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Consultation Response Form – Licensing Policy Review

Please complete and return by 2nd November 2010

Name: Peter Armstrong

Address:

Address of Licensed Premises or organisation if replying on behalf of an organisation or association

Public Health, North Lanes PCT, Moor Lane, Lancaster
Replying on behalf of:
Lancaster District AHRP (Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership)

If you have any specific comments about the licensing policy, please give them below indicating, in the first column, the number of the paragraph in the draft document on which you are commenting.

Paragraph Number	Comments
5.3	5.3 Consider including also a measure to include further community consultation and engagement in licensing issues
12.6	12.6 Ensure the correct child protection body is included ie Lancashire Safeguarding Board
12.10	12.10 Protection of children from harm. There appears to be no mention in the policy of under-age sales. We would like to see more specific references to putting measures in place to prevent under-age sales, plus references to recommended proof of age schemes. The Fylde policy, for example, is a useful model here. It says licensing conditions will not need to replicate offenses under the 2003 Act (eg under age sales) but gives more detail on the way licensees might operate.

13.4	13.4 Including ensuring that smokers move a sufficient distance from the door - so that other customers and staff are not forced to pass through a fog of second-hand smoke.
14.4	<p>14.4</p> <p>We would like to see much clearer and stronger wording on these measures in particular (again the Fylde policy provides a useful model):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouragement to use polycarbonate glasses ✓ • Regular collection of glasses and bottles to prevent accumulation • Staff to prevent glasses or glass bottles being taken from the premises • Consideration of selling of drinks for consumption off premises not being done in open containers • Clear references to mandatory licensing conditions around irresponsible drinks promotions and free tap water (provide appendix) • Measures to prevent drunkenness, and ensuring staff have proper training so that no alcohol is served to those who are drunk, or to someone on behalf of someone who is drunk • Safe Clubbing guide – provide link or source

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General or Further Comments

The Fylde Policy also gives 2 other provisions that do not appear to be in the Lancaster policy:

- A process for reviews of licences, including a 'red and yellow card scheme' promoted by the Home office
- An enabling section that considers 'cumulative impact of a concentration of licensed premises.

On the national licensing consultation, the PCT has stated it would like to see the protection of public health included as one of the licensing objectives, and the appropriate public health body therefore included as one of the responsible authorities.

While the statement of licensing policy is only one of many measures to deal with alcohol issues in the district, we feel there is an opportunity within it to send clearer messages to licensees and the public about the direction that the district would like to move in: greater protection of the public so that everyone may enjoy a safer experience of the district's licensed premises.

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Name: Mark Drinkall, Hon. Chairman of Torrisholme Cricket Club

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Torrisholme Cricket Club,
Barley Cop Lane,
Lancaster.

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5.2 and More generally across the policy.	<p>I am chairman of the above cricket club. In the last ten years we have seen the cost of our premises licence rise from approximately £20 every few years to £180 for this year. This amounts to an increase of several thousand percent and is completely out of proportion to the revenue the bar generates, as our primary function is to provide access to cricket for as wide a spectrum of the local community as possible and we operate only in the Summer months.</p> <p>To this end, and at great cost to the club despite support from the England and Wales Cricket Trust and The SITA Trust, we built new changing facilities and made the club fully disabled accessible. As this work resulted in a much larger footprint for the club we find ourselves paying a huge licensing bill when the potential for generating revenue has not increased.</p>

I would respectfully suggest that this is neither fair nor reflective of the way the authority intended for the system to work.

In Section 5.2 of the Statement of Licensing Policy it states that: 'It is important to ensure that the application accurately reflects the intended operation of the premises' and to this end building plans have to be provided.

