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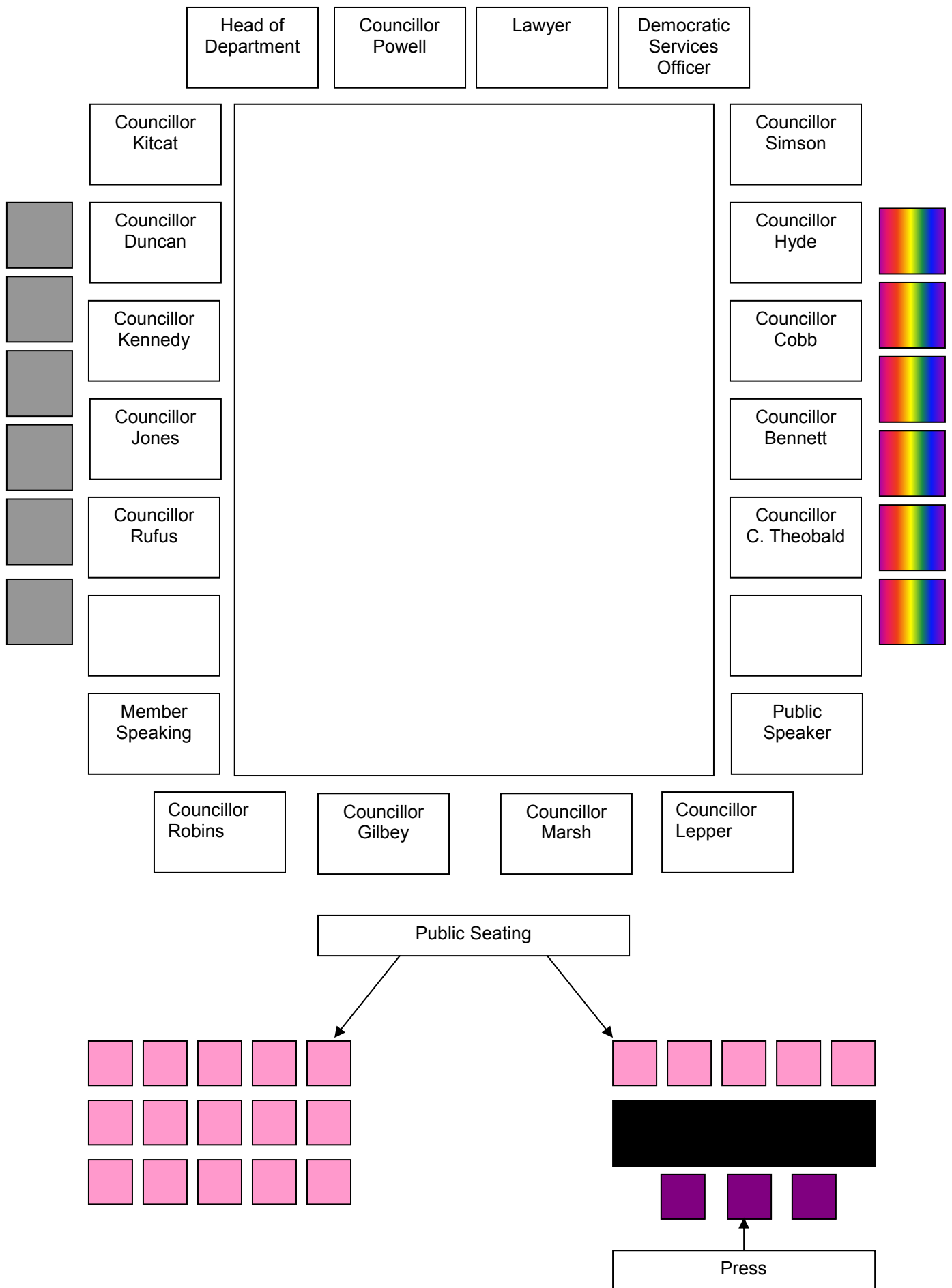
Licensing Committee

(Licensing Act 2003 Functions)

Title:	Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003 Functions)
Date:	20 November 2014
Time:	3.30pm (or conclusion of Non-Licensing Act Committee)
Venue	Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall
Members:	Councillors: Powell (Chair), Simson (Opposition Spokesperson), Lepper (Opposition Spokesperson), Bennett, Cobb, Duncan, Gilbey, Hyde, A Kitcat, Jones, Kennedy, Marsh, Robins, Rufus and C Theobald
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AGENDA

11 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

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(b) Declarations of Interest:

- (a) Disclosable pecuniary interests not registered on the register of interests;
- (b) Any other interests required to be registered under the local code;
- (c) Any other general interest as a result of which a decision on the matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting you or a partner more than a majority of other people or businesses in the ward/s affected by the decision.

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12 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR

To formally appoint the Deputy Chair for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

13 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2014 (copy attached)

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15 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

To consider the following matters raised by members of the public: To consider the following matters raised by members of the public:

- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions presented to the full council or 10 working days before the meeting;
- (b) **Written Questions:** to receive any questions submitted by the due date of 12 noon on 12 November 2014;
- (c) **Deputations:** to receive any deputations submitted by the due date of 12 noon on 12 November 2014.

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To consider the following matters raised by Members:

- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions submitted to the full Council or 10 working days in advance of the meeting;
- (b) **Written Questions:** to consider any written questions;
- (c) **Letters:** to consider any letters;
- (d) **Notices of Motion:** to consider any Notices of Motion

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Contact Officer: *Tim Nichols* Tel: 29-2163

Ward Affected: *All Wards*

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Contact Officer: *Sarah Cornell* Tel: 29-5801

Ward Affected: *All Wards*

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Contact Officer: Rebecca Sidell
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 29-1511

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To consider items to be submitted to Council for information.

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BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE (LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS)

3.30PM, 26 JUNE 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Powell (Chair), Duncan (Deputy Chair), Simson (Opposition Spokesperson), Bennett, Carden, Deane, Gilbey, Jarrett, Phillips, Robins, Rufus, C Theobald, Wealls and Wells

Apologies: Councillors Marsh

PART ONE

1 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

1a Declaration of Substitutes

1.1 Councillor Deane declared that she was substituting for Councillor Jones. Councillor Jarrett declared that he was substituting for Councillor Kennedy. Councillor Wealls declared that he was substituting for Councillor Hyde. Councillor Wells declared that he was substituting for Councillor Cobb. Councillor Carden declared that he was substituting for Councillor Lepper.

1b Declarations of Interest

1.2 There were none.

1c Exclusion of the Press and Public

1.3 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ('the Act'), the Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press or public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I of the Act).

- 1.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item appearing on the agenda.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 2.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003 Functions) Meeting held on 6 March 2014 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

3 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Visit to a Betting Office

- 3.1 The Chair referred to her recent visit to a Ladbrokes betting office which she understood was very well run; she had been able to observe different elements of its operation and it had been an interesting experience.

Setting up Licensing Panel Hearings

- 3.2 The Chair explained that although aware that Members had very full diaries she thought it was important to remind Members of the importance of volunteering to sit on Licensing Panels whenever they were able to do so. Whilst it was understood that Members had a number of conflicting commitments which meant that their availability was limited but there had been several “near misses” where it had been not possible to raise a Panel, this could have resulted in an untenable legal situation and could have compromised the Council’s position. The Panels were the “nuts and bolts” of the Committees’ work and were the place where its policies were applied; it went without saying therefore that they were very important.
- 3.3 It was explained in answer to questions that when licence applications came in was beyond the control of the Licensing Team or Democratic Services as once submitted there was a statutory timeline within which a Panel comprised of Members of the parent Committee needed to meet and determine it. Suitable accommodation also had to be found and booked. The majority of applications did not come before a Panel (this is only the case when there were objections which were not withdrawn as a result of the negotiation process) and the relatively few that did come forward do therefore require determination by the Committee.
- 3.4 Councillor Robins stated that it might be beneficial if alternative timings and locations could be put forward and the Democratic Services Officer confirmed that as far as possible they would factor this in within the constraints placed upon the process. If Members had limited or alternative availability e.g., would prefer afternoons if they let the Democratic Services Team know they would try and accommodate that in, although it was reiterated that Panels had to be arranged within a very narrow window which means there is limited flexibility around the timing of hearing dates. Councillor Simson stated that Brighton Town Hall was the preferred location of those Members who attended hearings on a regular basis, that should be taken account of too.
- 3.5 **RESOLVED** – That the position be noted.

4 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**4a Petitions**

4.1 There were none.

4b Written Questions

4.2 There were none.

4c Deputations

4.3 There were none.

5 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT**5a Petitions**

5.1 There were none.

5b Written Questions

5.2 There were none.

5c Letters

5.3 There were none.

5d Notices of Motion

5.4 There were none.

6 RESPONSE TO REPORT OF HEALTH AND WELL BEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL ON ALCOHOL

6.1 The Committee considered the covering report of the Head of Law detailing the findings of the Scrutiny Panel into requesting that the Committee consider the recommendations put forward by the Health & Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Panel, Scrutiny Panel on Alcohol in relation to proposed revision of the current Statement of Licensing Policy. An extract from the Minutes of the Health & Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Panel and a full copy of the report of the Scrutiny Panel on Alcohol were appended to the report.

6.2 It was noted that The Overview & Scrutiny Committee have forwarded their report to the Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003 Functions) for information and are also seeking the Committees' approval to review the current Statement of Licensing Policy in the terms set out.

6.3 Councillor Deane who had Chaired the Panel stated that the broad scope offered by the review had enabled Members to consider a number of issues related to the night time economy in depth and that she wished to place on record her gratitude to her fellow

Panel Members for their valuable contributions. Councillor Deane went on to explain that in formulating their recommendations the Panel had tried to seek a balance between the cities cultural offer business generated by the night time economy and other interests. It had been highlighted as of importance to ensure that there was a varied offer which was not entirely based around alcohol consumption and that low/no alcohol alternatives were encouraged and available. The importance of initiatives such as “Sensible on Strength” had an important role to play.

- 6.4 Councillor Simson who had also sat on the Panel referred to the work which was already being carried out across the city. For example the annual “Carnage” event for newly arrived students at the beginning of each academic year was not supported by the University of Sussex who stressed that they had no connection with the event and were pro- active in trying to ensure that it ceased. Councillor Simson went on to state that the Panel were clearly of the view that the existing matrix system required amendment and this was reflected in the report recommendations.
- 6.5 Councillor Theobald stated that that in her view the city would benefit from having more late night coffee bars which would provide a focus for non-alcoholic refreshment.
- 6.6 Councillor Duncan fully supported the report recommendations and commended the excellent work which had been undertaken in preparing the report and formulating its recommendations.
- 6.7 Councillor Rufus stated that although the report had taken a while to prepare it provided a detailed and considered baseline for further work.
- 6.7 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Committee notes the Recommendations set out in the Executive Summary on Page 4 of the report;
- (2) That the Committee notes the Panel’s recognition of the strengths of the Statement of Licensing Policy and agrees to authorise officers to carry forward their recommendation that the Policy and Matrix be reviewed by this Committee, in particular
- (a) the geographical scope of the Cumulative Impact Zone;
 - (b) that café bars are given their own categorisation in the Matrix to recognise that they are not restaurants or pubs and that different guidance may apply;
 - (c) review the definition of residential or commercial areas;
 - (d) review the statement on hours of alcohol sale; and
 - (e) review the policy on food and alcohol retailers outside the CIZ (Page 16 of the report; gather and assess the evidence necessary for a review of the policy as above in particular the evidence for inclusion of further areas into the CIZ and that officers report back to this committee with a detailed report and amended policy proposal for approval by the committee with a view to commencement of the statutory consultation process and
- (3) That officers gather and assess the evidence necessary for a review of the policy as above in particular the evidence for inclusion of further areas into the CIZ and that officers report back to this committee with a detailed report and amended policy proposal for approval by the committee with a view to commencement of the statutory consultation process.

Note: Councillor Wells abstained from voting in respect of the report recommendations.

7 UNDERAGE GAMBLING TEST PURCHASE OPERATION

- 7.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Public Health detailing a recent underage gambling test purchase exercise by the Council's Licensing Team assisted by the Gambling Commission on the 25th April 2014.
- 7.2 Councillor Duncan enquired regarding the sanctions which were put in place in instances where premises had failed test purchases. Were there instances for example where premises were closed down immediately. The Senior Environmental Health Officer, Mr Whitelegg explained that the policy had to be applied proportionately and commensurate with any offence committed.
- 7.3 Councillor Rufus sought clarification as to whether certain types of premises had been targeted, for example chains as opposed to small independent businesses and whether any pattern had emerged regarding lack of training for example which had led to staff being unaware of unable or to meet their responsibilities.
- 7.4 The Head of Regulatory Services explained that the premises visited had followed the Gambling Commission's own suggestions regarding the representative sample to be used. The results had highlighted an issue which needed to be addressed. The Senior Environmental Health Officer agreed that all premises which had failed would be re-visited and checked and it was also agreed that that there would be a further report back to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee advising on the outcomes and future programme of action.
- 7.5 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Committee notes the contents of the report; and
(2) That officers continue to monitor premises and take appropriate enforcement action including test purchases.

8 SCHEDULE OF REVIEWS

- 8.1 The Committee considered a schedule prepared by the Director of Public Health containing details of any reviews received during the period since the its last meeting.
- 8.2 **RESOLVED** - That the contents of the schedule be received and noted.

9 SCHEDULE OF APPEALS

- 9.1 The Committee considered a schedule prepared by the Head of Law containing details of any appeals lodged during the period since its last meeting.
- 9.2 Councillor Simson enquired whether Officers had received any indication of the date on which the appeals lodged by Casba and Casba Two in Western Road were likely to be heard by the Magistrates Court. The Legal Adviser to the Committee confirmed that hearing dates had yet to be notified and that the premises could continue to trade to the extent of their hours had been heard and determined.

9.3 **RESOLVED** – That the contents of the schedule be received and noted.

10 ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

10.1 There were none.

The meeting concluded at 5.20pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this

day of

LICENSING COMMITTEE (LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS)

Agenda Item 17

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Review of Statement of Licensing Policy
Date of Meeting: 20 November 2014
Report of: Head of Regulatory Services
Contact Officer: Name: **Tim Nichols** Tel: **29-2163**
E-mail: tim.nichols@brighton-hove.gov.uk
Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Council, as Licensing Authority, has a statutory duty to review its Statement of Licensing Policy (SoLP) every five years. The previous review was adopted on 15 December 2011 by Full Council and the revised Statement of Licensing Policy came into effect on 20 December 2011.
- 1.2 The revised statement of licensing policy included an expanded cumulative impact zone (CIZ) and new larger special stress area (SSA). In addition, a matrix approach to licensing decision making was adopted.
- 1.3 It was further agreed that the cumulative impact zone and special stress area are reviewed regularly and as such we have reviewed data year on year from the implementation of the CIZ and SSA's.
- 1.4 On the 26th June 2014 Licensing Committee considered the Report of the Health & Well Being Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Scrutiny Panel on Alcohol February 2014) in relation to proposed revision of the current Statement of Licensing Policy and noted the following recommendations:
- 1.5 That the Committee notes the Panel's recognition of the strengths of the Statement of Licensing Policy and agrees to authorise officers to carry forward their recommendation that the Policy and Matrix be reviewed by this Committee, in particular
 - a) the geographical scope of the Cumulative Impact Zone;
 - b) that café bars are given their own categorisation in the Matrix to recognise that they are not restaurants or pubs and that different guidance may apply;
 - c) review the definition of residential or commercial areas;
 - d) review the statement on hours of alcohol sale; and
 - e) review the policy on food and alcohol retailers outside the CIZ;
 - f) gather and assess the evidence necessary for a review of the policy as above in particular the evidence for inclusion of further areas into the CIZ

and that officers report back to this committee with a detailed report and amended policy proposal for approval by the committee with a view to commencement of the statutory consultation process

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Committee resolve to confirm the current Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) and Special Stress Area (SSA) as defined in the current SoLP and to continue to adopt the special policy in relation to that CIA and SSA and to continue to include these within the current statement of licensing policy.
- 2.2 To note the review of the matrix in accordance with the recommendations of Scrutiny Panel on Alcohol (paragraph 1.5). This new draft matrix is set out in Appendix A.
- 2.3 Officers to continue to carry out work to review the SoLP (set out in Appendix B) to incorporate emerging policy issues such as Sensible on Strength and off licences, and advice from Director of Public Health, Public Health England and the Local Government Association.
- 2.4 Officers to report back to March 2015 Committee with an updated draft SoLP for statutory and public consultation.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Guidance states that there should be an evidential basis for the decision to include a special policy within the Statement of Licensing Policy (SoLP). For instance, Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships may have collated information which demonstrates cumulative impact or Environmental Health Departments may be able to show concentrations of valid complaints relating to noise disturbance.
- 3.2 National Guidance states at 13.28: the steps to be followed in considering whether to adopt a special policy within the statement of licensing policy are summarised below:–
 - Identify concern about crime & disorder or public nuisance
 - Consider whether there is good evidence that crime & disorder or public nuisance are happening and are caused by the customers of licensed premises, or that the risk of cumulative impact is imminent
 - Identify the boundaries of the area where problems are occurring
 - Consult with those specified in section 5(3) of the 2003 Act, and subject to the outcome of the consultation
 - Include and publish details of special policy in licensing policy statement.
- 3.3 The Licensing Authority should ensure that there is good evidence, not only that crime and disorder or public nuisance are happening, but that they are caused by customers of licensed premises. The borders defined then need to identify the boundaries of the area where problems are occurring – not where they might occur at some time in the future, unless that is imminent.

- 3.4 Sussex Police recommend that the CIZ and SSA are retained in their current form. This position is supported by the Council's Environmental Health Officers dealing with pollution, prevention and minimisation. Evidence shows that the Special Policy has been successful as incidents of alcohol related crime and disorder and nuisance have decreased since 2011. Appendix C is the Sussex Police Review of Licensing in Brighton and Hove – August 2013 to August 2014. Public Health and Community Safety Team analysis maps including mapping of licensed premises, alcohol related crime, noise and treatment centres are shown in Appendix F.
- 3.5 The Council's Environmental Health and Licensing section provides an advice and enforcement service in respect of noise nuisance from commercial premises. The report on noise in the city centre is appended (Appendix D).
- 3.6 Revisions to the Matrix:

The matrix approach provides a vision of what the licensing authority would like to see within its area and gives an indication of likelihood of success or otherwise to investors and local businesses making applications. It is a mechanism for the locally accountable licensing authority to shape its local area and address public, social policy issues. It balances the need for protection for local residents against the interests of the local economy, local employment and potential investors. The matrix does not apply to existing premises just new/variations. It is a framework and each panel must consider each application on merit, including location and type of premises/activities.

Officers suggest remove mixed commercial and residential, residential and marina areas, leaving four categories instead: CIZ, SSA, Outside City Centre and Marina (see revised Matrix at appendix A). To expand the narrative/rationale for the matrix to ensure a more defensible robust approach, including exceptional circumstances and densely residential areas. To remove the High Volume Vertical Drinking (super pub) category within Matrix. To add terminal time of 11pm for Members Clubs in CIZ. To add Café Bars to the Matrix.

- 3.7 Review SoLP para 4.7 & 4.8 as confusing and contrary to Matrix times. Suggest removing times in 4.7 and remove 4.8.
- 3.8 Off licences. We have seen considerable success with the Sensible on Strength scheme where off licences voluntarily sign up not to sell the cheap superstrength beers and ciders. Positive feedback from alcohol treatment centres, where 80% of the high profile street drinkers have moved to lower ABV and more clients are engaging with rehab treatment centres, as well as breaking up hot spots drinking areas.

