

DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Council for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes following which one Member of the Council, nominated by the Mayor, may speak in response. It shall then be moved by the Mayor and voted on without discussion that the deputation be thanked for attending and its subject matter noted.

Notification of one Deputation has been received. The spokesperson is entitled to speak for 5 minutes.

(a) Deputation concerning Statement of Licensing Policy – Cumulative Impact Area

Mr. R. Gamper (Spokesperson)

THE DEPUTATION IS ON BEHALF OF THE BRUNSWICK, ADELAIDE AND (PART REGENCY) RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO STRONGLY SUPPORT THE LICENSING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ITEM 15.19 MINUTES OF 17 NOVEMBER 2011 **“that the council be recommended to approve the expansion of the Cumulative Impact Area and the Special Stress Area as shown on the map in appendix 3 to the report;”**.

“We appreciate and support Brighton and Hove's stated policy regarding the proposed Extension of the CIA/SSA. We welcome it and ask the Council to act on the Licensing Committee's resolution on the 17 November 2011.

While this will be a city-wide policy, our Associations represent the Brunswick and Adelaide area, which is predominantly residential. Our residents are living with the effects of the current policy, which is adversely affecting and compromising their quality of life

The unintended consequence of the CIA has been a proliferation of licensed premises more easily obtained in the SSA. "License Creep" is rapidly continuing westwards which is why both the SSA and the CIA need to be extended.

Following the letter sent to each Councillor, we draw the following to your attention:

LICENSED PREMISES WITHIN THE EXISTING REGENCY/BRUNSWICK SSA

This SSA area covers the area westwards along the Western Road corridor from the boundary of the central CIA at Little Preston Street and Spring Street to Holland Road. It includes streets to the south of Western Road, including Kings Road, but not to the north. Within a 10 minute walk along less than half a mile of Western Road and through an area of less than half a square mile there are 67 licenses.

1, Premises with Licenses for On and Off sales of alcohol

67 LICENSES for the sale of alcohol of which
50 are for On sales, such as restaurants, of which

19 are after midnight on weekdays
25 are after midnight on Friday and Saturday
22 are after 11pm on Sunday

40 are of Off sales, such as pubs and wine merchants, of which
17 are after midnight on weekdays
16 are after midnight on Friday and Saturday
16 are after 11pm on Sunday
3 are 24 hour on weekdays
4 are 24 hour on Friday and Saturday

23 of these are for both On and Off sales at the same premises
2, Premises for Licenses for Late Night Refreshment (food only)

31 Licenses were found to be current within the SSA, of which
20 are after midnight on weekdays
27 are after midnight on Friday and Saturday
30 are after 11pm on Sunday
25 of these also have a License for the sale of alcohol

Once the deterioration in the situation became apparent the local Residents' Associations became active in expressing residents' extreme concerns at licensing hearings, NHS consultations and recently at the Big Alcohol Debate.

The particular problems of West Street as identified in para 1.12.4 of the *Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2011* have been addressed to some extent by the CIA but residents within the SSA are concerned that now these are being transferred to the Western Road. This is born out by the police in their extension of Operation Marble to this area.

We refer you to the BHCC Licensing and Enforcement Statement on the web: "The Licensing Act places responsibility on the local authority to manage the night time economy and to minimise disorder and disruption".

We respectfully request that:

- (1) The council be recommended to approve the extension of the Cumulative Impact Area and the Special Stress Area as shown on the map in appendix 3 to the report: and
- (2) That the council be recommended to implement a 'matrix' approach to licensing decisions as shown in appendix 1 to the report."

The six members of the Deputation are:

Richard Gamper
Balint Bodroghy
Trish Gaskell Watkins
Mike Birri
David Watkins
Lynne Moore

Councillor Deane, Chair of Licensing Committee, will respond.