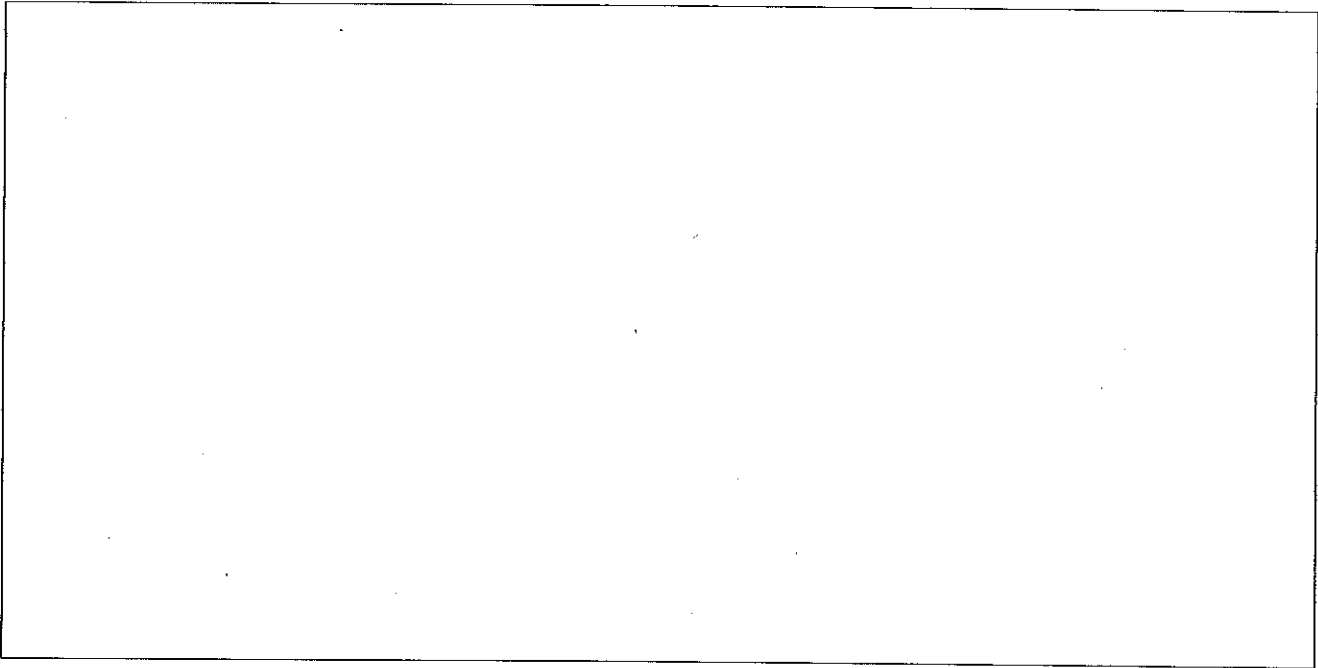
Surely from these plans it would be possible to determine that certain sections of a building (such as a changing room or disabled shower) should not be considered as part of the area subject to licensing.

I would suggest that a paragraph along these lines should be added to the draft document, and perhaps it's effect should be restricted to entirely amateur organisations.

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Morrison, Caroline

To: Langhorn, Stuart
Subject: RE: Draft Licensing Policy 2011-2014

Dear Cllr Langhorn

Thank you for your comments regarding the inclusion of public health in the Licensing Policy. I will pass the email to the Licensing Manager.

The government have issued a consultation paper 'Re-balancing the Licensing Act 2003' which is being considered by Licensing Authorities at this moment and a response will be drafted from the Council. Public Health features strongly in this document and the proposal for discussion is to include public health as a licensing objective and to include the health authority as a responsible authority to be consulted on applications for premises licences.

Unfortunately the Licensing Authority could not wait for the outcome of the consultation before reviewing its policy due to the timescales involved in publishing a new licensing policy in January 2011.

All responses to our consultation on the Licensing Policy will be given due consideration prior to the final policy being issued.

Yours sincerely

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-----Original Message-----

From: Langhorn, Stuart
Sent: 09 August 2010 08:24
To: Morrison, Caroline
Subject: RE: Draft Licensing Policy 2011-2014

Thank you. I have read through the policy and just have one question. I am not on the committee and so have not received any training. However, I did attend the preventing alcohol harm session at the PCT. Given the health impact of alcohol misuse in the district is there anything we can add to our policy? I note the four priorities - but health does not seem to be one of them.

Cllr. Stuart Langhorn
Leader Lancaster City Council
Lower Lune Valley Ward
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-----Original Message-----

From: Morrison, Caroline
Sent: 06 August 2010 10:49
To: All Councillors
Subject: Draft Licensing Policy 2011-2014

Dear All