Dr Tim Worthley's quote

"As the Lead GP at Brighton Homeless Healthcare I care for many of the most chaotic, entrenched, and visible street drinkers. We strive to combat the problems of severe alcohol

dependence on the individual and on the community, but this is unfortunately a battle we often lose. Despite our best efforts, a significant number of our patients die young each year due to alcohol dependence. I am certain that the recent Sensible on Strength campaign has made a significant difference to many of my patients. I am consistently told by my patients that it is much harder to obtain high strength lager and cider. As a result many of them now drink lower strength alcohol. This has reduced their number of seizures, reduced their confusional state, and improved their liver function. They are easier to engage with, and are now more able to access general medical care as well as care specific to their alcohol dependence.

In my professional opinion Sensible on Strength has been one of the most significant public health measures in Brighton in recent times and I strongly endorse it. I would also take strong issue with any recent reporting to the contrary, and would argue that such articles are misleading to the community and damaging to the health of some of our most vulnerable citizens.”

Kristy Tanner, Community Charge Nurse, Community Alcohol Team, Substance Misuse Service, NHS Sussex Partnership Trust.

“I have noticed people reporting in assessment in the relapse prevention group that they are finding it harder to purchase super strength alcohol round the city and having to go further a field i.e. Portslade to find shops that sell it. They have mentioned that as some of them are unwell they can not travel any distance to buy super strength and therefore drinking at lower strength levels. I have had 2 clients recently stating they are buying super strength in Portslade.”

3.9 However, we have seen some of the problems pushed out from the city centre. Consideration to be given to the inclusion of the following paragraph(s) into the SoLP.

- a) Over recent years problems associated with street drinking have been experienced across the city but particularly in the town centre, on the promenade, the beach and public parks & gardens. While there are some areas with recurring problems with regard to street drinking groups they also crop up in different areas at different times. These individuals and the shops that supply them can be a focus of antisocial behaviour, disorder and disturbance. The supply of alcohol to individuals involved in the day-long consumption of alcohol on the street and in open spaces can directly lead to these groups of drinkers causing various types of crime, public nuisance and anti-social behaviour.
- b) Pre-loading and post-loading, the sale of alcohol to people who consume it on the way to or from venues licensed for the consumption of alcohol on the premises, gives rise to problems of drunkenness and disorderly behaviour. The proliferation of stores selling alcohol for consumption off the premises is of concern if it leads to drinking on the streets or alcohol being carried into premises such as pubs and nightclubs. The council is concerned that alcohol loading from off-licence sales is a significant problem in the town and adversely affects the licensing objectives.
- c) Where the police or others make representations against the grant of a further licence for off sales, because of their serious concerns over any of the problems listed above and the disorder associated with the off sale of alcohol in the area, the council will give specific consideration to restricting the number, type, and the hours of premises selling alcohol exclusively for consumption off the premises. The council will want to be assured that the Operating Schedule of premises, and their overall management, training and levels of staffing, are appropriate to ensure that the licensing objectives are promoted in what may be challenging circumstances. The

earliest and latest hours of opening will be of particular concern. This is because problematic street drinkers and others who are seriously addicted to alcohol, may be drawn to shops that sell alcohol earlier in the morning and later in the evening than other premises and consequently create public nuisance. Where there are representations on problems of disorder, the hours when alcohol may be sold for consumption off the premises may be conditioned to be less than the generally granted hours issued to public houses and restaurants in the area.

3.10 Public Health: Policy Statement

Officers considered John Guzek, Public Health Intelligence Analyst survey, Safe & Well at School Survey 2013, which looks at the data on protecting children from harm, and noted that 35% of 14-16 year old publics reported that they drink with the sole purpose of getting drunk, and the figure is slightly higher for girls, with spirits being the most common alcohol choice among 11-16 year olds.

Police TP and intelligence suggests a bigger problem than first thought. Licensing Team working with police to promote fake ID poster campaign and advise about under age. Those premises found to sell to underage after an advice visit will be subject to Review and team will be asked to support this by confirming we had given previous advice. The Licensing Team are also hoping to link in with schools and six form colleges to promote dangers of underage drinking.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Consultation involved the Licensing Strategy Group which includes businesses via City Centre and Hove Business Fora, Police, Tourism, Events Office, Seafront Office (including Seafront Trader Association), Trading Standards, Legal and Finance, residents via residents associations and Community Associations. If members were minded to change the statement of licensing policy, officers should undertake the statutory consultation exercise outlined in Section 5 of the Act and Full Council alone can exercise the function of revising the authority's policy.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Financial Implications:

The costs associated to the recommendations in this report are allowable under the Licensing Act 2003 and therefore funded by licence fee income; any variation between expenditure and income generated from licence fees is funded from existing revenue budgets. Licence fees are set by central government. The recommendations in this report would only affect new applications and variations to existing premises licenses, and is not expected to impact on current levels of income from renewals of applications.

Finance Officer Consulted: Steven Bedford

Date: 21/10/2014

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 These are set out in the report. The SoLP should follow the fundamental principles set out in the Licensing Act 2003 and statutory guidance. Adoption or revision of a Special Cumulative Impact Policy is a major step and one which must be taken in accordance with proper procedure and legal advice in order to avoid legal challenge.

Lawyer Consulted: Rebecca Sidell

Date: 21/10/2014

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 A rebuttal presumption against new licensed premises in a CIA may reduce the ability for small businesses to open as off-licences. Affected businesses may often be operated by members of minority ethnic groups.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Licensed premises throughout the city rely on local licensing policies in ensuring there is clear guidance on the continued operation of local businesses. Maintaining a regularly reviewed policy, which has undergone public consultation, will ensure a consistency of support to licensed premises, members of the public and other stakeholders affected by these activities.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 CIA proposals are geographically based around evidence of crime and disorder, etc. and should assist in the council's overall aim in reducing current levels. The Special Policy promotes the four licensing objectives: public safety, the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 Failure to meet this statutory duty would lead to uncertainties in decision making, loss of business continuity and an inability to meet customer care standards.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 The policy promotes the licensing objectives and sets out a general approach to making licensing decisions. The licensing authority must carry out its functions with a view to promoting the licensing objectives and this Special Policy is framed around those objectives.

Proposals for new licensed premises, or for certain variations to existing ones, within a CIA will normally be refused following relevant representations unless it can be demonstrated that there will be no negative cumulative impact.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

- Appendix A – Proposed Matrix Approach
- Appendix B – Updated Statement of Licensing Policy
- Appendix C – Sussex Police Summary Review
- Appendix D – Environmental Health – noise complaints regarding licensed premises (to follow)
- Appendix E – Public Health Framework for Assessing Alcohol Licensing Annual Report
- Appendix F – Public Health and Community Safety Team analysis maps:
 - 1. All Alcohol Licences 2014 – CIZ/SSA and citywide
 - 2. All Alcohol Licences 2011 – CIZ/SSA and citywide
 - 3. Off-sale Only Licensed Premises 2014 – CIZ/SSA and citywide
 - 4. Off-sale Only Licensed Premises 2011 – CIZ/SSA and citywide
 - 5. All Alcohol Licences 2014 – CIZ/SSA
 - 6. 2010/11 and 2013/14 noise maps
 - 7. Police Recorded Violent Crime Hotspot 2014-15
 - 8. Police Recorded Alcohol Related incidents 2013-14
 - 9. Police Recorded Violent Crime Hotspot 2010-11
 - 10. Police Recorded Alcohol Related incidents 2009-10
 - 11. Treatment Centres (band 2 & 3 Accommodation), off licences & SoS 2014
 - 12. Number of alcohol related ambulance call-outs in 2013-14
 - 13. Number of off-licences per ward, also showing treatment centres and band 2 and 3 accommodation

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None.

Background Documents:

None.

Appendix A

Proposed Matrix Approach

2.7 The Licensing Authority will support:

2.7.1 Diversity of premises: ensures that there is a mix of the different types of licensed premises and attracts a more diverse range of customers from different age groups, different communities and with different attitudes to alcohol consumption. It gives potential for positively changing the ambience of the city or an area of it. This will have a positive effect in reducing people's fear of crime and in increasing the number of evening visitors to the city centre. The Community Safety Strategy recognises that too many single uses in a confined area and patrons turning out onto the streets at the same time may create opportunities for violent crime and public disorder and therefore supports: mixed use venues encouraging a wider age balance.

2.7.2 A "matrix" approach to licensing decisions has been adopted and is set out below. It provides a framework of what the licensing authority would like to see within its area and gives an indication of the likelihood of success or otherwise to investor and businesses making applications.

Matrix approach for licensing decisions in a Statement of Licensing Policy

	Cumulative Impact Area	Special Stress Area	Outside the City Centre	Marina
Restaurant	Yes (midnight)	Yes (2am)	Yes (midnight)	Yes
Café bar	Yes (11.30pm)	Yes (midnight)	Yes (midnight)	Yes
Late Night Takeaways	No	Yes (midnight)	Yes (midnight)	Yes
Night Club	No	No	No	Yes
Pub	Yes (11pm)	Yes (11pm)	Yes (midnight)	Yes
Non-alcohol lead (e.g. Theatre)	Yes (favourable)	Yes (favourable)	Yes (favourable)	Yes
Off-licence	No	No	Yes (generally to 11pm but if in	

			densely residential area may be earlier – see note 7 below)	
Members Club (club premises certificate)	Yes (<100) (11pm)	Yes (<100) (11pm)	Yes	Yes

Notes on matrix

Subject to the following notes, the types of premises and hours of operation, as represented in the matrix, will be strictly adhered to

- 1) Each application will be considered on individual merit
- 2) Applications within the CIZ are subject to the special policy on cumulative impact at para xx, and those within the special stress area to the special stress policy considerations at para xx.
- 3) Departure from the matrix policy is expected only in exceptional circumstances
- 4) Exceptional circumstances will not include quality of management or size of venue except where explicitly stated in policy matrix.
- 5) Exceptional circumstances may include: close consultation with Sussex Police and the Licensing Authority, meeting requirements of responsible authorities, an appropriate corporate social responsibility policy, community contribution to off set impact (such as financial contribution to infrastructure), community support, alcohol sale ancillary business activity (demonstrable to responsible authorities and licensing authority, for instance by licence condition allowing authorised officers access to sales accounts), BCRP membership
- 6) The following licensing activities are encouraged and valued by the licensing authority: outdoor regulated entertainment, community based street parties, members clubs, traditional pubs outside the city centre and non-alcohol led licensable activities, particularly within city centre.
- 7) Outside the city centre consideration will be given to the nature of the area and location in relation to any application. In a densely residential area for example the concerns of local residents will be relevant when considering applications for off-licences, pubs or café bars, especially if there is evidence of anti-social behaviour, street drinking or underage drinking. Earlier closing times may be appropriate. Regard will/may be had to the Public Health Framework for assessing alcohol licensing which can be accessed from the following link (see appendix E):

In an area where there are already several existing off-licences and where representations are received about negative cumulative impact on the licensing objectives of a further premises, the application may be refused on these grounds.

- 8) Outdoor events will be supported where arranged through the council's event planning process.

Appendix B Updated Statement of Licensing Policy

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STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2011



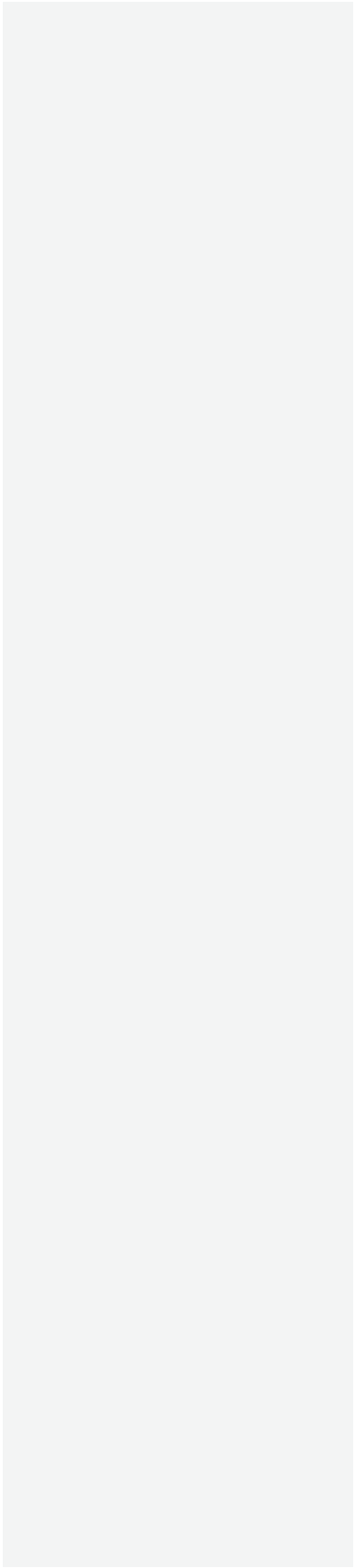
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Brighton & Hove City Council: Statement of Licensing Policy

1 Introduction

1.1 This Statement of Licensing Policy has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act) and having regard to Guidance issued by the ~~Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS)-Home Office~~ under Section 182 of the act. The licensing authority is Brighton & Hove City Council. The purpose of this statement is to promote the licensing objectives and set out a general approach to making licensing decisions. The discretion of the licensing authority in relation to applications under the act is only engaged if 'relevant representations' are made by ~~interested parties- other persons~~ or responsible authorities. This policy will inform the approach to be taken when deciding applications and imposing conditions when relevant representations are received. It is also intended as a guide for applicants as to what to include in their operating schedules, always recognising that if no representations are received, the application must be granted. The licensing authority must carry out its functions with a view to promoting the licensing objectives and this policy is framed around those objectives. Each application will be given individual consideration on its merit. The scope of this ~~pP~~ policy covers the following:

- Retail sales 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;
- The provision of late night refreshment.

1.2 **The licensing objectives** are:

- (a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
- (b) public safety;
- (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
- (d) the protection of children from harm.

1.3 **Scope**

Licensing is about regulating licensable activities on licensed premises, by qualifying clubs and at temporary events. Any conditions attached to various authorisations will be focused on matters which are within the control of individual licensees and others with relevant authorisations; i.e the premises and its vicinity.

1.4 **Consultation**

1.4.1 Before revising or determining policy for any ~~five~~three-year period, the licensing authority must consult:

- (a) the chief officer of police for the licensing authority area;
- (b) the fire authority for that area;
- (c) the Director of Public Health

- (de) such persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of holders of premises licences issued by that authority;
- (ed) such persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of holders of club premises certificates issued by the authority;
- (fe) such persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of holders of personal licences issued by that authority; and
- (fg) such other persons as the licensing authority considers to be representative of businesses and residents in its area.

1.4.2 In relation to this, its **third** statement of licensing policy, the licensing authority has also chosen to consult the following persons or bodies:

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- The Licensing Strategy Group
- Sussex Ambulance Service
- Accident & Emergency Services
- Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company
- Taxi Forum
- The council's Transport Planning, Planning Policy, Community Safety, Tourism, Drug & Alcohol Awareness and Economic Development departments
- Ward Councillors
- Individual premises and personal licence holders and club premises certificate holders
- Residents' Associations
- Generally via the licensing pages of the council's website and also via the council's Consultation Portal.

Appropriate weight was given to the views of all of those who responded. The formal consultation process was completed by adoption of this policy by Full Council on **16 December 2010**. This policy is subject to Guidance and Regulations issued by the government including any issued after the date of publication of this statement.

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1.5 Each application will be given individual consideration on its merit. Nothing in this policy shall undermine the right of any individual to apply under the terms of the act for a variety of permissions and to have any such application considered on its individual merits. Similarly, nothing in this policy shall override the right of any person to make representations on an application or seek a review of a licence or certificate where provision has been made for them to do so in the act.

1.6 Partnership

1.6.1 The policy recognises the need to balance economic prosperity with community protection. Good regulation at a local level provides fair trading conditions. This creates a fair trading environment, discourages irresponsible practices and promotes community well being. Local regulation is attuned to supporting the

local economy and local businesses. Partnership between responsible authorities reduces conflict between agencies and targets resources.

- 1.6.2 This policy includes the council's enforcement policy, in turn, based upon Home Office ~~and DCMS~~ advice.

1.7 Local features

- 1.7.1 The local visitor economy is characterised by three sectors: conferences, leisure and English language education. The city receives 8 million visitors per year, 20% from overseas. Locally, tourism is worth over £400 million and 10,000 jobs. 15-20% of jobs are tourism related.

Comment [SC3]: Update?

In 2008, the local economy was estimated to be worth £4.2 billion. Unemployment was at 7%, higher than the regional average of 5%. 19% of people were self-employed. The number of young people not in education, employment or training is high.

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1.8 Culture and Tourism

- 1.8.1 Licensing policy supports entrepreneurial activity, promoting the city's businesses, supporting growth of creative industries sector, extending the business improvement district.
- 1.8.2 The cultural and tourism offer in Brighton & Hove is crucial to the ongoing economic success of the city; it brings both money and jobs. This range of work also provides solutions to some of the problems of inequality in the city.
- 1.8.3 The city's cultural offer already engages with a high number of its residents. According to the most recent National Indicator surveys undertaken at the end of 2008, well over half the population engage with the arts and just over half with our museum and library services. The footfall figures for our main central Jubilee Library run into the millions over the course of a year. The Brighton Dome programme reaches one in six households currently and around 70% of the Brighton Festival audience each year is from local BN postcodes. However, there is much more that can be done, there are challenges and a need to create further targeted activity to stretch this success.
- 1.8.4 This sector also faces challenges from the recession at the point of refreshing this strategy and needs to be forward looking in order to position itself to help the city weather and recover from the economic downturn.
- 1.8.5 Brighton & Hove faces increasing competition from home and abroad as a tourist destination both in the leisure and business tourism markets. The current economic climate, changing patterns of consumer demand, and a need to invest in infrastructure to maintain a suitable quality are significant challenges.

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- 1.8.6 VisitBrighton, the council's tourism unit, has developed and implemented a full brand strategy and guidelines for the city's tourism offering.
- 1.8.7 The Tourism Strategy 2008-2018 in its Guiding Principles looks at responsible behaviour and aims to "look to maintain the balance between a tolerant attitude, for which the city is well known, and encouraging and welcoming appropriate behaviour especially in the evening by both residents and businesses".

1.9 Arts

~~1.9.1 Working with the Arts Commission and multi-agency partners across the city, the council have established White Night, a cultural festival for the city. White Night attracts an audience of more than 15,000 and further White Night events and similar are strongly supported.~~

1.9.21.9.1 It established a new and successful Children's Festival for the city aimed at Key Stage 1 & 2, providing free events and activities and workshops across the city.

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1.9.31.9.2 Brighton & Hove has taken a leading role in the national consortium, the Cultural Cities Network.

1.9.41.9.3 The city's cultural offer has grown through new festivals, venues and organisations developing in or moving to the city.

1.9.51.9.4 The city has the highest level of current arts engagement outside London and the seventh highest out of 150 in the country at 61.2%. Brighton & Hove is known for its colourful and interesting arts and creative industries which attract tourism and new businesses. About one in five businesses and 10% of jobs are in the arts or creative industries.

