes	None	No	In my opinion the new Act is working quite well
Unsigned (13.12.06)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Yes - They should mirror closing times where possible especially if there is public safety implications	Nil	Nil at present	Nil at present	Nil at present
Unsigned (13.12.06)	None	None	None	None	Yes	Yes	None	None	None
Unsigned (13.12.06)	None other than local youth job culture	More 'sting' operations in papers still drunk with buying drink from local Tesco Express	None very little Police visibility in our area, and when seen they do nothing but drive by	None other than local youth job culture	Public toilets and Transport	None other than local youth job culture	Stricter control on sales from mini markets some 18+'s buying for juniors	N/A	N/A
Unsigned (13.12.06)	None	None	More Police visibility	Lots of youths hanging around	Yes, public toilets open later	Youths hanging around Weavers Wharf lat at night	NO	NO	

Richard Matthews British Beer and Pub Association Midlands (21.12.06)	I would like to think crime levels have dropped in line with reports from other parts of the country	None	Improved situation due to different closing times. Less people trying to get takeaways/taxis at the same time.	Improved situation due to different closing times. Less people trying to get takeaways/taxis at the same time.	Buses should run later. There are areas of Kidderminster that need better lighting - between Weavers Wharf and library along River/Exchange Street - Market Street - Mill Street. Need for public toilets to be open later	There appear to be less problems as customers are leaving pubs and clubs at different times	Needs to be more streamlined (on- line?) and less paperwork for licensees. It should be made easier for licensees to make minor changes in their operation limit the need to re- apply. Clarification needed over DPS bans on the premises	I have submitted statistics and a press release on behalf of my association which highlight the successful introduction of the new laws. It is clear it has made little or no difference to peoples drinking habit except there is now less pressure to drink quickly because of later closing times.
West Midlands Ambulance Service (21.12.06)	None	None	None	None	The provision of litter bin needed to be increased in areas such as Oxford Street, Worcester Street etc. All too often we see litter all over the street, which isn't very welcoming in the morning when coming into work or for visitors	None	No, other than I would like to see more High Visible checks carried out on premises during the late evenings and at weekends.	No
Unsigned (21.12.06)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unsigned (22.12.06)	About the same but more litter	None	None	None	Yes	None	No	-

Unsigned (4.1.07)	Youngsters coming out from the towns in the early hours and racing at high speed through the village causing damage to fences and verges	None	The speed at which vehicles race through our village in the early hours now.	Noise in the early hours of the morning caused by drunken youths descending on the village from the towns.	No	As overleaf. Plus I have to come home late I'm fed up with having to avoid drunks wandering down the middle of the road in Kidderminster. Also since all day opening there has been a significant increase of drunks during the day in surrounding towns with all the unpleasantness they bring.	Yes! That the licensing hours are reduced and all day drinking is stopped.	The extension of hours has done nothing to curb the drunken behaviour of youngsters visiting clubs. Kidderminster, for me, is now a no go area at night I wouldn't even consider coming into town to visit a restaurant. The Victorians restricted the sale of alcohol for good reason and human nature has not changed except perhaps for the worse.
Unsigned (8.1.07)	None	None	None	None	Yes	None	No	No
Unsigned (8.1.07)	None	None	None	None	Not in our area	None	-	-
Bev Newey Marks and Spencer (8.1.07)	Increase Police presence	I believe test purchasing exercises have been put in place to safeguard children	Police/Community Police Officer presence appears to have increased at key times	Not perceptible	I think that serious consideration needs to be given to street lighting and public toilets bearing in mind that public toilet provision in Kidderminster is perceived to be poor	My store trades until 8.00 p.m. Mon to Fri - during this period of time we have not experienced any specific problems.	No	No

Unsigned (10.1.07)	None	None	None	None	My hours have not been extended. But where they have, emptying of bins and street lighting would be a priority.	None		As the licensing hours of my store have remained the same the impact in my opinion has been negligible. However, I have noticed younger children (under 18) being able to obtain alcohol more freely and this may be because of increased hours or relaxed attitude of staff that open or serve alcohol longer.
Probation Service (Undated)	The Probation Service has not undertaken any systematic measuring of the incidence of crime and disorder since the change in the licensing laws, so any observations are only anecdotal. We have not noticed any change in the seriousness or frequency of offending attributable to the change.	We have not noticed any changes that could be attributable to the Licensing Law changes	We have not noticed any changes	We have not noticed any changes	Later public transport and the availability of public toilets open later would be helpful	We are not aware of any changes	No	

Wilden Village Cricket Club (18.12.06)	For the most part we have been closed ... since reopening there appears less confrontation.	As a club we are focused on children - over 150 girls and boys train at the club - we have welfare officers etc it is working well	We are more aware	We believe we are a positive influence - being able to contact WFDC for information is a great help.	It would certainly help - especially the transport.	We are out on a limb - but we seem to get fewer late night drinkers	It is good to here a Council contact ready to offer advice - lets carry on its appears to be working	Thank you for the opportunity to be involved. All is well at present - no doubt through time next year may reveal some changes.
Unsigned (18.12.06)	Up, especially teenagers being drunk and being able to buy alcohol from outlets easily	None at present	Public safety has got more dangerous. Lack of Police and community officers presence especially at night	Teenagers under influence of drink doing damage to parked cars late at night, and lots of teenagers congregating in groups. This is frightening especially to the older generation	Yes, especially more Police presence at night	Abuse when asked youngster for proof of ID when trying to purchase alcohol	Increase drinking age limits	
Unsigned (18.12.06)	No more than before the changes. Still a few problems with disorder in the town pubs, but I don't think problems have got worse.	None	I believe the Police do an excellent job and the public are very safe	No more than before 2005	Public Toilets need to be available for the public to use on an evening. Nothing is open after 5 p.m.	Some as before	Not at present	

Yates (18.12.06)	Again through an agreement amongst all licensees crime and disorder has seemed to have been reduced	None through a licence premises but the availability of alcohol off trade to children seems to be increasing with more outlets retaining alcohol	No significant changes	As most premises did not alter their hours significantly there has been little change	Public transport has always been a major problem in Kidderminster regardless of any extensions in hours. It is simply behind the times	No specific changes - if anything the town is safer	There still remains a huge concern surrounding the qualifications of the DPS and how much influence they have, if any, in their establishments.	the concept of the fit and proper person should not have been scrapped as I've said before the fact that almost anyone can hold a personal licence or be DPS is undermining the professionalism of the industry
Unsigned (18.12.06)	None (I live in a very quiet rural area)	None	None	None	Yes	None in this area	-	I don't thin licensed premises should be open so late in the night, in places like Kidderminster or Birmingham - there are too many people drinking too much
Unsigned (18.12.06)	Still few late night problems Bewdley Town Centre with violence at kicking out time	-	-	Still few late night problems Bewdley Town Centre with violence at kicking out time	Yes - They should run later	Still few late night problems Bewdley Town Centre with violence at kicking out time	-	-
Unsigned (18.12.06)	None	None	None	None	Yes	None	No	No
Unsigned (19.12.06)	None	None	Speeding cars. No Police. Scantily dressed females at night and shouting and screaming - 10.30 onwards	Youths roaming streets interfering with wheelie bins and using shopping trolleys for their so called enjoyment	More Public Transport needed at night - system at the moment diabolical	As in items 3 and 4	No	None
Unsigned (20.12.06)	None	None	None	None	Yes	None	No	No