

## APPENDIX F

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Subject: Hastings Borough Council's revised Licensing Act Policy Statement 2021-2026

Dear Licensing Team

This policy statement is supported by the Hastings Community Alcohol Partnership and the Safer Hasting Partnership as the principles, aims and goals coincide and complement both the SHPs and the CAPs priorities.

As you well know the amount of alcohol that is available in Hastings impacts considerably of the amount of public place violence and associated ASB.

Both partnerships that I coordinate are attempting to reduce crime and disorder in the borough and created a safe environment for both residents and visitors

A number of interventions have already been implemented, based on the community impact zones associated with the previous policy statement

- The ASB PSPO prohibits alcohol consumption outside of licenced premises within the confines of a designated area along the sea front and into the three towns of St Leonards, Hastings and Hastings Old Town.

The ASB PSPO has been helped manage the high numbers of street drinkers in the towns , but has not resolved the issues associated with alcohol availability to those who abuse it.

HBC@s Wardens service and local police are regularly intervening with these individual resulting in a number of prosecutions associated with street drinking

- The Safer Hastings Partnership together with HBC's Community Safety service support a Taxi Marshal scheme in Havelock Road, central Hastings that regularly deals with drunks attempting to cause nuisance during the evenings and nights of Friday and Saturday nights.
- The Safer Hastings Partnership together with Sussex Police, Sussex PCC's and the East Sussex CCG have managed to re-start the late night Safe Space (run by Hastings Street Pastors) the for those suffering the ill effects of alcohol on Saturday nights associated with the night time economy.

- The SHP also contributes to the running of the Hastings Area BCRP with its Barwatch and Shop Watch looking to ban those who are causing concern to retailers , many of which have consumed a great deal of alcohol and disturbed those enjoying the Night time economy of the town
- Crime figures do show that these interventions together with a strong policy statements and licensing enforcement regime from both HBC & Sussex Police are managing the provision of alcohol across the towns and the wider borough.
- The East Sussex Violence Reduction Unit identified Castle Ward as a priority area for interventions associated with public place violence mainly caused by excessive alcohol consumption
- The SHP & HBC's Community Safety team regularly intervene and look to reduce the 'out of the way areas' where the effects of alcohol cause ASB .e.g. by gating PROWs, alleys and twittens
- The Hastings CAP continues to lobby for greater education of the effects of alcohol in young people, vulnerable to the wider effects of alcohol consumption
- The East Sussex Alcohol Strategy demonstrates the high numbers of those with medical conditions affected by alcohol consumption in the Borough.

All of the above can provide evidence and support for this robust alcohol policy statement with both partnership supporting and endorsing the continuation of the CIZ's and ongoing licensing enforcement

If there is any further evidence of support needed to retain this statement please do not hesitate to contact me

Regards

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