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1.9.61.9.5 The city currently hosts around 60 festivals each year including the largest arts festival in England, the Brighton Festival and its Fringe, which contributes annually £20 million to our economy

1.10 The Planning Context

1.10.1 The recent health impact assessment recommended the integration of planning and licensing. Current adopted policies within the Brighton & Hove Local Plan recognise these concerns and make provision for the protection of public amenity (policy QD27), whilst also addressing the issues in relation to cumulative impact from a concentration of nightclubs, bars and pubs in particular areas (policies SR12 and SR13).

Comment [SC10]: How recent?

1.10.2 Emerging policy within the Local Development Framework Document, The Core Strategy is underpinned by evidence from the Community Safety, Crime and

Drugs Audit 2004 which informed the strategic approach. This was developed in consultation with the Licensing Team. The overall objective is to reinforce Brighton & Hove's policy (SA2) is to promote a balanced range of complementary evening and night-time economy uses which appeal to a wide range of age and social groups, avoid a spread of large bars/pubs and night clubs and address public safety concerns.

1.10.3 Where appropriate, when considering planning applications within the above policy framework, planning conditions can be attached to permissions to safeguard amenity and mitigate against cumulative impact.

1.10.4 The licensing authority's preferred position is to ensure planning permission is in place before an application for a licence is made.

Comment [SC11]: Amend/Update? See 9.44, 13.56 & 13.57 of HO Guidance

1.11 Crime and fear of crime

1.11.1 In the Place Survey carried out in the autumn of 2008, the residents of Brighton & Hove were asked to pick five aspects of a local area that make it a good place to live. Out of 20 choices, 55% of respondents ranked the level of crime in their top five aspects which made somewhere a good place to live. So, crime levels were the most frequently flagged issue of importance (as it was in 2003 and in 2006).

Comment [SC12]: Has there been a more recent survey?

1.11.2 What has happened over the last three years

- The level of recorded crimes (around 24,500 each year) has remained stable since 2005 and is the lowest it has been for 10 years.
- Partners have achieved Beacon Status for our work in increasing safety in the night time economy and achieved a Green Flag in the Comprehensive Area Assessment for the strength of the partnership around this and reducing youth crime and disorder. Injury by violent crime is down by 7.8% and at its lowest level for five years. The Business Crime Reduction Partnership's Night Safe Scheme is considered good practice and strongly supported.
- A new Community, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy for 2008-2011 has been published which includes our action plans to deal with 10 priority crime areas.
- Exceeded challenging targets set within the LPSA programme for reducing offending by priority and prolific offenders.

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1.12 Alcohol

1.12.1 Pubs and clubs play an important role in our city's culture and economy but alcohol is a factor in at least 40% of violent crime.

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1.12.2 Following development work with the Primary Care Trust and Sussex Partnership Trust and building on new investment by the PCT in alcohol treatment services, partners have gained agreement for those new services to be initially targeted towards those whose offending behaviour is linked to alcohol misuse. The top

priorities are perpetrators of domestic violence, prolific offending and violent crime. We are now developing care pathways for those and other priority groups in order that criminal justice and other CDRP services can successfully refer and help sustain people to engage and change their lives. The Licensing Enforcement Pathway is appended (appendix G). Public health stands outside the licensing regime but alcohol related hospital admissions are a concern for the city's public services.

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Where a local authority's Director of Public Health exercises its functions as a responsible authority, it should have sufficient knowledge of the licensing policy and health issues to ensure it is able to fulfil those functions. If the authority wishes to make representations, the DPH will need to decide how best to gather and coordinate evidence from other bodies which exercise health functions in the area, such as emergency departments and ambulance services. Health bodies may hold information which other responsible authorities do not, but which would assist a licensing authority in exercising its functions. This information may be used by the health body to make representations in its own right or to support representations by other responsible authorities, such as the police. Such representations can potentially be made on the grounds of all four licensing objectives.

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1.12.3 In 2009/10* there were 5,029 hospital inpatient admissions for alcohol-related harm of Brighton & Hove residents, a rate of 1,842 per 100,000 population which is higher than the rate in England. This was a 3% reduction on the previous year but prior to that, admissions had been increasing at a rate of 15% per year, compared with 8% nationally, and the number of admissions per year is still more than double the number in 2003/04.

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1.12.4 Central Brighton and particularly the West Street area have been identified as a violent crime hotspot. Through effective coordination of relevant strategies and policy areas (eg licensing, policing and public safety), the council will seek to improve safety by encouraging a more balanced range of complementary evening and night-time economy uses which appeal to a wide range of age and social groups and managing existing late night uses within identified parts of central Brighton. Local work to reduce violent crime is coordinated through the Local Public Service Agreement / Violent Crime Action Plan. In addition, a 'Cumulative Impact Zone' within central Brighton has been adopted by the council's Licensing Committee and grants greater powers to control the number of licensed premises in the city centre.

1.12.5 Brighton & Hove scores significantly worse than the England average for a range of indicators that profile alcohol related harm.

1.12.6 For males, alcohol specific mortality, mortality from chronic liver disease, alcohol specific hospital admissions and alcohol attributable hospital admissions are all significantly worse locally than the picture seen nationally.

1.12.7 For women, alcohol specific and alcohol attributable hospital admissions are worse locally than the picture seen nationally.

1.13 The statement of licensing policy will be integrated with the Local Strategic Partnership's Transport policies.

1.14 Delegations

For convenience, the national scheme of delegation for determinations is set out below.

Matter to be dealt with	Full Licensing Committee	Sub-committee	Officers
Application for personal licence		If a police objection	If no relevant representation made
Application for personal licence with unspent convictions		If a police objection	
Application for premises licence/club premises certificate	If discretion engaged for major applications	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 personal licence holder			All cases
Application for transfer of premises licence		If a police objection	All other cases
Application 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	
Policy decisions	All cases		

Minor variations			All cases
<u>Decision whether to consult other responsible authorities on minor variation application</u>			All cases
<u>Determination of minor variation application</u>			All cases

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- 1.15 In the case of minor variations, officers will refuse if they consider licensing objectives will be compromised. A full variation application may then be submitted.
- 1.16 The licensing authority shall foster ownership, co-ordination and partnership. Delivery will involve the licensing authority, the planning authority, environmental health and safety authorities, the police, the fire authority, crime and disorder reduction partnerships, town centre managers, local business, performers and their representatives, local people and their representatives, local transport authorities, transport operators and those involved in child protection. Work shall include consultation with entertainment and licensed business managers to encourage understanding and ownership of policy and good practice.
- 1.17 The Licensing Strategy Group, Business Crime Reduction Partnership, Pub and Club Watch, Door Supervisors Business Forum and similar schemes, for instance with Home Office approval, will be encouraged to share information and facilitate exclusion of troublemakers.
- 1.18 In order to promote tourism, favourable consideration will generally be given to the licensing of public spaces.
- 1.19 The professional development and competence of licensing councillors will be provided and maintained to support the need to act as a professional licensing authority, meeting lawful standards of quasi judicial decision making.
- 1.20 **Human Rights**
The Human Rights Act 1998 incorporates the European Convention on Human Rights and makes it unlawful for a local authority to act in a way that is incompatible with a Convention right. The licensing authority will have particular regard to the following relevant provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights:-
- Article 6 that in the determination of civil rights and obligations everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law.
 - Article 8 that everyone has the right to respect for private and family life and his home.
 - Article 1 of the First Protocol that everyone is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions (including for example possession of a licence).

1.21 **EU Services Directive**

The European Services Directive took effect from 28 December 2009. It aims to ensure that licence applications and procedures are transparent and burdens on business kept to a minimum. The processes must be non-discriminatory, justified, proportionate, clear, objective, made in advance, transparent and accessible. The domestic legislation will require “any charges provided for by a competent authority which the applicant may incur under an authorisation scheme must be reasonable and proportionate to the cost of the authorisation procedures and formalities under the scheme and must not exceed those procedures and formalities”. Any fee charged for establishing a service can only be based on cost recovery and cannot be set at an artificial high level to deter service sectors from an area. Application costs can include administration, initial visits, third party costs (eg expert advice like a vet), management costs and local democracy costs. The directive also requires that ongoing enforcement costs should be refundable in the event of an application refusal. Council should schedule regular fee reviews.

- 1.22 During 2008/9, a Health Impact Assessment of flexible alcohol licensing hours in Brighton & Hove was commissioned. That study drew upon a consultation with people living and working in Brighton & Hove and a review of local data. It considered the context for alcohol licensing in the city in the light of alcohol misuse. The findings of this study have been integrated into this policy where they relate to the licensing objectives.

2.0 **Prevention of crime and disorder**

The following details and measures are intended to address the need for the prevention of crime and disorder which may be associated with licensed premises and certificated club premises. Conditions attached to licences and certificates will, as far as possible, reflect local crime reduction strategies.

- 2.1 The licensing authority acknowledges that training and good management play a key part in preventing alcohol and drug related crime. The authority expects that all licensees of on-licensed premises attend training programmes which will raise their awareness of the issues relating to drugs and violence in licensed premises, and that suitable training be extended to all bar staff and door supervisors so that drug dealers and users will be deterred from using licensed premises for illegal purposes and that incidents of violence in licensed premises will be reduced. Licensees are also encouraged to attend training programmes to help identify children at risk and issues of basic child protection. It is the duty of the designated premises supervisor (DPS) to train staff on induction concerning conditions on their premises licence.
- 2.2 It is expected that the DPS will spend a significant amount of time on the premises. When not on the premises it will be essential that the DPS is contactable, particularly should problems arise with the premises and that staff are authorised by the DPS.

2.3 Curfew powers introduced by S172A to E of the Licensing Act 2003 once in force will be used in areas of alcohol related offending to address disorder by early morning alcohol restriction order.

Comment [SC20]: Insert 'may'

2.4 The location of violent attacks, anti-social behaviour and hate crime or related incidents may be used to justify closing times.

2.5 Measures put in place should support the intentions of Operation Marble (police operational order refers), which aims to prevent incidents of crime and disorder within the night time economy, at weekends. Operation Marble operates with a view to minimising the risk to the public of being a victim of public place violent crime; to reduce incidents of violent crime and public disorder within the city centre; to deal positively with offences and offenders; to secure and preserve evidence which will assist in the prosecution of offenders and to support the night time economy and the responsibly run businesses within it.

2.6 **Cumulative impact** - the licensing authority may receive representations from either a responsible authority or an interested party that the premises will give rise to a negative cumulative impact on one or more of the licensing objectives. This should not, however, be confused with 'need' which relates more to the commercial demand for a particular type of premises. The issue of 'need' is therefore a matter for the market to decide and can, in some circumstances, be a matter for planning consideration; need therefore does not form part of this licensing policy statement.

Comment [SC21]: Delete & replace with 'other persons'

2.6.1 **Special Policy** - Cumulative Impact is defined as the potential impact upon the promotion of the licensing objectives of a significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area.

2.6.2 The licensing authority, after careful consideration, has determined that the concentration of licensed premises in an small-area of the city centre is causing problems of crime and disorder and public nuisance, and that therefore an approach to 'Cumulative Impact' is necessary as part of its statement of licensing policy. The first Special Policy and Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) and Special Stress Areas (SSA's) were adopted in March 2008. Since that date, the licensing authority has kept the CIZ and SSA's under review with the proviso that should the authority find that problems of crime and disorder or nuisance are not improving, or are worsening, the Special Policy will be reviewed with a view to bringing the SSA's into the CIZ.

At Licensing Committee on 10 February 2011, committee called for a report on the review of the licensing policy following consultation with ward councillors and the police, reviewing evidence, having regard to resident concerns with a view to possible inclusion of special stress areas in the CIZ. The merits of a matrix approach to licensing decisions would also be explored. On 23 June 2011, the

Licensing Committee received a report and authorised officers to initiate consultation regarding a review of the CIZ.

2.6.3 On 15 December 2011 Full Council resolved to expand the CIZ and the special stress area. The new CIZ covers 1.5% of the administrative area of Brighton & Hove City Council.

Comment [SC22]: Mention this review of policy here?

2.6.4 This special policy will refer to a Cumulative Impact Zone (“the CIZ”) in the Brighton city centre, a detailed plan of which is attached at Appendix A of the Statement of Licensing Policy (SoLP).

2.6.5 The special policy will only be overridden in exceptional circumstances. The effect of this special policy is that applications for new premises licences or club premises certificates within the area, or variations which are likely to add to the existing Cumulative Impact, will be refused following relevant representations. This presumption can be rebutted by the applicant if they can show that their application will have no negative Cumulative Impact.

2.6.6 Any variation application including Minor Variations will potentially come within this special policy, including those for extensions of hours, subject always to an applicant satisfying the authority that there will be no adverse effect on Cumulative Impact.

2.6.7 This special policy also applies to all new premises licences and club premises certificates, for example pubs, restaurants and take-away establishments. Off licences also come within this policy as they can contribute to problems of street drinking, proxy purchasing, dispersal issues, preloading and excessive drinking and related disorder.

2.6.8 The presumption of refusal does not relieve responsible authorities or interested parties of the need to make a relevant representation. If there are no representations, the licensing authority must grant the application in terms consistent with the operating schedule submitted.

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2.6.9 Furthermore, this special policy is not absolute. Upon receipt of a relevant representation, the licensing authority will always consider the circumstances of each case and whether there are exceptional circumstances to justify departing from its special policy in the light of the individual circumstances of the case. If an application is unlikely to add to the cumulative impact of the area, it may be granted. The impact can be expected to be different for premises with different styles and characteristics. For example, while a large nightclub or high capacity public house might add to problems of cumulative impact, a small restaurant, pub or theatre may be considered exceptional circumstances. In relation to this, the licensing authority considers that it is more proportionate to look favourably upon a pub wanting to open until 11pm or a restaurant until 12 midnight as it has emerged from all the evidence and consultation responses that these types of

premises operating within these hours are unlikely to add to cumulative impact in the area. The fact that a premises will be/is exceptionally well managed with a well qualified applicant, or that there are no residential premises nearby, will not be considered exceptional.

- 2.6.10 If the licensing authority decides that an application should be refused, it will still need to show that the grant of the application would undermine the promotion of one of the licensing objectives and that conditions would be ineffective in preventing the problems involved.
- 2.6.11 Special Stress Area - Appendix B of the SoLP details the area of the Brighton city centre which borders the Cumulative Impact zone at Appendix A and which is deemed an area of special concern in terms of the levels of crime and disorder and public nuisance experienced within it.
- 2.6.12 This Special Stress Area (SSA) is of concern to the licensing authority because of the relatively high levels of crime and disorder and nuisance experienced within it. The area will be kept under review.
- 2.6.13 New and varied applications for premises and club premises certificates within the SSA will not be subject to the presumption of refusal, but operators will be expected to pay special attention when drawing up their operating schedules and to make positive proposals to ensure that their operation will not add to the problems faced in these areas. Appendix C of the SoLP sets out a list of potential measures the licensing authority considers may be appropriate. These may be more or less appropriate depending upon the style of operation applied for.
- 2.6.14 On receipt of any application in the SSA, where a relevant representation has been made, the licensing authority will scrutinise the application carefully and will look at the measures proposed in the operating schedules and compare them to the measures set out in Appendix C. Where discretion has been engaged, those applications which fall short may be refused or conditions applied to comply with policy measures.
- 2.6.15 The Licensing Authority will keep the Cumulative Impact Zone and Special Stress Area under review. Should the authority find that problems of crime and disorder or nuisance are not improving, or are worsening, the Special Policy will be reviewed.

2.6.16 Sussex Police

Review of Public Place Violent Crime in Brighton & Hove April 2010 to 31 March 2011. Executive Summary and Context.

The key points arising from the analysis are as follows:

- Overall Public Place Violent Crime has increased by 88 offences (3.9%) in 2010/11 compared with the previous year, due to a rise in each of the 3 subgroups

- Violence Against The Person +33 (1.7%)
- Sexual Offences +35 (44.9%)
- Robbery +20 (8.8%)

There were also reductions as follows:

- Total assaults resulting in injury - 6.7% (largely due to reductions within the home)
- Assaults resulting in ABH within licensed premises - 15%

- The increase in Violence Against The Person has been due to a rise in Public Order offences primarily, but with increases of 10 or more offences also seen in Assault on a constable and Possession of a weapon. The main increases overall in this subgroup have been on Beats 3 and 4, particularly within licensed premises. Offences in a road location experienced a decrease compared with 2009/10.
- The increase in Sexual Offences is due primarily to a rise in Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over, with increases on Beat 3 being responsible. Offences in licensed premises saw the greatest rise. This has been the subject of a press campaign setting out what is unacceptable behaviour and the consequences which may result.
- The rise in Robbery was due to increases in Personal Robbery, with Beat 3 again seeing the highest rise. Offences on the Beach / Esplanade not only record the volume of offences, but also saw the highest rise.
- The proportion of records with an entry in the field to indicate whether an incident was perceived to be under the influence fell to 37% in 2010/11, making identification of trends virtually impossible. (This is against the five year average proportion of 62%). It is safer to rely of the Association of Chief Police Officers data which suggests that alcohol is a factor in 50% of all violent crimes.
- The proportion of public place Violence Against The Person offences which were flagged as a Domestic has risen in 2010/11 to 7.2%, against a proportion of 3.8% in 2006/07.

Comment [SC24]: Do we want to keep this/update it?

Summary

The above adds weight to the theory that drinking habits and the social landscape have been affected by the recession. Weekends in the city centre continue to offer a high

level of risk which is largely mitigated by the partnership measures in place, but the link between place of purchase and impact is now often blurred by distance and time. Pre-loading and public space drinking after the purchase of alcohol from off-licences, creates new challenges within any acceptable walking distances of the city centre, and this applies to the end of a night out when further purchases of food and alcohol are made, as well as the start. The coverage for the policing operation during weekend evenings (Operation Marble) has been extended slightly into Brunswick and Adelaide, in recognition of some of the recent trends associated with new off-licences and hot food outlets. The justification for this has been based upon community anecdotal evidence as well as data; as was the case during partnership discussions leading to the proposed expansion to the CIZ and SSA.

It is also useful to recognise that different forms of licensed premises currently present differing levels of risk: in fact, the on-trade is often left to manage the consequential impact of the new routines mentioned earlier. We experience a high level of cooperation from a majority of the existing licence holders who know that they will be subjected to increased scrutiny should intelligence demand it, but the affordability and availability of alcohol as well as other cultural issues present an ongoing threat of harm. A proportionate and balanced response by the partnership assists in managing that threat while also supporting the local economy and social choice. The direction of travel for violent crime reduction in the city is positive, but the viral spread of certain types of premises associated with the current social, health and disorder challenges would frustrate the measures put in place, and adversely affect the progress being made. The police view is that an intelligent and proportionate solution would better enable us to keep people safe and improve the quality of life for our communities.

We recognise the pressures that local businesses currently face and remain open to ways in which we can support them as well as keeping people safe. At present there are no clear incentives, other than punitive measures, for business excellence and trade community engagement, and we are keen to explore opportunities as to how we might promote this.

Simon Nelson

Chief Inspector - Brighton & Hove Police Operations Team

Comment [SC25]: Keep?

2.7 The Licensing Authority will support:

2.7.1 Diversity of premises: ensures that there is a mix of the different types of licensed premises and attracts a more diverse range of customers from different age groups, different communities and with different attitudes to alcohol consumption. It gives potential for positively changing the ambience of the city or an area of it. This will have a positive effect in reducing people's fear of crime and in increasing the number of evening visitors to the city centre. The Community Safety Strategy recognises that too many single uses in a confined area and

patrons turning out onto the streets at the same time may create opportunities for violent crime and public disorder and therefore supports: mixed use venues encouraging a wider age balance. A “matrix” approach to licensing decisions has been adopted and is set out below.

