

Response to Request for Information

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City of Wolverhampton Council Cumulative Impact and High Strength Alcohol Policies

Request:

I write to make a freedom of information request for the following information regarding Wolverhampton City Council Cumulative Impact and High Strength Alcohol policies. Please could you provide the following information:

- Does Wolverhampton City Council Licensing Authority currently have any Cumulative Impact Areas which specifically relate to off-licences? Yes, there are a total of five Cumulative Impact Areas:
 - City Centre on/off
 - Bilston on/off
 - Wednesfield on/off
 - Dudley Road on/off
 - Avion centre off only
- 2) If so, to which areas does the policy apply? See above.
- 3) Is so, are you considering expanding the Cumulative Impact Areas? The Licensing Committee will keep any Cumulative Impact Policy under review and modify or remove it, as considered appropriate.
- 4) If not, is Wolverhampton City Council Licensing Authority considering adopting any new Cumulative Impact Areas specifically relating to off-licences? At present the measures in place would seem to be sufficient, but again we are constantly monitoring this and keeping it under review.
- 5) Does the current Statement of Licensing Policy for Wolverhampton City Council Licensing Authority contain provisions seeking to restrict the sale of highstrength alcohol? No.
- 6) Is there a standard licensing condition which relates to restricting high-strength alcohol for new licences or licence renewals? Not a standard condition, but one that is frequently used to restrict the sale of single cans/bottles of beer or cider above 6.5 abv.

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- 7) Is there currently a voluntary campaign where retailers are asked not to stock high-strength alcohol? No.
- 8) Are there any proposals to include new or further restrictions in future Statements of Licensing Policy about the sale of high-strength alcohol? Under consideration.