Matrix approach for licensing decisions in a Statement of Licensing Policy

Comment [SC26]: See Appendix A for proposals

	Cumulative Impact Area	Special Stress Area and London Road	Mixed Commercial and Residential Areas (streets containing shopping parades)	Residential Area (mainly residences in street)	Marina
Restaurant	Yes (midnight)	Yes (2am)	Yes	Yes (11.30pm)	Yes
Late Night Takeaways	No	Yes (midnight)	Yes (midnight)	Yes (midnight)	Yes
Night Club	No	No	Yes (3am)	No	Yes
Pub	Yes (11pm)	Yes (11pm)	Yes (3am)	Yes (11pm, midnight Friday and Saturday)	Yes
HVVD (Super pub)	No	No	No	No	Yes
Non-alcohol lead (e.g. Theatre)	Yes (favourable)	Yes (favourable)	Yes (favourable)	Yes	Yes
Off-licence	No	No	No	Yes (8pm)	Local shops only
Members Club	Yes (<100)	Yes (<100)	Yes	Yes (11pm and midnight Friday and Saturday)	Yes

Notes on matrix

Subject to the following, the policy, as represented in the matrix, would be strictly adhered to

- 1) Each application would be considered on individual merit
- 2) Departure from policy is expected only in exceptional circumstances
- 3) Exceptional circumstances will not include quality of management or size of venue except where explicitly stated in policy matrix
- 4) Exceptional circumstances may include: close consultation with Sussex Police and the Licensing Authority, meeting requirements of responsible authorities, an appropriate corporate social responsibility policy, community contribution to off set impact (such as financial contribution to infrastructure), community support, alcohol sale ancillary business activity (demonstrable to responsible authorities and licensing authority, for instance by licence condition allowing authorised officers access to sales accounts), BCRP membership
- 5) The following licensing activities are encouraged and valued by the licensing authority: outdoor regulated entertainment, community based street parties, members clubs, traditional pubs outside the city centre and non-alcohol led licensable activities, particularly within city centre
- 6) Shatterproof drinking receptacles will normally be required by licence condition in alcohol led establishments in the city centre
- 7) Outdoor events will be supported where arranged through the council's event planning process
- 8) Favourable consideration will be given to residential need
- 9) Favourable consideration will be given to local businesses properly engaged with the local licensing authority and responsible authorities

Comment [SC27]: Update?

2.7.2 Favourable consideration will be given to promoting the city's cultural quarter, live entertainment in pubs, food led operations, developing LGBT and other communities of interest venues, particularly around St James's Street, promoting a family leisure area on the sea front with a more adult leisure centre at night.

2.7.3 Café Bars - the licensing authority may be prepared to look favourably upon an application for the grant of a licence, subject to the following conditions that will prevent the premises becoming a public house.

- The sale of intoxicating liquor and other beverages shall be waiter/waitress service for consumption by persons seated at tables.
- Substantial food shall be available at all times. Licensees should be aware that breach of such conditions is likely to lead to appropriate enforcement action.

2.7.4 Restaurants with outside service - the licensing authority will also consider applications from restaurants that request to serve alcohol to areas adjacent to or immediately outside their premises. In addition to the above conditions for café bars, the licensing authority will require evidence that the applicants have an agreement with the local authority to use the area as defined on a plan provided. The following condition may also apply:

Comment [SC28]: Insert recognised Restaurant conditions here and have 2.7.4a as Restaurants with outside service

The sale and supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises shall be restricted to an area licensed by the Local Authority for use of the public highway as shown on the plan deposited and such area shall be defined by a physical barrier acceptable to the licensing authority.

- 2.7.5 Geographical spread of licensed premises - spreading the siting of large venues (those with a capacity in excess of 250 people) across the city reduces the problems of dispersing large numbers of people leaving premises in close proximity at the same time. Taxi and bus queues can be flash points for public disorder and violence. A good geographical spread coupled with increased taxi ranks and bus stops near venues reduces waiting time and the potential for crime and disorder. Food led operations are promoted.
- 2.7.6 **Care, control and supervision of premises:** The Licensing authority supports the Business Crime Reduction Partnership and other approved schemes. Where appropriate, premises licence holders should be members of the BCRP for the deterrence to violent crime that such membership provides. The BCRP NightSafe radio scheme is normally expected as an operational requirement for city centre bars, clubs and pubs and is an example of good practice in achieving the aim of reducing crime and disorder and improving public safety. Well managed pub-watch schemes provide information exchange between the premises licence holders and responsible authorities that reduce and deter violent crime and disorder. The council will support a responsible licensing scheme.
- 2.7.7 The effective management and supervision of a venue is a key factor in reducing crime and disorder, both within it and outside. The police will consider the applicants, objecting to the application where appropriate. The police may suggest crime prevention measures in relation to, for example, the internal layout of the premises, closed-circuit television, help points, lighting and security staff. The police may ask for conditions which support such measures to be imposed when licensing applications are granted, eg type of licence, capacity, operating hours restrictions.
- 2.7.8 Following the grant of a licence, the management and supervision of the premises, in so far as it might impact on crime and disorder, will continue to be monitored. Particular attention will be paid to any licensed premises where there is evidence of criminal activity or any association with racist or homophobic crime. The licensing authority will keep itself well briefed on the nature, location and type of premises where alcohol related violence and disorder are occurring so it can take full account of the facts and avoid exacerbating problems as required by the Community Safety Strategy. Where licensed premises are found to cause nuisance or be associated with disorder or unreasonable disturbance, powers of revocation or the imposition of conditions may be considered. Conditions may include use of closed-circuit television, licensed door supervisors and earlier closing times. Such action to restrict the operation may be taken for

trial periods to allow businesses an opportunity to remedy existing disorder, nuisance or disturbance.

- 2.7.9 This policy recognises the use of registered Door Supervisors as members of the extended police family as all Door Supervisors will be licensed by the Security Industries Authority. Mobile security units and similar systems are in use by some premises operators as a means of providing security cover at very short notice at premises which may not normally require a permanent security presence. The Licensing Strategy Group has sought to define the standards and operating guidance for such mobile units, which will be in need of regular review. This policy endorses the use of units following such guidance and standards in appropriate circumstances. A copy can be found on the licensing pages of the council's website.
- 2.7.10 The development of codes of practice and general operating standards for security companies is encouraged for local businesses; premises operators are urged to ensure that security services, when engaged, are provided by suitably qualified businesses operating to recognised standards and who should be working towards SIA accreditation.
- 2.7.11 High volume vertical drinking establishments (HVVD's) may, where necessary and appropriate, have conditions attached relating to: a prescribed capacity, the ratio of chairs and tables to be provided for customers based on capacity and the presence of SIA registered security teams.
- 2.7.12 Enforcement will be achieved by the enforcement policy appended (Appendix E).
- 2.7.13 Any enforcement checks will include outside drinking areas, looking particularly at noise, and customer smoking areas.
- 2.7.14 **Adult Entertainment**
This relates to regulated entertainment such as the live performance of dance which is for the purpose of sexually stimulating any member of the audience and including exposure of breasts, genitals, urinary or excretory organs during the entertainment. It could include, but may not be limited to, lap dancing, pole dancing, table dancing, and strip tease. Premises which are classified as Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs) will be dealt with under the council's Sex Establishment Policy 2010.
- 2.7.15 It is important that applicants state in their operating schedules whether adult entertainment is going to be provided on an infrequent basis. If no such intention is stated then the Licensing Authority will normally add a condition that there will be no adult entertainment.

2.7.16 If applicants wish to provide adult entertainment, the Licensing Authority will have particular regard to whether the premises are in the vicinity of:

- residential accommodation;
- schools and English Language Schools;
- places of worship;
- other premises where entertainment of a similar nature takes place;
- community centres; and
- youth clubs.

2.7.17 Where such applications are made, the licensing authority will expect operating schedules to address the following matters and will include such conditions as are necessary to promote the licensing objectives:

- A. A code of conduct for dancers and appropriate disciplinary procedures, developed in consultation with the police and the council.
- B. Rules of conduct for customers, developed in consultation with the Police and the council.
- C. Procedures to ensure that all staff employed in the premises have pre-employment checks including suitable proof of identity, age and (where required) permission to work.
- D. The exclusion of persons under 18 from the premises when such activities are taking place.

2.7.18 Health Impact Assessment

The licensing authority's response to this public consultation is as follows:

- Schemes to recognise well managed licensed premises will be supported
- Enforcement of licensing conditions, underage sales and offences will be dealt with having regard to the enforcement policy appended
- Trading Standards will offer business support to premises licence holders and staff
- Applications for food based operations will be supported
- 24-hour licences to off-licensed premises would be refused where justified
- Ward Members and EHOs should make representations on behalf of residents concerned for anonymity where appropriate
- The licensing inspection programme will be prioritised and risk-based
- Taxi-marshalling is supported
- Diversification of the night-time economy in Brighton & Hove and non-alcohol-related leisure activities available in the city is strongly supported.

2.8 ~~ALCOHOL DISORDER ZONES~~

~~The licensing authority has adopted the government's favoured approach, only exploring ADZs as a last resort and following a request from the Chief Officer of Police, and receipt of evidence for the need in a tightly defined area.~~

~~The authority promotes the business improvement district and expansion to address crime, disorder and nuisance.~~

Comment [SC29]: Has been repealed so remove

2.9 Street drinking

The areas around the Level and New Road are considered high risk for street drinkers and the Licensing Authority will have regard to prevention of crime and disorder by virtue of street drinking and anti-social behaviour when considering applications in this area.

Comment [SC30]: Add New Road as an area of concern

Comment [SC31]: Add something about 'Sensible on Strength'

3 Public Safety

The following details and measures are intended to address the need for the protection of public safety which may be associated with licensed premises and certificated club premises.

- 3.1 Club owners and promoters will be expected to have regard to "Safer Clubbing: guidance for licensing authorities, club managers and promoters". The licensing authority will seek to ensure that licensed premises are designed and run in a way which maximises the safety of customers and staff. In order to minimise disputes and the necessity for hearings, it would be sensible for applicants to consult with all responsible authorities when operating schedules are being prepared.
- 3.2 Normally in the city centre, pubs and clubs will be expected to operate using polycarbonate or toughened/shatterproof glass.
- 3.3 Conditions may be imposed in accordance with operating schedules to protect public safety including where justified:
 - (a) provision of closed-circuit television and panic buttons.
 - (b) use of shatterproof drinking vessels; bottles requiring use of toughened glass or plastic should normally be required unless applicants can show exceptional reasons (recognised by Community Safety Strategy).
 - (c) use of door supervisors, licensed by the Security Industry Authority (recognised by the Community Safety Strategy).
 - (d) requirement of a minimum of a licensed door supervisor for every 100 customers in nightclubs and large city centre pubs or as indicated by risk assessment.
 - (e) occupant capacity conditions will be applied where appropriate.
 - (f) the provision of designated and suitably trained first aiders.
- 3.4 In determining applications for new licences or extensions in hours or terminal hours of licensed premises, regard will be had to late night public transport availability and location of taxi ranks to aid dispersal of customers as recognised by the Community Safety Strategy and Policing Strategy. Applicants may be required to consult local transport operators and are encouraged to support the use of public transport through the provision of advice, contact details, provision of dedicated taxi phones, etc.

- 3.5 Policy recognises that the numbers of late night revellers can lead to service delivery pinch-points, for example at city centre taxi ranks. Frustration and restlessness in queues can lead to anti-social behaviour and public disorder which can be controlled by, for example, taxi marshalling systems. Operators whose customers contribute to the night-time demand for taxis may wish to consider assisting in the provision of resources for such systems or similar schemes.
- 3.6 Control of public safety at high profile commercial or sporting events or other large scale events may be supported by police powers of closure of licensed premises.
- 3.7 Where appropriate, licence holders or their authorised representatives will submit event safety plans and operating manuals, attend Event Planning Teams or Safety Advisory Groups and similar meetings prior to large events and shall be part of Event Liaison Teams during such events. Due regard shall be had to relevant guidance and publications including, for example: HSE publications “Event Safety Guide” and “Managing Crowds Safely”; LACoRS publication – “Managing Large Events”.

Comment [SC32]: Update?

4. Prevention of Public Nuisance

The following details and measures are intended to address the need for the prevention of public nuisance which may be associated with licensed premises and certificated club premises.

- 4.1 Planning, building control and licensing will be properly separated to avoid duplication and inefficiency. Granting of licences will not relieve applicants of the need to apply for planning permission or building control consent and there is an expectation that these issues will have been explored before licensing applications are submitted. Applicants are recommended to obtain correct planning consents prior to applying for a licence to avoid potentially inoperative licences.
- 4.2 In determining applications for new and varied licences, regard will be had to the location of premises, the type and construction of the building and the likelihood of nuisance and disturbance to the amenity of nearby residents by reason of noise from within the premises, as a result of people entering or leaving the premises or from individuals or groups of customers gathered outside (eg in order to smoke).
- 4.3 Applications for new licences or for the extension in size of licensed premises should not normally be granted if the premises will use amplified or live music and operate within or abutting premises containing residential accommodation except that occupied by staff of the licensed premises. A condition may be

imposed on new licences that entertainment noise shall be inaudible in any residence. Noise emanating from within licensed premises should not normally be audible outside.

4.4 Installation of sound limiting equipment and sound insulation may be required to minimise disturbance to the amenity of nearby residents by reason of noise from the licensed premises.

4.5 Generally, regulated entertainment in the open air including tents and marquees should have a maximum closure hour of 2300. Earlier hours may be imposed in sensitive open spaces or near residential areas. The Licensing Authority will have regard to Noise Council guidance.

4.6 In determining applications for new licences or extensions in hours or terminal hours of licensed premises, regard will be had to late night public transport availability and location of taxi ranks to aid dispersal of customers.

4.7 Regard will be had to any history or likelihood of nuisance. Generally, favourable consideration will be given to applications for later hours on busy main roads and in the central leisure area. Powers may be exercised to impose conditions as to hours of opening in order to avoid unreasonable disturbance to residents of the neighbourhood. ~~Licensed premises in residential neighbourhoods will normally have a terminal hour no later than 2330. In mixed neighbourhoods they will normally have a terminal hour of no later than 0200 hours to counter noise disturbance to residents as informed by the health impact assessment and requested by Licensing Strategy Group.~~ The Licensing Authority has adopted a matrix approach to licensing decisions (see 2.7.1).

Comment [SC33]: Remove?

4.8 While each application will always be considered on its merits, as an indication the St James's Street area and the North Laines/area will be considered residential neighbourhoods, and East Street a mixed neighbourhood.

Comment [SC34]: Remove?

4.9 Reasonable controls are available to all premises operators to minimise the impact of noise from customers outside. The council's Environmental Health Department has issued guidance on a number of steps that can be taken in this respect which are endorsed by this policy (see 4.10 below).

4.10 **Smoking Advice**

Premises licence holders will be expected to:

- Develop a management plan on how to manage smoking on your premises and ensure that all staff are aware of the contents of this plan, and that it is effectively implemented. Noise from people smoking and talking can be intermittent, vary in character and volume and be intrusive. An effective smoking management plan will help prevent neighbours being disturbed.
- Comply with any planning conditions restricting the use of outdoor areas.

- Ensure that any structures used by smokers comply with the design criteria detailed in the Heath Act 2006 and that any structures, awnings, retractable canopies, etc have the relevant planning permission.
- Ensure any new lighting to outdoor areas must be designed so as not to cause a light nuisance to neighbours and again have the relevant planning permission and building control consent.
- Ensure that the conditions on the premises licence are complied with. There may be conditions restricting the hours of use of gardens and outdoor areas. Having reviewed the contents of the premises licence you may find it necessary to request a variation of your licence.
- Licence tables and chairs on the Public Highway under the provisions of the Highways Act 1980. These licences may have conditions restricting the times that the area can be used.
- Ensure drinks, glasses and bottles are not taken onto the highway unless there is a tables and chairs licence permitting use. A system should be adopted to prevent theft and 'spiking' of drinks, and reminding customers not to leave unattended items.
- Discourage smokers remaining in gardens and outdoor areas and determine terminal hours.
- Discourage smokers remaining outside by removing/disabling tables and chairs or prohibiting their use after a certain time. Lights and heaters will also be turned off.
- Introduce a system that after a certain time the number of smokers outside are restricted to a maximum number. Staff will be needed to manage this restriction.
- Employ staff and/or SIA registered door supervisors to manage doors and control customers and smokers entering and leaving the premises. Staff positioned on the doors can help to encourage customers not to cause a noise problem. It may be that staff are required to manage doors after a certain time, particularly during the hours when neighbouring residents are trying to sleep.
- Ensure door supervisors maintain order outside venues and protect customer safety. BCRP supports the use of Night Safe. Radio net and other pager systems and pub watch schemes can be used to provide for rapid police response and alert other venues where customers and staff are endangered.
- Position signs to remind customers that the premises is in an area where people live. It is not always obvious in busy commercial streets with flats above. By changing the design and wording of signs customers do not forget. Signs can be located in and outside the premises and on tables.
- Use CCTV to manage outside areas.

4.11 Licensed premises should normally display prominent, legible signs at exits reminding customers to leave in a quiet, peaceful, orderly manner.

4.12 Health Impact Assessment

The licensing authority's response to this public consultation exercise is as follows:

- There is no presumption in favour of later terminal hours generally
- Minor variations to licences will be processed expeditiously
- The Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) and Special Stress Areas (SSAs) will include all locations where there are residents in the vicinity of licensed premises when there is an evidential basis to justify
- Low-level impacts and noise levels as a result of alcohol consumption are legitimate considerations for licensing reviews
- Information about the licensing process using leaflets and the Council's website will be available for residents
- The council will publicise its statement of licensing policy, enforcement policy and information to assist applying for licence reviews and making representations for licence applications
- The local character provided by small local public houses is recognised. Policy supports the need to support small local businesses, providing information and business support to assist successful businesses
- Policy recognises the need to mediate between residents and licensed premises where noise and other nuisance/disturbance occurs late into the night/early morning where appropriate. Enforcement action will have regard to the council's enforcement policies
- Normally the terminal hour in residential areas will not exceed 2330 hours
- Normally the terminal hour in mixed areas will not exceed 0200 hours
- Normally in city centre leisure areas favourable consideration will be given to later terminal hours.

5 Protection of Children from Harm

The following details and measures are intended to address the need for the protection of children from harm; this includes moral, psychological and physical harm which may be associated with licensed premises and certificated club premises (for example the exposure too early to strong language and sexual expletives, eg in the context of film exhibitions or where adult entertainment is provided). It is intended that the admission of children to premises holding a premises licence or club premises certificate should normally be freely allowed without restricting conditions (unless the 2003 Act itself imposes such conditions or there are good reasons to restrict entry or to exclude children completely).

- 5.1 Licensees should note the concern of the authority that drink related disorder frequently involves under 18's. To prevent illegal purchases of alcohol by such persons, the committee recommend that all licensees should work with a suitable 'proof of age' scheme and ensure that appropriate identification is requested prior to entry and when requesting alcohol, where appropriate. Appropriate forms of identification are currently considered to be those recommended by police, trading standards officers and their partners in the Licensing Strategy Group (eg passport, photo driving licence or pass card).

- 5.2 It is the licensing authority's expectation that all staff responsible for the sale of intoxicating liquor receive information and advice on the licensing laws relating to children and young persons in licensed premises. Licensed premises staff are required to take reasonable steps to prevent under age sales. The licensing authority will not seek to limit the access of children to any premises unless it is necessary for the prevention of physical, moral or psychological harm to them. Each application will be considered on its own merit but particular areas that will give rise to concern in respect of children are to be found in section 5.3 below.
- 5.3 To reduce alcohol-induced problematic behaviour by under 18 year olds, to enforce underage purchase and drinking laws and to assist in the protection of children from harm, the licensing authority supports the following measures:-
- (a) Police should exercise powers (Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997) to remove alcohol from young people on the street
 - (b) Police and trading standards should implement test purchasing to reduce sales to under 18s in on and off sales licensed premises
 - (c) Further take-up of proof of age schemes will be promoted
 - (d) In-house, mystery shopper type schemes operated by local businesses will be supported
 - (e) Providers of events specifically catering for unaccompanied children should consider whether all staff at such events need to be CRB checked
- 5.4 The licensing authority will not seek to require that access to any premises is given to children at all times – under normal circumstances this will be left to the discretion of the licensee. The following areas give rise to concern in respect of children, who will normally be excluded from premises:
- where there have been convictions for serving alcohol to minors or with a reputation for underage drinking;
 - with a known association with drug taking or dealing;
 - where there is a strong element of gambling on the premises;
 - where entertainment of an adult or sexual nature is commonly provided;
 - where premises are used primarily or exclusively for the sale and consumption of alcohol and there is little or no seating for patrons.
- Options may include:
- limitations on the hours when children may be present;
 - age limitations (below 18);
 - limitations or exclusions when certain activities are taking place;
 - requirements for an accompanying adult;
 - full exclusion of people under 18.
- 5.5 Licensees of premises giving film exhibitions will be expected to include in their operating schedules arrangements for restricting children from viewing age restricted films. Such premises will be subject to a mandatory condition requiring that access will be restricted to only those who meet the required age limit in accordance with any certificate granted by the British Board of Film

Classification, or in specific cases where such certificates have not been granted, the licensing authority. The licensing authority does not intend to adopt its own system of film classification. The licensing authorities procedures for dealing with unclassified films are appended at Appendix F.

- 5.6 Where children are expected to attend a public entertainment, appropriate adult supervision will be required to control the access and egress of children and to protect them from harm. This will normally be an adult member of staff for every 100 children. Where the entertainment is music and dancing, 2 persons, licensed by the Security Industry Authority (door supervisors) should be employed for every 100 children but will be subject to advice within the Event Safety Guide. Nothing in this policy shall seek to override child supervision requirements contained in other legislation or regulations. The licensing authority recognises the Children, Families and Schools section as being competent to advise on matters relating to the protection of children from harm. Applicants shall copy their applications to the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) in its capacity as the responsible authority. Copies should be sent care of the Police. The booklet 'What to do if you are worried about a child' is available from the LCSCB and is downloadable from the council's licensing web pages.
- 5.7 Children and Young Persons Overview and Scrutiny Council reported on Reducing Alcohol Related Harm to Children and Young People to Licensing Committee who agreed:
- 5.7.1 Trading standards and the police undertake ongoing enforcement operations around under-age sales and test purchasing. Sussex Police, BCRP and **RUOK** undertake work concerning proxy purchases and counterfeit ID as part of the partnership support work with Community Safety and Trading Standards.
- 5.7.2 Trading standards have a programme of business support including training for local businesses to avoid under-age sales.
- 5.7.3 In determining applications and reviews, applications can only be dealt with on their individual merit. Use of schemes like Think 21 and Challenge 25 are appropriate on a case by case basis. Normally a Challenge 25 condition will be appropriate.
- 5.7.4 A clear causal link between price discounting and disorder will normally lead to the imposition of conditions prohibiting irresponsible promotions. This is now reflected in the new mandatory conditions which can be found on the licensing pages of the council's website.
- 5.7.5 The cumulative impact area boundaries and supporting evidence will be kept under review. **The CIA is recommended for review as part of the statement of licensing policy, informed by:**

Comment [SC35]: Remove?

1. Sussex Police report of public place violent crime 10/11
2. Environmental health noise statistics for 10/11
3. Overview and Scrutiny reports
4. Health impact assessment of licensing report
5. Report by Director of Health
6. Licensing enforcement policy (following Home Office & DCMS advice on problem premises)
7. Licensing Guidance.

Comment [SC36]: Update?

5.8 Best Practice to protect children from harm

The council passed a Notice of Motion that licensing committee recommend best practice for both on and off premises to take on board on a voluntary basis, in order to promote responsible licensing.

- Staff must be aware of the risk of the problem of proxy sales and offer assistance to responsible authorities to deter offences
- Signage on premises should set out legal duties
- Voluntary restriction of high strength alcohol – operating schedules may be used to limit high ABV beers and ciders
- Staff training – in addition to personal licence holders training, staff must be adequately trained for duties
- Challenge 25 would be the norm, particularly in the off licence trade
- Signage – proxy sale - deterrence

The council will support accreditation schemes, such as Best Bar None and Purple Flag, where appropriate and subject to resources.

5.9 Health Impact Assessment

The licensing authority's response to this public consultation process is as follows:

- Enforcement decisions of under-age sales from licensed premises will be taken with regard to enforcement policy appended
- Safe Space and refuges for potentially vulnerable people is supported
- The council will make a telephone number available for reporting licensing offences and concerns

6 Integration of Strategies

6.1 The licensing authority shall secure the proper integration of this policy with local crime prevention, planning policy, transport, tourism and cultural strategies by:-

- Liaising and consulting with the Sussex Police, Community Safety Forum, Sustainability Commission representatives and following the guidance in community safety and crime and disorder strategy

- Liaising and consulting with the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
 - Liaising and consulting with the Local Strategic Partnership, Safety Advisory Group (Emergency Planning) and Equalities and Social Justice Consultation Forum
 - Liaising and consulting with the Planning authority
 - Liaising and consulting with the Highways authority
 - Liaising and consulting with tourism, stakeholder groups, business groups such as the city centre Business Forum and the economic development functions for the council
 - Having regard to any future documents issued relating to the Private Security Industry Act 2001, for example liaison or information sharing protocols
 - Liaising and consulting with the Trading Standards Team, for example with regard to test purchasing codes of practice
 - Having regard to the Home Office Safer Clubbing Guide
- 6.2 In line with statutory requirements and the council's Inclusion Policy, the Licensing Authority shall have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, and to promote equality of opportunity and positive relations between persons of diverse backgrounds, for example communities of interest such as: lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people; disabled people; racial and ethnic groups; religious and faith groups.
- 6.3 This policy supports the aims of the tourism strategy, recognising the benefits for the tourism economy of creating a safer and more attractive city centre and improving competitiveness with other European cities. The Licensing Committee should receive any reports relevant to the needs of the local tourist economy and the cultural strategy for the area to ensure that it considers these matters.
- 6.4 The Licensing Committee should receive relevant information relating to the employment situation of the area and the need for new investment and employment where appropriate.
- 6.5 Specific conditions may be attached to premises licences to reflect local crime prevention strategies. Such conditions may include the use of closed circuit television cameras, use of the NightSafe radio system or accredited scheme, the provision and use of shatterproof drinking receptacles, drugs and weapons search policy, the use of registered door supervisors, specialised lighting requirements, hours of opening. Certificates issued to club premises shall reflect local crime prevention strategies and may include any or all of the requirements listed above.
- 6.6 The licensing authority will have regard to the need to disperse people quickly and safely from the city centre to avoid concentrations which may produce disorder and disturbance.

6.7 Where appropriate, matters for consideration in licensing applications will not duplicate matters considered as part of any planning application. Licensing decisions will take into account any relevant planning decisions either by the Planning Applications Committee or following appeals against decisions taken by that committee and will not normally cut across such decisions.

6.8 **Other regulatory regimes**

This policy avoids duplication with other regulatory regimes wherever possible. The following notes are made with regard to specific regimes:

Health and Safety: Certain premises will be the subject of health and safety enforcement by the local authority or the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). If other existing law already places certain statutory responsibilities on an employer or operator of premises, for example the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, it will not be necessary to impose the same or similar duties on the premises licence holder or club. However, existing duties will not always adequately cover specific issues that arise on the premises in connection with, for example, certain types of entertainment, and where additional and supplementary measures are necessary to promote the licensing objectives, necessary, proportionate conditions will need to be attached to a licence.

Fire Safety: Premises and their operators will be regulated by general duties under current fire safety regimes and the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 rather than licensing provisions.

Noise: Statutory and public nuisances are dealt with by the local authority's Environmental Health department under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Noise Act 1996 and associated legislation. Noise from commercial premises may often fall under review powers set out in licensing provisions and closure powers in antisocial behaviour provisions.

Race Relations: The Race Relations Act 1976, as amended by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, obliges public authorities to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination; and to promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different racial groups. The local authority's race equality scheme produced under these obligations shall include reference to this statement of licensing policy.

Community relations: Integration of corporate strategies with licensing policy will include the Inclusive Council Policy which recognises the council's role, as a community leader, to promote community cohesion and good relations between diverse communities.

Measures to address prevention of crime and disorder recognise the need to improve well being and safety of all the communities in the City. Licensing policy supports the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership's crime reduction strategy. In particular it seeks to confront and reduce racist,

homophobic, transphobic and religiously motivated crimes, incidents and anti-social behaviour.

Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003: Provides that if the noise from any licensed premises is causing a public nuisance an authorised environmental health officer would have the power to issue a closing order in respect of it effective for up to 24 hours. This complements the Police powers under the act to close licensed premises for temporary periods.

Litter and Smoking: City Clean contractors have Clean Neighbourhoods powers to enforce premises operators' responsibilities to keep frontages clear of litter.

Disability Discrimination Act: Applications for new premises or for variations involving changes to the layout of premises, are reminded to have regard this legislation.

Gambling Act 2005: In relation to casinos and bingo clubs, the principal purpose is gaming. The sale of alcohol and the provision of entertainment in such premises is incidental to gaming and in determining whether to permit entertainment that constitutes regulated entertainment under the act, gaming license committees and / or the Gambling Commission will have taken into account relevant government guidance. Accordingly it is felt that the licensing objectives will have been, or will be in the main, adequately considered by such committees and duplication of conditions should be avoided when considering applications under the 2003 Act where relevant representations have been made.

- 6.9 **Enforcement** - The enforcement of licensing law and the inspection of licensed premises is detailed in the Protocol between Sussex Police, the East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service and Brighton & Hove City Council. This protocol reflects the need for a more efficient deployment of Police and local authority staff commonly engaged in licensing enforcement and can be found at appendix H. In addition the Licensing Authority will have regard to its published Licensing Enforcement Policy in making enforcement decisions (Appendix E). In order to better target enforcement resources, inspections will also be undertaken outside of normal office hours and the sharing of information between all enforcement agencies will be encouraged through joint meetings or similar arrangements. Joint Intelligence Meetings are organised and include officers from responsible authorities.
- 6.10 Attention is drawn to the targeting of agreed problem and high risk premises requiring greater attention as identified in the protocol. A number of other council and government policies, strategies and guidance documents must be taken into account to complement the policy, including:
- Community Safety & Crime Reduction Strategy
 - Drugs and alcohol strategies – local alcohol harm reduction strategy
 - Objectives of the Private Security Industry Authority
 - The Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003

- The Health Act 2006
- The Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006
- Policing and Crime Act 2009

7 Live Music, Dancing & Theatre

- 7.1 This policy recognises the need to encourage live music, dancing and theatre for the wider cultural benefits of the community generally. In addressing such issues the potential for limited disturbance in neighbourhoods will always be carefully balanced with these wider benefits, particularly for children. The impact of licensing on regulated entertainment, particularly live music and dancing, will be monitored. Where indications are that such events are being deterred by licensing requirements, the policy will be revisited with a view to investigating how such situations might be reversed.
- 7.2 The Licensing Committee represents the general interests of a community in determining what conditions should be attached to licences and certificates as a matter of necessity for the promotion of the licensing objectives. All members of the Licensing Committee will be trained on Licensing Act 2003 and S182 Guidance. The Licensing authority is aware of the need to avoid measures which deter live music, dancing and theatre - such as imposing indirect costs out of proportion to the income of the licence holder and to the risks presented. Only **necessary**, proportionate and reasonable licensing conditions should impose any restrictions on such events.
- 7.3 The licensing committee will support the cultural zones, outdoor eating areas, food led operations, community pubs, live entertainment and protect living conditions in mixed use areas.

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8 Reviews

- 8.1 Reviews represent a key protection for the community. Where the licensing authority considers action necessary under its statutory powers it will take necessary steps to support the licensing objectives. Action following review will be informed by licensing enforcement policy – appendix E.
- 8.2 Where style of operation of a premises leads to applications concerning likelihood of racist, religiously motivated, homophobic or transphobic crimes or incidents, the review process should also support the community safety policy. Action should be proportionate and licences would normally be suspended or revoked in these circumstances to deter further incidents.

9 Contact Details, Advice and Guidance

- 9.1 Guidance notes to accompany this policy and details about the licensing application process, including application forms, can be found:
- E-mail ehl.safety@brighton-hove.gov.uk

- Via www.brighton-hove.gov.uk (search under Licensing Act 2003 and follow the relevant links, for example to the Licensing Applications page for a weekly update of applications received)
- By contacting the Health & Safety and Licensing Team at:
Bartholomew House
Bartholomew Square
Brighton BN1 1JP
- By telephoning them on 01273 294429
- By faxing on 01273 292196

9.2 Advice and guidance to applicants may also be sought from:

The Police and Fire Authority by contacting them at:

Police

Licensing Unit
Police Station
John Street
Brighton
BN2 0LA

Tel: [01273 665523 101](tel:01273665523101)

Other responsible authorities:

East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

Brighton & Hove Fire Safety Office
Hove Fire Station
English Close
Hove
BN3 7EE

Tel: 01323 462130

Health & Safety

For non-council owned premises:
Environmental Health & Licensing
Bartholomew House
Bartholomew Square
Brighton BN1 1JP
Tel: 01273 294429

For council parks & other council-run premises:
Enforcement Liaison Officer, HSE
Phoenix House
23-25 Cantelupe Road
East Grinstead RH19 3BE
Tel: 01342 334200

Planning

Development Control
Hove Town Hall
Norton Road
Hove
BN3 1PT
Tel: 01273 290000

Child Protection

Chair of Brighton & Hove ACPC
Children Families & Schools
Kings House,
Hove BN3 2SU
Tel: 01273 290000

Environmental Health:

Environmental Protection Team
Bartholomew House
Bartholomew Square
Brighton, BN1 1JP
Tel: 01273 290000

Trading Standards:

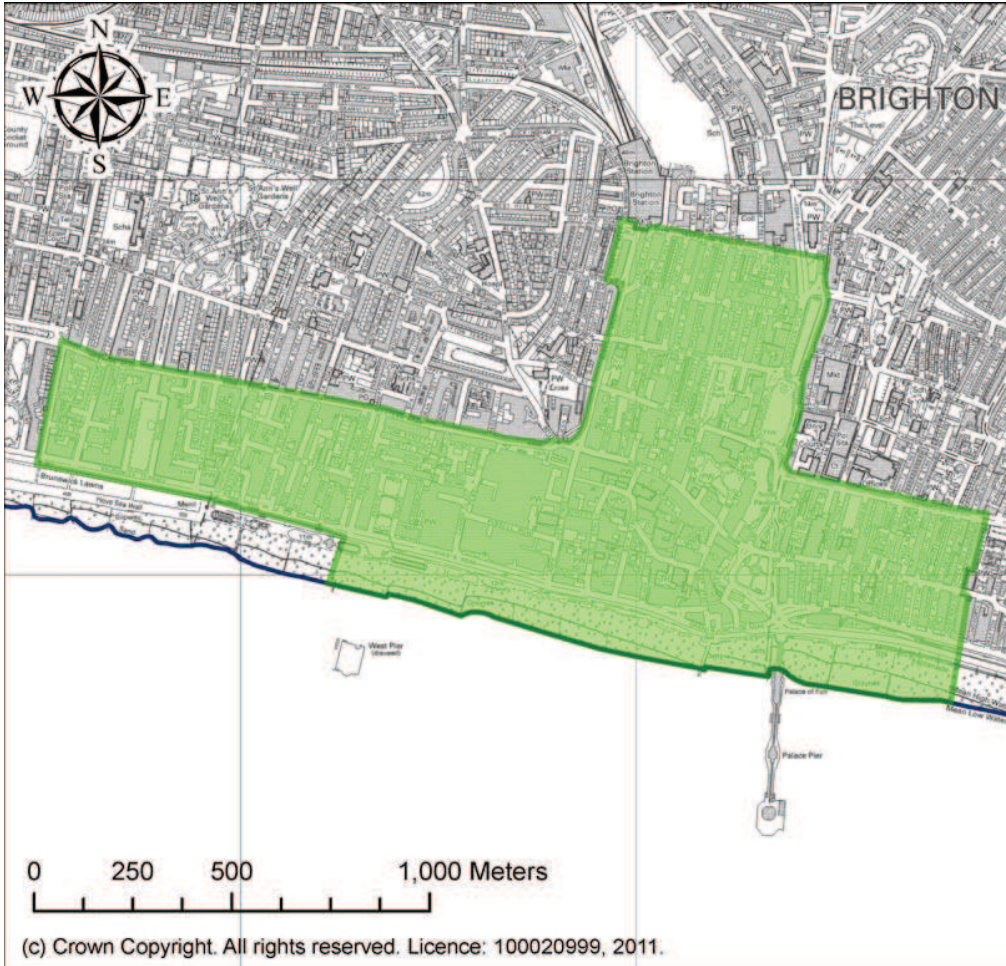
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Comment [SC38]: Insert Director of Public Health as a Responsible Authority

Please note the above were correct at time of publication but may be subject to change; please contact the Licensing Authority if you have queries regarding the above contact points.

APPENDIX A

Brighton & Hove City Council - Cumulative Impact Area



The Cumulative Impact Area comprises the area bounded by and including: the north side of Western Road, Brighton from its intersection with the west side of Holland Road to the junction with the west side of Dyke Road at its eastern end; from there, north-east to the junction of the north side of Ayr Street with the west side of Queens Road and then northward to the north-west corner of Surrey Street junction with Queens Road; thence along the north side of Trafalgar Street eastwards to its junction with York Place and continuing south-east across to Grand Parade, then south to the junction of Edward Street; along the north side of Edward Street to the east side of its junction with Egremont Place and southward along the eastern sides of Upper Rock Gardens and

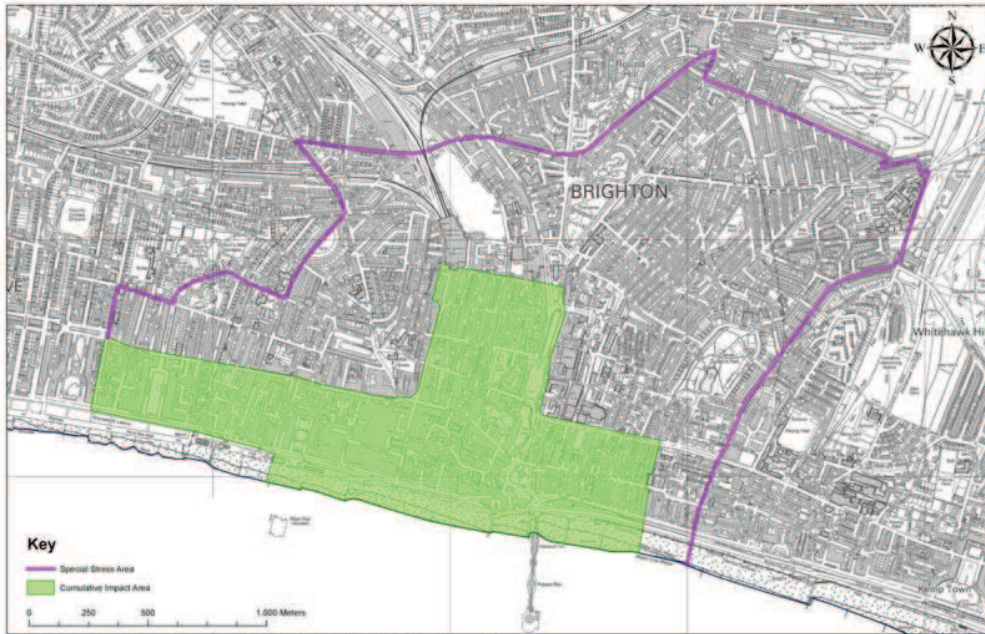
Rock Gardens; southward to the mean water mark and following the mean water line westward to a point due south of the west boundary of Holland Road; northward to that point and along the west side of Holland Road to its northwest boundary and then diagonally across Western Road to its intersection with the west side of Holland Road.

APPENDIX B

Brighton & Hove City Council – Special Stress Area

The areas recommended for further monitoring and detailed guidance within the Special Policy comprise the following as pictured below delineated in purple:

Cumulative Impact Zone



The Special Stress Area - an area bounded by and including: the north side of Western Road, Brighton from its intersection with the west side of Holland Road northwards to its intersection with the north side of Lansdowne Road; eastwards to the junction with Furze Hill, along the north side Furze Hill to its end and then due east along Victoria Road to its junction with Montpelier Road (west side), north to where Montpelier Road joins Vernon Terrace then north to Seven Dials; north west along the west side of Dyke Road until the junction with the Old Shoreham Road, then East along the north side of Old Shoreham Road, north end of New England Road, across the north side of Preston Circus, eastwards along the north side of Viaduct Road, then at the junction with Ditchling Road, North East along the north side of Upper Lewes Road until the junction with Lewes Road; south along the Lewes Road to junction with Hartington Road, along the north side of Hartington Road until the junction with St. Helen's Road, south into

May Road, eastwards until it's junction with Freshfield Road, then south into Upper Bedford Street, into Bedford Street to the mean water mark south of Bedford Street, then due west until the mean water mark south of Lower Rock Gardens.

APPENDIX C

Measures to be included for consideration in SSA are:

Matters that would normally be expected in operating schedules:

- the adoption of a “Challenge 21” policy with acceptable proof of id as per existing Statement of Licensing Policy
- all off sales to be made in sealed containers for consumption away from the premises
- a smoking policy which includes an assessment of noise and litter created by premises users
- the use of plastic or polycarbonate drinking vessels and containers, especially in outside areas or after specified hours
- a policy in relation to searching customers and for drugs, weapons, seized or lost and found property
- use of a refusals book for registering attempts to buy alcohol by under-age persons or refusals to those intoxicated
- the installation of a digital CCTV system by liaison with, and to a standard approved by, Sussex Police
- policies for dispersal of customers which may include signage regarding taxi services’ telephone numbers and advice to respect neighbours and minimize noise
- systems to ensure any SIA doorstaff or Mobile Support Unit personnel display appropriate badges when on duty

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Items to which positive consideration would be given:

- membership of Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership, Pubwatch, Neighbourhood Watch or similar schemes
- use of ‘NightSafe’ radio system or similar accredited scheme
- regular training and reminders for staff in respect of licensing legislation, policies and procedures; records of which should be properly recorded and available for inspection
- records of regular checks of all parts of the premises in relation to drug use
- systems in place to ensure details of barred clients are exchanged with other operators
- giving an agreed minimum notice of special events (screening of major sports events, birthday parties, adult entertainment, etc.) to relevant authorities and use of appropriate additional measures at such events

Matters that might be recommended for appropriate restrictions -

- entry to premises by under 18s after certain times
- consumption of food and drink in smoking areas
- access to outside seating areas after certain times

Areas of best practice in licensing

The Licensing Strategy Group agreed the following best practice list, some of which would be more appropriate to off sales rather than on sales. All should take into account the new mandatory conditions:

- Awareness of the problem of proxy sales
- Signage
- Selling to underage people
- Staff training
- Challenge 25
- Pass scheme
- Voluntary restriction of high strength alcohol
- Membership of BCRP
- Use of polycarbonate glass
- Lockable glass bins emptied at appropriate times
- Staff training against the four licensing objectives and including conditions on licence
- Trading Standards Business Support
- Risk assessments

Recommend best practice for both on and off premises

- Staff must be aware of the risk of the problem of proxy sales and offer assistance to responsible authorities to deter offences
- Signage on premises should set out legal duties
- Voluntary restriction of high strength alcohol – operating schedules may be used to limit high ABV beers and ciders
- Staff training – in addition to personal licence holders training, staff must be adequately trained for duties
- Challenge 25 would be the norm, particularly in the off licence trade
- Signage – proxy sale – deterrence

APPENDIX D

The following measures are to be considered best practice for premises to ensure safe and peaceful dispersal of their patrons.

Dispersal Policy

Every venue should prepare and implement a dispersal policy. Such a policy would set out the steps the venue will take at the end of the trading session to minimise the potential for disorder and disturbance as customers leave the premises. The policy should be in place prior to a venue beginning to trade and should be kept under review to address new issues as they arise. While preparing their policy, operators should consider the local statement of licensing policy and any relevant conditions attached to the premises licence. A dispersal policy might include the following elements:

Transport

Probably the biggest single factor triggering disorder and disturbance is a lack of public and private transport at the end of the evening, preventing the swift dispersal of customers away from the venue. There are a number of steps operators can take to reduce transport related problems:

- Promote safety on leaving, for example through operating a concierge service and providing a safe place for customers to wait for taxis (particularly lone females);
- Advertise reliable services by providing free phone numbers for licensed private hire vehicles and details of nearby taxi ranks, bus timetables or other local transport networks.
- Agree an operating policy with local private and public hire vehicles, for example banning the sounding of horns after 11pm;
- Discuss with the council the location of taxi ranks to ensure they are easily accessible without causing bottlenecks outside venues;
- Consider, in discussion with the police and council, the use of stewards to act as marshalls at bus stops and taxi ranks; and
- Work with the local authority and transport providers to agree bus routes, stops and timetables.

Road Safety:

Should the venue exit onto a public highway, operators should ensure separation of customers and traffic – if necessary by the installation of permanent or removable barriers.

Car Parking

If appropriate, operators could advise customers of the best car park to use (either through their website or on printed material) so that they leave in a direction with minimum disturbance to local residents. Operators might also be able to negotiate with local car park operators to allow customer usage.

Staffing

During the last half hour of trading, the service points in each bar may be reduced and some staff reallocated to collect glasses or work in the cloakroom. This will assist customer departure and reduces the potential for people to carry glassware out of the premises.

Cloakroom

The cloakroom should be set up in order to assist the swift return of coats with staffing and control systems increased in the period prior to closure.

Music & Lighting (internal)

During the last 20 minutes of trading, the DJ may typically play slower music and reduce the volume of the music played. In addition, lighting levels can be manipulated to encourage the gradual dispersal of patrons during the last part of trading and the drinking up period (see winding down).

Lighting (external)

Operators have found that the use of bright lights at the exit of the venue encourages customers to leave more quietly. Operators should liaise with the local council to establish guidelines on the positioning of these lights which will also prompt customers to leave the area quickly and enhance CCTV coverage.

Minimising Noise on Exit

If possible, a manager should be in the area close to the main exit to oversee the end of night departure period. DJ announcements should be used to remind customers to be considerate on leaving the premises, while highly visible notices can be placed in the foyer requesting exiting customers to leave quietly and to respect neighbours and their properties.

Bottles or glasses

Signage should make clear that customers will not be allowed to leave the premises with bottles or glasses. This policy should be supported by a vigilant door team searching customers where necessary. If appropriate, bins can be provided at exits for use by customers. Operators could also provide advice on any drinking ban in the area.

Litter

Operators should send out a 'Rubbish Patrol' following closure. This patrol will pick up bottles, flyers, food wrappings etc in the immediate vicinity of the premises. As well as clearing rubbish, the patrol acts as another set of eyes and ears identifying potential disorder. Their activity, particularly sweeping the pavement, will also encourage customers to vacate the area outside the premises.

Door staff

The door team play a key role in the implementation of several aspects of any dispersal policy:

- encouraging customers to drink-up and progress to the exit within a venue throughout the latter part of drinking-up time;
- drawing the attention of exiting customers to the notices in the foyer and ask them to be considerate;
- ensuring the removal of all bottles and glasses from departing customers;
- actively encouraging customers not to congregate outside the venue; and
- directing customers to the nearest taxi ranks or other transportation away from the area.

Marshalls:

The use of venue security staff as marshals should always be in negotiation with the police and kept under review. A marshal is a patrolling security officer wearing high visibility clothing, who works close to the venue in a designated area and is in direct communication with the venue management. Their aim is to create a highly visible presence and to communicate, rather than deal with, potential problems.

Wind down period or "Chill out hour"

Many aspects of a model dispersal policy can be drawn together into a chill out hour that gently winds down the evening rather than bringing it to an abrupt halt. Operators might find there is a profit to be had from offering a taxi booking service and providing coffee, soft drinks and bar snacks as a way of keeping customers in the premises and thus spreading departures over a longer period of time.

Appendix E

LICENSING ENFORCEMENT POLICY

1.0 STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

1.1 The Environmental Health & Licensing service is committed to the council's core priorities. This policy gives detail on how the council's priorities:

- Tackling inequality
- Creating a more sustainable city
- Engaging people who live and work in the city
- A responsible and empowering employer
- A council the city deserves

and will inform the enforcement actions taken. Amendments to priorities will be embedded automatically.

1.2 This service policy promotes efficient and effective approaches to regulatory inspection and enforcement that improve regulatory outcomes without imposing unnecessary burdens. This is in accordance with the Regulator's Compliance Code.

1.3 In certain instances the service may conclude that a provision in the code is either not relevant or is outweighed by another provision. It will ensure that any decision to depart from the code will be properly reasoned, based on material evidence and documented.

1.4 The service pursues a positive and proactive approach towards ensuring compliance by:

- Supporting the better regulation agenda;
- Helping make prosperity and protection a reality for the city's community;
- Helping and encouraging regulated entities to understand and meet regulatory requirements more easily;
- Responding proportionately to regulatory breaches; and
- Protecting and improving public health and the environment.

1.5 This policy is based on the seven 'Hampton Principles' of:

Economic Progress: Regulators should recognise that a key element of their activity will be to allow, or even encourage, economic progress and only to intervene when there is a clear case for protection;

Risk Assessment: Regulators, and the regulatory system as a whole, should use comprehensive risk assessment to concentrate resources in the areas that need them most;

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Advice and Guidance: Regulators should provide authoritative, accessible advice easily and cheaply;

Inspections and other visits: No inspection should take place without a reason;

Information requirements: Businesses should not have to give unnecessary information or give the same information twice;

Compliance and enforcement actions: The few businesses that persistently break regulations should be identified quickly and face proportionate and meaningful sanctions; and

Accountability: Regulators should be accountable for the efficiency and effectiveness of their activities, while remaining independent in the decisions they take.

- 1.6 The rights and freedoms given under the Human Rights Act, particularly Article 6 and 8, will be observed, as will the provisions of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act.

2.0 SCOPE OF THE POLICY

- 2.1 This policy supports and supplements specific guidance on enforcement action contained in the Statutory Code of Practice for Regulators, Brighton & Hove City Council's Corporate Enforcement Policy, Statutory Codes of Practice and relevant guidance documents and guidelines issued by government departments and co-ordinating bodies.
- 2.2 This policy relates to actions taken to educate and enforce legislation where non-compliances have been identified or have a realistic potential to occur.
- 2.3 The policy is limited to those enforcement activities lead by the Head of Environmental Health & Licensing.

3.0 TRAINING

- 3.1 Officers undertaking enforcement duties will be suitably trained and qualified so as to ensure they are fully competent to undertake their enforcement activities.

4.0 MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

- 4.1 The service will maintain management systems to monitor the quality and nature of enforcement activities undertaken, so as to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, uniformity and consistency.

5.0 ENFORCEMENT OPTIONS

- 5.1 The service recognises the importance of achieving and maintaining consistency in its approach to enforcement. Statutory Codes of Practice and guidance issued by government departments, other relevant enforcement agencies or professional bodies will therefore be considered and followed where appropriate.
- 5.2 Sanctions and penalties will be consistent, balanced, fairly implemented and relate to common standards that ensure individual's, public safety or the environment is adequately protected. The aim of sanctions and penalties are to:
- Change the behaviour of the offender;
 - Eliminate any financial gain or benefit from non-compliance;
 - Be responsive and consider what is appropriate for the particular offender and regulatory issue, which can include punishment and the public stigma that should be associated with a criminal conviction;
 - Proportionate to the nature of the offence and the harm caused; and
 - Aim to deter future non-compliance.
- 5.3 Criteria to be taken into account when considering the most appropriate enforcement option include:
- the potential of the offence to cause harm;
 - confidence in the offender;
 - consequences of non compliance;
 - likely effectiveness of the various enforcement options.
- 5.4 Having considered all the relevant options the choices for action are:
- **Informal Warning:** All advice issued will be given in writing and specify the nature of the breach or offence, and the actions required to remedy the issue. An informal warning may be included with the advice, and may accompany higher-level actions, such as Enforcement Notices or Voluntary Surrender:
 - **Licence review:** Licence review power will be used where an application for review relates to one or more of the licensing objectives.
 - **Taxi licence:** Taxi licence suspension or revocation will be used to protect public safety. Other sanctions such as DSA testing will be used to protect public safety and in accordance with the taxi licensing policy (Blue book).
 - **Simple Caution:** The issue of a Simple Caution by an authorised officer may be undertaken as an alternative to prosecution where it is considered unnecessary to involve the courts, and the offender's response to the problem makes repeat offending unlikely, or the offender's age or health make it appropriate. Cautions may only be issued where the offender makes a clear and reliable admission of guilt and understands the significance of acceptance.

- **Prosecution:** A prosecution is appropriate where there is a breach of a legal requirement, such that public safety, health, economic or physical well-being or the environment or environmental amenity is adversely affected.

The Crown Prosecutor's Code of Evidential and Public Interests tests must be met in all cases. However, certain circumstances will normally justify prosecution to prevent the undermining of the service's enforcement responsibilities.

- Failure to comply with an Enforcement Notice
 - Declining a Simple Caution
 - Continued, reckless, negligent or pre-meditated non-compliance.
 - Failure to pay a fixed penalty.
 - Non-cooperation, acts of obstruction or threats of physical harm or abuse.
- **Injunctions:** Injunctive action as a means of preventing an activity or course of action likely to result in significant risk to public or community safety or economic wellbeing of consumers and businesses.

- 5.5 If the department is considering taking enforcement action which it believes may be inconsistent with that adopted by other authorities, the matter will be referred to the appropriate local co-ordinating body.

6.0 **INFORMAL WARNING**

- 6.1 Informal action may be taken when:

- the act or omission is not serious enough to warrant formal action, or
- from the individual's/enterprise's past history it can be reasonably expected that informal action will achieve compliance, or
- confidence in the individual/enterprise's management or ability to resolve the matter is high, or
- the consequences of non-compliance will not pose a significant risk to public health, public safety, animal welfare or the environment.

- 6.2 When an informal approach is used to secure compliance with regulations, written documentation issued will:

- contain all the information necessary to understand what is required and why;
- indicate the regulations contravened, measures which will enable compliance with legal requirements and that other means of achieving the same effect may be chosen;
- clearly differentiate between legal requirements and recommendations of good practice. Such a differentiation will also be made when verbal advice is given.

7.0 **SIMPLE CAUTIONS**

- 7.1 A Simple Caution may be issued as an alternative to a prosecution. Cautions may be issued to:
- deal quickly and simply with less serious offences;
 - divert less serious offences away from the courts;
 - reduce the chances of repeat offences.
- 7.2 The following factors will be considered when deciding whether a caution is appropriate:-
- evidence of the suspect's guilt
 - has a clear and reliable admission of the offence been made either verbally or in writing
 - is it in the public interest to use a caution as the appropriate means of disposal when taking into account the public interest principles set out in the Code for Crown Prosecutors.
 - the suspected offender must understand the significance of a simple caution and give an informed consent to being cautioned.
- 7.3 No pressure will be applied to a person to accept a Simple Caution.
- 7.4 The 'cautioning officer' will be the most appropriate officer from Service Director, Service Assistant Director, Head of Service Environmental Health Manager or Licensing Manager. The Cautioning Officer must not have taken an active part in investigating the case.
- 7.5 Should a person decline the offer of a simple caution a prosecution will be recommended.

8.0 PROSECUTION

- 8.1 The department recognises that the decision to prosecute is significant and could have far reaching consequences on the offender.
- 8.2 The decision to undertake a prosecution will be taken after proper consultation in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation for the council's functions. The decision to proceed with a prosecution will normally be taken following legal advice. The matters to be taken into account when deciding if the issue of proceedings is proportionate include:
- the seriousness and nature of the alleged offence;
 - the role of the suspect in the commission of the offence;
 - any explanation by the suspect or any agent or third party acting on their behalf;
 - was the suspect in a position of trust, responsibility or authority in relation to the commission of the offence;
 - is there evidence of premeditation or disregard of a legal requirement for financial reward;

- risk of harm to the public, an individual or the environment;
- relevant previous history of compliance;
- reliability of evidence and witnesses
- any mitigating or aggravating circumstances or the likelihood that the suspect will be able to establish a defence;
- suspect's willingness to prevent a recurrence of the offence;
- the need to influence future behaviour of the suspect;
- the likely penalty to be imposed; and
- a prosecution is in the public interest, there is realistic prospect of conviction and sufficient evidence to support proceedings.

8.3 All relevant evidence and information will be considered before deciding whether to instigate proceedings in order to enable a consistent, fair and objective decision to be made.

8.4 Where an act or omission is capable of constituting both a summary and either way offence, when deciding which offence to charge the following will be considered:

- the gravity of the offence;
- the adequacy or otherwise of the powers of the summary court to punish the offence;
- the record of the suspect;
- the suspect's previous response to advice or other enforcement action;
- the magnitude of the hazard;
- any circumstances causing particularly great public alarm;
- comments from the council's Solicitor's Office.

8.5 As a general rule an individual or business will be given a reasonable opportunity to comply with the law although in some circumstances prosecution may be undertaken without giving prior warning, e.g.

- the contravention is a particularly serious one;
- the integrity of the licensing framework is threatened.

9.0 Home Office and Government Advice: Problem premises on probation

9.1 The licensing authority supports the strategies of interventions and tough conditions to be assembled into packages released on 2008. The current version is appended (appendix A).

10. APPEALS

If any person is unhappy with the action taken, or information or advice given they will be given the opportunity of discussing the matter with the relevant team manager, Head of Service or Assistant Director.

Any such appeal does not preclude any aggrieved person from making a formal complaint about the service or any officers. Any such complaint will be dealt with in accordance with corporate procedures and guidance.

Complaints that are not dealt with by the council's complaints procedure are listed in corporate policy and include:

- Complaints where the complainant or another person has commenced or intends to commence legal proceedings against the council.
- Complaints where the council has commenced or intends to commence legal proceedings against the complainant or another person relating to the matter of complaint.

11. **SHARED ENFORCEMENT ROLES**

Lead agency status between Sussex Police, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service and the council's trading standards, environmental health and licensing officers are determined between the agencies at county level. The current position is appended (appendix H).

ANNEX A

“PROBLEM PREMISES ON PROBATION” – RED AND YELLOW CARDS : HOW IT WOULD WORK

The problem

1. In many cases, revocation of a premises licence effectively kills any business which is focussed on retailing alcohol. This means that not only the business owner suffers, but most people working there will lose their livelihoods. Many of these workers will be entirely innocent of any wrong-doing. There is also an impact on those who rely indirectly on income from the premises – such as local food suppliers or cleaning contractors, and the closure of a premises can deprive some communities of their local shop or restrict local consumer choice. Enforcement agencies that apply for reviews and local councillors sitting on licensing committees are well aware of this potential impact and it can lead to a reluctance to use the powers in the act to revoke the licence instantly for any failure to promote the licensing objectives. This risks patchy enforcement and uneven solutions to alcohol-related problems around the country.
2. In addition, in many cases, enforcement agencies will prefer to negotiate additional voluntary conditions with problem premises against the threat of review as an immediate, pragmatic and less bureaucratic solution. While this may be a reasonable approach in many cases, there is a risk that some premises are not being dealt with as firmly as necessary, particularly given the level of test purchase failures. Nor are voluntary agreements particularly visible, lessening the deterrent effect on other premises.
3. Government wishes to support the enforcement agencies and licensing authorities by providing clear guidance on a “yellow card / red card” system, which would ensure a firm response to problems, but which give premises an opportunity to reform. The intention is that such a system would be highly visible and send a clear message to alcohol retailers, and the public, that action will be taken against those who act contrary to the licensing objectives and the law.
4. The proposed interventions below would not prevent the giving of an instant red card in an appropriately serious case. It should be realised that a “test purchase” failure often masks multiple offences that have gone undetected.

Supporting enforcement agencies

5. The government will encourage enforcement agencies – mainly the police, trading standards officers and environmental health officers – to seek more reviews in the knowledge of the yellow card/red card system described below. This will mean not giving formal warnings. It will

mean that on identifying problem premises, the licensing authority will be engaged faster than it might have been in the past.

6. Enforcement agencies would be encouraged to seek reviews when local intelligence suggests that individual premises are selling to children or causing other crime problems or causing noise nuisance.
7. Under the law, the licensing authority must then hold a hearing so long as the application relates to one of the four licensing objectives and is made by a responsible authority or by ~~an interested party~~ like a local resident or another local business.

Comment [SC41]: Other persons

First intervention

8. Responsible authorities will be encouraged to propose a package of touch new conditions to be added to the existing conditions which are designed to combat the identified problem. The kinds of conditions that we have in mind are set out in Annex A. These would not be appropriate for every premises and need to be tailored to the nature of the problem and the type of premises. Such action should be supplemented where appropriate by:
 - Removal of the designated premises supervisor and his/her replacement (the manager is removed);
 - Suspension of the licence for between one day and three months according to the circumstances.
 - Restriction on trading hours – cutting hours of trading in alcohol.
 - Clear warning that a further appearance will give rise to a presumption of revocation.
9. If appropriate following review, the licensing authority should consider these packages of conditions and actions to challenge problem premises more aggressively.
10. For example, requiring a major supermarket to make all alcohol sales through a single till manned by a person aged 25 years or older in order to tackle sales to underage. Over a year, this would potentially cost such a supermarket £millions. It would also make them reflect on their levels of supervision at other stores.
11. In addition, enforcement agencies should make the premises in question a priority for test purchases and more regular inspections.
12. The aim would be to put the premises on probation. Effectively, they are given a yellow card. They are put on notice that the next offence or breach would mean an automatic second intervention – a red card.

Second intervention

13. In the absence of improvement, enforcement agencies should seek another review. The licensing authority again must grant a hearing.
14. If satisfied on the issue of the lack of improvement, the licensing authority should look to **revoke the licence**. The action should be publicised in the area as an example to other retailers.

Implementation

15. Requires:
 - Development with the Home Office of a toolkit and guidance for police, trading standards and ethos;
 - Initial letters to Leaders of local authorities and Chief Executives;
 - Ultimately, stronger statutory Guidance to be laid in Parliament for licensing authorities themselves.
16. Central Government cannot tell licensing authorities what to do. The review powers are devolved to them. Similarly, central government cannot direct enforcement agencies how to enforce the law. It would remain their judgement when and how to act.

ANNEX B:

POSSIBLE TOUGH CONDITIONS TO BE ASSEMBLED INTO PACKAGES

n.b. These would not be appropriate for every premises and need to be tailored to the nature of the problem and the type of premises.

GREATER CONTROL OVER SALE

1. Designated checkout(s) for alcohol sales (supermarket). Impact on protection of children from harm, but also impact on sales and goodwill (probable loss of trade to competitors).
2. Personal licence holder/DPS to be on site at all times during sales of alcohol. Impact on protection of children from harm and new costs if additional staff have to qualify as personal licence holder.
3. Personal licence holder/DPS to supervise and authorise every individual sale of alcohol. Impact on protection of children from harm and new costs if additional staff have to qualify as personal licence holder.
4. SIA registered security staff to be present at points of sales to support staff refusing sales to u-18s and drunks.
5. Alcohol sales only to be made only by person aged not less than 25 years. Impact on protection of children from harm, but also impact on sales and goodwill (probable loss of trade to competitors).
6. CCTV installed at all points of sale and recorded. Recordings can be examined by a constable or trading standards officer to determine sales to minors or drunks.
7. The licensed premises shall join the Business Crime Reduction Partnership scheme.

TRAINING

8. All staff to read and sign a declaration that they understand the law every time they start a shift.
9. Train all staff engaged in selling alcohol in alcohol awareness (not just personal licence holders). All new staff to be trained within two weeks of commencing employment. Evidence of training to be retained in

writing and to be available for inspection by any authorised person and training standards officers. Impact on all licensing objectives.

ALCOHOL SALE BANNED AT CERTAIN HOURS

10. No alcohol sales Mon – Fri between 4pm and 8.30pm. Impact on protection of children from harm or targeted hours reflecting times when local intelligence indicates under 18s may be purchasing alcohol.
11. No alcohol sales – Friday to Sunday. Impact on all four licensing objectives.

ALCOHOL DISPLAYS

12. No displays of alcohol or advertising of alcohol promotions that can be seen from outside the premises.
13. No alcohol stocks promoted alongside goods likely to appeal to children (eg confectionary, toys).

CUTTING DOWN ON SHOPLIFTING

14. SIA registered security staff to be present at alcohol aisles during opening times to prevent attempted under age sales or theft.
15. Location of alcohol stocks/displays not to be sited near the entrance/exit to deter shoplifting.
16. No direct public access to alcohol products – like tobacco, alcohol to be kept behind a dedicated kiosk.

NAMING AND SHAMING

17. Display an external sign/yellow card to state which of the licensing act objectives they have breached and what action has been taken against them.

OTHERS

18. Maintain a log of all under attempted purchases from those who appear to be under 18 or drunk.

19. Children aged under [18 years] not to be present or (not more than one child at any one time) on premises (other than children living on the premises or of the people working on the premises); or only children under 18 accompanied by an adult to be permitted on the premises during retailing hours. Impact on protection of children from harm.
20. Products to be labelled (a label stuck to the bottle or can) to show the details of the shop from which it was bought. Purpose would be to provide evidence of unlawful sales if product found commonly in possession of persons under 18.
21. Designated single items – beer, alcopops and cider – not to be sold to any person. Impact on protection of children from harm. Purpose would be to reduce sales to children and drunks. Alternative would be to prescribe sales of beer, alcopops and cider in quantities of less than four.
22. CCTV installed, monitored and 24 hour recordings kept for a week and made available to constables and persons authorised under the 2003 Act to help identify attempted proxy purchasing.
23. Where there is no designated smoking area, readmission after midnight should normally be prohibited.

Appendix F

Film classification

- 1.1 The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) and the Licensing Authority are the classification bodies for films shown in the city, and as such has the right to issue film classifications to films that are shown in premises such as cinemas. Recent films that have been classified in Brighton & Hove City Council have been for the Duke of York's and Sallis Benney Theatre. Some films and film festivals are sponsored by Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC) and/or the Arts Council and under such circumstances it could be imprudent to refuse permission.
- 1.2 In practice, officers may view films in advance, and determine classification, commonly after consultation with the chair of the committee. There is also no process to refer films to the Licensing Committee for classification where those films give rise to concerns regarding the licensing objective "the protection of children from harm."
- 1.3 The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) classifies films to be exhibited in cinemas on behalf of Licensing Authorities, and as such Brighton & Hove rarely uses its right to classify films.
- 1.4 Under the Licensing Act 2003 any premises that has permission to show films as part of their permitted licensable activity, such as a cinema, has mandatory conditions attached to the licence regarding the exhibition of films. Premises that were previously licensed under the Cinemas Act 1985 will also have additional conditions attached, unless an application has been made to remove these. A schedule of the relevant conditions is attached as **APPENDIX 1**.
- 1.5 The Licensing Authority can be requested to classify a film that has not yet been classified by the BBFC. A typical example of this would be a locally made film, such as a student production, to be shown at a film festival in the borough.
- 1.6 A distributor of a film can appeal to the Licensing Authority against a decision of the BBFC.
- 1.7 Any classification issued by the Licensing Authority only applies when the film is exhibited within the city, and does not effect the classification in other areas.

Current Process

- 2.1 Where a request is made to classify a film, a full copy of the film is requested. An officer will view the film and assess the film against guidelines issued by the BBFC. Officers will then issue a certificate with a classification for each film viewed. Conditions are attached to a waiver, and these are shown on **APPENDIX 2**.

- 2.2 A decision will be made at an officer level regarding the classification to be issued. This decision will be based on the BBFC guidelines and in agreement with the Chair of the Licensing Committee.
- 2.3 Where a number of films are received at the same time, officers will view all the films submitted and issue a certificate prior to screening.
- 2.4 The following extract from Brighton & Hove Licensing Policy is considered relevant to this report:
- “5.5 Licensees of premises giving film exhibitions will be expected to include in their operating schedules arrangements for restricting children from viewing age restricted films. Such premises will be subject to a mandatory condition requiring that access will be restricted to only those who meet the required age limit in accordance with any certificate granted by the British Board of Film Classification, or in specific cases where such certificates have not been granted, the licensing authority. The licensing authority does not intend to adopt its own system of film classification”.
- 2.5 Classification Requirements when films are not viewed in advance
- Requests for an 18 certificate classification requirements be determined on an officer basis subject to the conditions shown in **APPENDIX 2**. An 18 certificate would be issued based only on the synopsis of the film and would be appropriate in the following cases:
- (a) A film festival
 - (b) A one off screening of a film
 - (c) A trailer for a film
- 2.6 Any request to classify a film will be considered by the licensing authority and must be accompanied by both the synopsis of the film and a full copy of the film in DVD or video format.
- 2.7 All requests must be made with a minimum of 7 days notice of the proposed screening or 28 days for multiple requests.
- 2.8 It is recommended that officers from the Licensing Authority view the entire film and assess against the BBFC guidelines, and a recommendation is made on the classification.
- 2.9 Where the appropriate classification is deemed to be a rating up to and including 15, then a classification will be issued by officers.
- 2.10 In sensitive cases, officers would consult with the Chair or Deputy.

Mandatory Conditions - Licensing Act 2003

The conditions detailed below are mandatory conditions required to be placed on all Premises Licenses where the showing of films is authorised under the Licensing Act 2003

Exhibition of films

S 20; mandatory condition: exhibition of films

- the admission of children is to be restricted in accordance with the following
 - (a) where the film classification body is specified in the licence, unless subsection (3)(b) of S 20 applies, admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation made by that body
 - (b) where the film classification body is not specified, or [(S20 (3)(b)] the relevant licensing authority has notified the holder of the licence that this subsection applies to the film in question, admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation made by that licensing authority

Additional Conditions Attached to Cinema Licences

Embedded Conditions:

- Cinematographic (Safety) Regulations 1955
- Cinemas Act 1985
- Licence to Use Premises for Cinematograph Exhibitions

Conditions Attached to an 18 Certificate Film Classification Requirements where films have not been viewed in advance

The conditions listed below are attached by BHCC on all waivers to the film classification requirements:

1. The films must not encourage or incite crime; or lead to disorder; or stir up hatred against any section of the public in Great Britain on grounds of colour, race or ethnic or national origins, sexual orientation or sex; or promote sexual humiliation or degradation of or violence towards women.
2. The films must not have the effect such as to tend to deprave and corrupt persons who see them.
3. The films must not contain a grossly indecent performance thereby outraging the standards of public decency.
4. Persons under the age of 18 must not be admitted to any such film exhibitions.

Appendix G
Licensing Enforcement Pathway

Licensing incident: Apparent offence, injury or incident

or



Report

Trading Standards

Contact 01273 292523
then press option 2

294429

Ehl.safety@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Council – Environmental
Health & Licensing

0845 6080999

Sussex Police

Licensing Unit contact 665523

Comment [SC42]: New number 101



Consideration by responsible authorities at joint intelligence exchange (Sussex Police, BHCC trading standards, environmental health and licensing, East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service)



Assign lead investigator responsibility (Lead Agency agreement)



Investigation – Licensing Enforcement Policy

Offence	Offender(s)	Defences/Exceptions
Consumption on relevant premises of alcohol by under 18 or knowingly allowing the	Under 18 or person in capacity to	(1) Lack of knowledge (2) Table meal exception

consumption to occur	prevent	
Delivering alcohol sold or supplied on relevant premises to under 18	Person working on premises	(1) Lack of knowledge (2) Exceptions in s151(6)
Allowing anybody else to deliver alcohol sold or supplied on relevant premises to under 18	Person working on premises in capacity to prevent delivery	(1) Lack of knowledge (2) Exceptions in s151(6)
Sending an under 18 to obtain alcohol sold or supplied on relevant premises for consumption off the premises	Any person	(1) Lack of knowledge (2) Exception for Test Purchase Operations (3) Under 18 works on relevant premises in capacity involving delivery of alcohol
Sale or supply of alcohol to under 18	Any person or a club	(1) Due diligence (if act by another person) (2) Belief that individual over 18 and reasonable steps taken to establish age or no reasonable suspicion under 18
Allowing sale or supply of alcohol to under 18	Any person authorised to prevent	Lack of knowledge
Purchase/supply (or attempt to purchase/supply) of alcohol by or on behalf of under 18 Purchase/supply (or attempt to purchase/supply) of alcohol for consumption on relevant premises by under 18	Under 18 or person purchasing on behalf of	S149(1) – exception if done as part of Test Purchase Operations S149(4) – table meal exception S149(3) or (4) – no reason to suspect under 18
Sale or supply (or attempt) or allowing sale or supply of alcohol to person who is drunk	Any person in capacity to prevent	Lack of knowledge
Obtaining or attempting to obtain alcohol for consumption on relevant premises by drunk person	Any person	Lack of knowledge

Appendix H

LEAD AGENCY STATUS

Comment [SC43]: Updated as per website

Offence / Issue	Police	Local / Licensing Auth	Fire & Rescue	Trading Standards
<u>Licensing Objective 1:</u> Crime and Disorder				
Offences of failing to notify changes in details <i>Section 33(6) Licensing Act 2003</i>		Lead		
Offences of failing to display licences or certificates <i>Section 57(4) Licensing Act 2003</i>		Lead		
Unauthorised use of premises for licensed activities <i>Section 136 Licensing Act 2003</i>	<u>Shared Lead</u>	<u>Shared Lead</u> <u>Lead</u>		
Exposing alcohol for unauthorised sale <i>Section 137 Licensing Act 2003</i>	Shared Lead	Shared Lead		
Keeping alcohol on premises for unauthorised sale <i>Section 138 Licensing Act 2003</i>	Shared Lead	Shared Lead		
Allowing Disorderly Conduct on Licensed Premises <i>Section 140 Licensing Act 2003</i>	Lead			
Obtaining/supplying alcohol to drunk <i>Sections 141 / 142 Licensing Act 2003</i>	Lead			
Drunkenness in Premises <i>Section 143 Licensing Act 2003</i>	Lead			
Keeping of smuggled goods <i>Section 144 Licensing Act 2003</i>	HMRC&E	HMRC&E		
False statements made for purposes of the Act <i>Section 158 Licensing Act 2003</i>	<u>Shared Lead</u>	<u>Shared Lead</u> <u>Lead</u>		
Enforcement of closure order <i>Section 169 Licensing Act 2003</i>	Lead			

Offence / Issue	Police	Local / Licensing Auth	Fire & Rescue	Trading Standards
Prohibition of alcohol sales at service / garage areas <i>Section 176 Licensing Act 2003</i>	Shared Lead	Shared Lead		
Public Drunkenness <i>Section 12 Licensing Act 1872</i>	Lead			
Underage drinking <i>Section 169 Licensing Act 1964</i>	Shared Lead			Shared Lead
Misuse of Drugs <i>Section 4 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971</i>	Lead			
Anti Social Behaviour <i>Section 1 Crime & Disorder Act 1998 (ASBO)</i>	Shared Lead	Shared Lead		
Acceptance of accredited proof of age cards		<u>Lead</u>		<u>Lead</u>
Provision of effective CCTV in and around premises	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Lead</u>		
Employment of SIA licensed door staff	Shared Lead	Shared Lead		
<u>Failure to comply with CCTV conditions</u>	<u>Shared Lead</u>	<u>Shared Lead</u>		
<u>Employment of SIA licensed door staff</u>	<u>Shared Lead</u>	<u>Shared Lead</u>		
Requirements to provide toughened or plastic glasses	<u>Shared Lead</u>	<u>Shared Lead</u> <u>Lead</u>		
Provision of secure deposit boxes for confiscated items (sin bins)	Shared Lead	Shared Lead		
Provision of litterbins, other security measures such as lighting	<u>Shared Lead</u>	<u>Shared Lead</u> Lead		

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<u>Licensing Objective 2:</u> Public Safety:	Police	Local / Licensing Auth	Fire & Rescue	Trading Standards
Sales of alcohol on vehicles <i>Section 156 Licensing Act 2003</i>	Lead			
Overcrowding of premises	<u>Shared Lead</u>	Shared Lead	<u>Shared Primary Lead</u>	
Use of special effects such as lasers, pyrotechnics, smoke machines and foam		Shared Lead	Shared Lead	
Blocked or locked means of escape		Shared Lead	<u>Shared Primary Lead</u>	
Provision of sufficient number of people employed to secure safety of patrons	<u>Shared Lead</u>	<u>Shared Lead</u> Lead		
Regular testing and certification of systems and appliances		Shared Lead	Shared Lead	

<u>Licensing Objective 3:</u> Public Nuisance:				
Public nuisance from noise		Lead		
Public nuisance from litter		Lead		
Public nuisance from persons leaving the premises	Shared Lead	Shared Lead		
Public nuisance from odour		Lead		

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Effective public transport		Lead		
Adequate public lighting/security lighting		Lead		

<u>Licensing Objective 4:</u> Protection of Children from harm:	Police	Local / Licensing Auth	Fire & Rescue	Trading Standards
Exposure to explicit films/plays <i>Sections 74 & 76 Licensing Act 2003</i>		Lead		
Requirements for children to be accompanied by an adult <i>Section 145 Licensing Act 2003</i>	<u>Shared Lead</u>	<u>Shared Lead</u> Lead		
Sale of Alcohol to Children <i>Section 146 Licensing Act 2003</i>	<u>Lead On licence</u>			Lead <u>Off licence</u>
Sale of liqueur confectionery to children under 16 years <i>Section 148 Licensing Act 2003</i>	Lead			
Purchase, acquisition or consumption of alcohol by or for children <i>Sections 149 & 150 Licensing Act 2003</i>	Lead			
Delivering to or sending a child to obtain alcohol <i>Sections 151 & 152 Licensing Act 2003</i>	Lead			
Unsupervised sales by children <i>Section 153 Licensing Act 2003</i>	Lead			
Confiscation of sealed containers of alcohol and unsealed <i>Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997)</i>	Lead			
Provision of sufficient number of staff to secure protection of children from harm <i>Section 12(1) Children and Young Persons Act 1933</i>	<u>Shared Lead</u>	<u>Shared Lead</u> Lead	<u>Shared Lead</u>	

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Concerns of moral/psychological harm	<u>Shared Lead</u>	<u>Shared Lead</u> Lead		
Concerns over physical harm	Shared Lead	Shared Lead	<u>Shared Lead</u>	
Exposure to drugs, dealing or taking	Lead			
Exposure to gambling	Shared Lead	Shared Lead		
Exposure to activities of adult/sexual nature	Shared Lead	Shared Lead		
Exposure to incidents of violence/disorder	Lead			
Exposure to environmental pollution such as noise or smoke		Lead (with HSE)		
Exposure to special hazards i.e. suitability of the premises		<u>Shared Lead</u> Lead	<u>Shared Lead</u>	
Limitation on hours when children may be present on all or parts of premises	Shared Lead	Shared Lead		
Exclusions by age when certain activities are taking place		Lead		

Sussex Police: Review of Licensing in Brighton & Hove - August 2013 to August 2014.

Public Place Crime Figures

Overall Public Place Violence in the city during the period August 2013 to August 2014 has remained the same compared to the previous year, but with a rise in the following sub groups:

Sexual Offences +29
Robbery +5
Assault on Constable +10

This has been balanced by a decrease in the 'Violence against the Person' subgroup due to less 'Public Order' offences and 'Assault without Injury' offences being recorded.

However, there has been a rise in reported Public Place Violent Crime within Central Brighton since March 2014 with an increase of 32 crimes between March and August. This is in contrast to the decrease in ten crimes during the same period in 2013.

The main increases overall in this subgroup have been on Beat 1 (North Regency Ward), which has seen an increase of 40 crimes. However, Beat 3 (Regency Ward South) has experienced a significant decrease of 72 crimes.

Brighton & Hove Public Place Violent Crime two year statistics relating to licensed premises:

Violent crimes in public houses/bars increased from 109 in 2012-3 to 134 in 2013-4 (+25)
Violent crimes in nightclubs decreased from 186 in 2012-3 to 138 in 2013-4 (-48)
Overall this is a 23 crime decrease in PPVC crimes in pubs and clubs in Brighton Division

- The increase of 29 Sexual Offences is primarily due to an increase in 10 crimes of rape (female aged 16 or over) and an increase in 7 crimes of rape (male aged 16 and over). There has also been a marked increase in reported sexual assaults committed during the night time economy.
- In the last year, 62% of public place violent crimes in Central Brighton were committed in the nine hours of night time economy (20:00hrs – 05:00hrs) and a significant proportion of these incidents are directly linked to licensed premises.
- Regency South still experiences more incidents of public place violent crime; however the reductions here are in contrast to the increases in Regency North and mark a move of this crime-type away from the city centre.
- There is a marked decrease in crimes within nightclubs as opposed to an increase in those committed in pubs and bars. Improved operating procedures and appropriate enforcement action in these venues may have had a causal effect in this decrease. The increase in crime within the pub category highlights where more crime prevention work is necessary.

Summary

Sussex Police experience incidents of public place violent crime throughout the week with an increase in occurrences during the evening/night. Weekend and bank holiday/festive night time economy periods experience significant rises in public place violent crime; as such, the policing coverage, through Operation Marble, is increased in order to respond to this.

We have experienced a shift in peak policing times during Operation Marble, whereby there is an increasing demand for resources well into the early hours of the morning. This may be indicative of individuals coming out later into the night time economy due to changes in

disposable income. This is coupled with the increases in 'pre-loading,' when individuals coming into the night time economy have already consumed alcohol purchased at home. These trends provide obvious challenges to both the licensed on-trade and the police when assessing and responding to levels of drunkenness.

There has also been a perceived increase in the week night economy within the city. This has been partly due to the large student population taking advantage of a more affordable week night economy. Likewise, licensed venues have encouraged a wider customer base by hosting regular themed nights and offering discounted alcohol and entry.

Dispersal from the city centre during the late evening and early morning continues to provide policing challenges. Over recent years, there has been a proliferation of off-licences and late night refreshment venues along the city's arterial routes. This has led to incident 'hot spots' where patrons from the night time economy continue to interact, albeit away from any safety measures afforded by on-licences. As such, Sussex Police support the Council's Special Policy in offering guidance to both applicants and the Licensing Committee in relation to off-licences and late night refreshment licences.

Sussex Police have a growing concern that, despite staff training in age-restricted sales, under age individuals are still being served alcohol in some of the city's licensed premises. As such, regular intelligence-led 'test-purchase' operations are conducted. Between December 2013 and July 2014, 21 off-licences and 13 on-licences were tested. 38% of the off-licences failed in contrast with a 85% failure rate with the on-licences; indicating a considerable risk in this area of the trade. It is anticipated that initiatives, including the introduction of identification scanning machines at premises throughout the city, will go some way to mitigate this risk. Sussex Police also continue to work alongside the Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership to tackle the problem of those who use false identification to enter licensed premises and purchase alcohol.

Policing the night time economy continues to provide a challenge and in the climate of limited resources and newly emerging problems, Sussex Police support maintaining the Council's Special Policy which defines cumulative impact and special stress. Sussex Police also recognise and support businesses which are aware of their social responsibilities and as such, actively contribute towards keeping Brighton and Hove a safe and enjoyable city.

Appendix D Environmental Health – noise complaints regarding licensed premises

Prevention of Public Nuisance

The Environmental Protection Team remains part of Regulatory Services and continues to respond to all domestic and commercial noise complaints in the City. This includes noise complaints relating to licensed premises.

Over the past three years the total number of domestic and commercial noise complaints received has progressively declined by 18%.

Table I below details the total number of noise complaints received over the past three years.

Table I

Year	TOTAL number of noise complaints
2011/2012	3381
2012/2013	3162
2013/2014	2779

Under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 The Environmental Protection Team is still the ‘responsible authority’ for noise and the prevention of public nuisance.

As a ‘responsible authority’ the Environmental Protection Team continues to inspect all applications for new premises licences and licence variations. This includes minor variations. Where there are concerns relating to public nuisance a representation is made. Licence reviews continue to be requested to prevent public nuisance. Applying licence conditions which mitigate and control noise has been a valuable method of preventing public nuisance.

Joint Intelligence Meetings include Police, Fire and Trading Standards colleagues and continue to be a valuable forum for exchanging information relating to licensing issues. In addition, the City Council’s out of hours noise patrol service provides an excellent opportunity to investigate late night noise from licensed premises. The warning and fixed penalty notices under the provisions of the Noise Act 1996 include licensed premises and are a valuable tool for managing late night noise.

The majority of noise from licensed premises relates to noise from live and amplified music, and noise from people. Noise from people includes noise from people inside the premises, and noise from people using outside areas, including smoking areas.

Table 2 below shows the number of noise complaints relating to licensed premises over the past three years. This includes licensed cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs and supermarkets and takeaways.

Table 2

YEAR	Total number of noise complaints relating to licensed premises
2011/2012	243
2012/2013	230
2013/2014	233
1 st April to 24 th October 2014	119 projected to 31 st March 2014 = 204

Over the last three years the number of noise complaints relating to licensed premises has remained fairly static around 230. The projection for this year is a drop to 204 complaints and this would then see a 16% in noise complaints from licensed premises since 2011. This is consistent with the overall drop detailed above.

There are a number of factors that could explain the reduction in noise from licensed premises:

- The prioritised, risk based inspection program of licensed premises
- The continued joint intelligence exchange between responsible authorities
- Strong relationship between licensed trade, customers & community. Partnership approach reduces conflict between agencies and targets resources better.
- Proper standards of public protection is salient in current economic climate, supporting local economic vitality. Robust enforcement against rogues but supporting legitimate business by risk based consistent regulation.
- The existence of the cumulative impact and special stress areas.

The existence of the Cumulative Impact Area has clearly contributed to the reduction in noise complaints associated with licensed premises. Environmental Protection supports the continuation of the existing special policy.

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Environmental Health Manager

Appendix E

Public Health Framework for assessing Alcohol Licensing

Annual Report – Ward

18th September 2013



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Crime and disorder data

All crime and disorder data except for shoplifting of alcohol offences refer to 2012-13 data. Due to low numbers, alcohol shoplifting data combines 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 data.

Data used in this report is downloaded from the live system at Sussex Police each month. This data has not been audited or verified by statisticians at Police HQ, therefore it represents a reflection of crime and disorder in the area, rather than the authorised and fully verified 'performance data'. Only those crimes and incidents where there was sufficient location information to map to ward level have been included.

It is not considered appropriate to produce a rate per ward as comparison between an incident (which is likely to occur away from an individual's place of residence) and a resident population would not be correct.

Injury Violence includes all assault with injury offences, as well as violence against the person offences of greater severity such as murder, attempted murder and manslaughter

Non-injury assaults include common assault and battery offences, racially or religiously motivated common assault or beating offences, and assaults on a constable

Data has been extracted using 'CADDIE' categories and police input date, but excludes those offences which occurred before June 2008. This is particularly relevant to sexual offences which are often reported historically

All *Violence Against the Person* offences include injury violence, non-injury assaults, as well as a range of harassment and other offences.

Total crime where the victim or the suspect has been recorded as under the influence of alcohol uses 'under the influence' markers on the police database and records those suspects or victims who were perceived to be under the influence of either alcohol, or alcohol and drugs, when the offence took place. These markers are not mandatory and in total, approximately 15-16% of crimes have this information recorded regarding the suspect or victim.

Police recorded alcohol related incidents are extracted from the police incident database using a search on the free text field (filled out as the call comes in) on the words alcohol, drink and drunk.

Shoplifting of alcohol offences data will be influenced by those wards where there are supermarkets or larger stores, as a large proportion of reported thefts of alcohol occur in this type of shop, where there are often security guards and reporting to the police is therefore more common.

Health data

Rates per 100,000 are for adults aged 15-59 years

Increasing risk or higher risk drinking data is derived from the Health Counts Survey 2012. Increasing risk is defined as usual consumption of between 22 and 50 units of alcohol per week for men and between 15 and 35 units of alcohol per week for women. Higher risk drinking is defined as usual consumption of over 50 units of alcohol per week for men, and over 35 units of alcohol per week for women. Based upon place of residence.

Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs data is for 2012/13 financial year and comes from South East Coast Ambulance Service. Ambulance patient clinical records (PCR) now contain an indicator for whether the crew on the scene suspect that alcohol has been involved with the incident. This has been collected since April 2010. The guidance for collecting this data asks to mark a box with an 'x' if alcohol is suspected, so it is very much a judgment call of the crew on the scene, which will differ between individuals. Due to scanning and data validation, PCR data is 80-90% accurate. Given these caveats, it will not be a complete picture of the burden that alcohol places on ambulance services. However, it provides some quantification of alcohol related ambulance call outs, demographics of patients involved in such incidents, geographical areas where the numbers are higher and the health implications (whether resulting in falls, overdose/poisoning etc). Based upon location of call out.

A&E attendances with a record of alcohol data is for 2008-2010 and is based on a key word search for the word searched related to alcohol applied to an extract from the Symphony A&E system Brighton & Sussex University Hospital Trust. These figures are collated from key word searches on the electronic A&E record and so could well underestimate these numbers – there were 3,760 attendances identified over the three year period. Based upon place of residence.

A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault data comes from Local Secondary User Service extracts accessed via Sussex Database. Attendances at A&E due to assault (patient group 20) between 8pm and 5am (inclusive) has been used as a proxy for alcohol related A&E attendances during the night time economy.

A&E attendance data does not include Minor Injury Unit (MIU) data. It is assumed that MIUs will have very minimal, if any, impact on attendances reported on within this report as the MIUs are only open 8am to 8pm, not during the night time economy.

Data presented is for 2011/12 and 2012/13. Analysis by geography is based on the postcode of the patient, not where the assault took place, and is irrespective of which A&E unit they attended.

Around three-quarters (77%) of attendances are for males. The figure shows the age distribution and profile for A&E assault attendances over the two year period. Two thirds (66%) of attendances are in those aged 18-34 years with few attendances in the under 15's and over 60's. There were 90 attendances (7%) for those aged under 18 years.

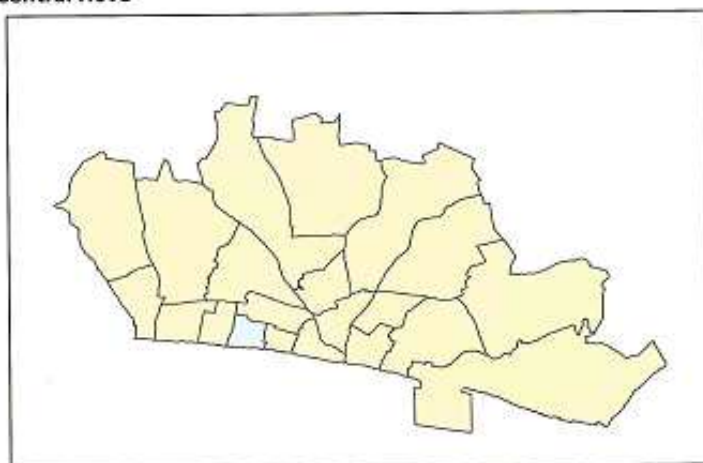
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions data is for 2011/12 period and comes from Local Secondary User Service extracts accessed via Sussex Database. Hospital admissions that are wholly attributable to alcohol are included as well as a proportion of diseases and injuries where alcohol can play a part (alcohol attributable fractions). The indicator is a directly age-standardised rate and measures the rate of alcohol harm related hospital admissions per 100,000 population. See Appendix 1 for detailed information on the indicator and the alcohol attributable fractions. Place upon place of residence.

Brunswick and Adelaide



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)		
All Violence against the person:	132	8		
All Injury Violence	42	11		
Non-Injury Assault	66	7		
Sexual Offences	12	=9		
Criminal Damage	107	13		
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	33	5		
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	49	7		
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	176	6		
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	48	5		
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	19%	9	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	189	7		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	180	7.3	8	NS
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	54	330	8	NS
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	161	1,843.1	10	NS

Central Hove



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)
All Violence against the person:	125	=12
All Injury Violence	44	=9
Non-Injury Assault	42	15
Sexual Offences	5	=19
Criminal Damage	112	12
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	27	8
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	45	8
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	257	4
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	73	3

Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	19%	10	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	211	5		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	120	6.0	12	NS
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	28	210	16	SigLow
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	177	1,947.0	7	NS

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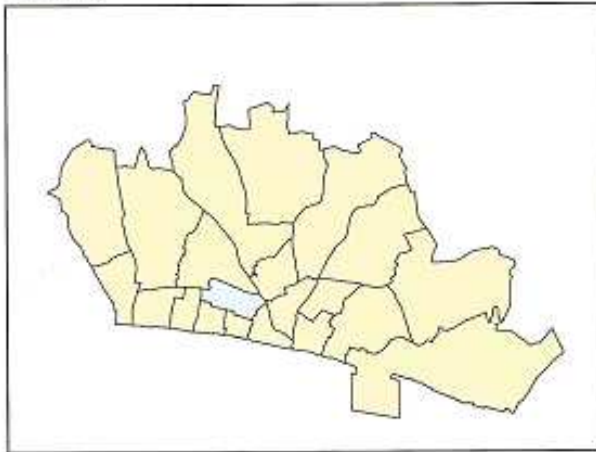
East Brighton



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)
All Violence against the person:	305	4
All Injury Violence	85	4
Non-Injury Assault	135	4
Sexual Offences	22	4
Criminal Damage	273	3
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	56	4
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	107	4
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	180	5
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	13	13

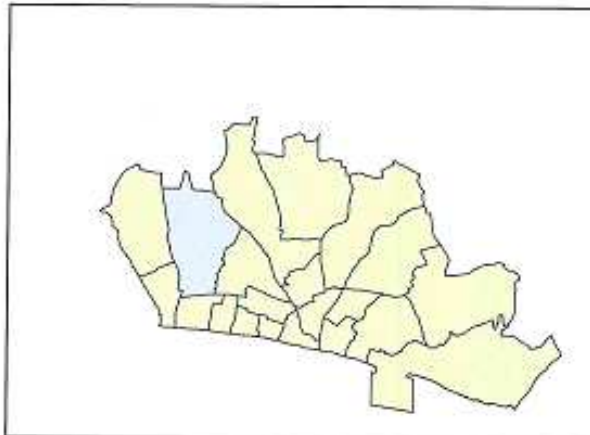
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	13%	16	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	277	4		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	362	13.3	3	SigHigh
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	107	587.9	2	SigHigh
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	442	2,926.5	2	SigHigh

Goldsmid



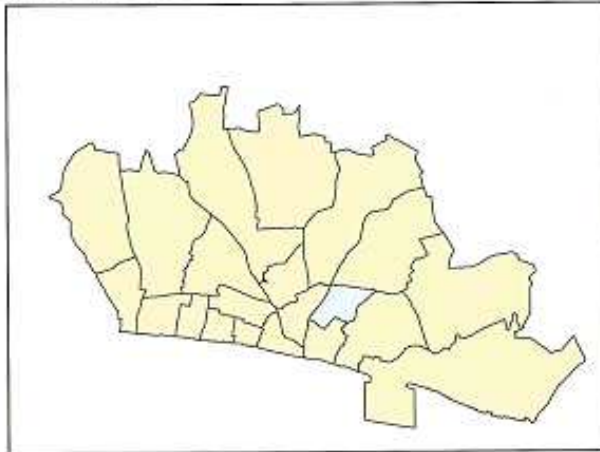
Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)		
All Violence against the person:	92	16		
All Injury Violence	34	=15		
Non-Injury Assault	34	18		
Sexual Offences	7	=14		
Criminal Damage	133	10		
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	15	=15		
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	34	13		
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	109	=10		
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	3	=19		
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	24%	3	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	158	8		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	265	8.2	7	SigHigh
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	59	273	11	NS
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	331	1,893.2	8	NS

Hangleton and Knoll



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)		
All Violence against the person:	138	7		
All Injury Violence	47	8		
Non-Injury Assault	55	10		
Sexual Offences	12	=9		
Criminal Damage	134	9		
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	13	17		
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	29	=15		
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	111	9		
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	32	6		
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	10%	18	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	107	14		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	142	5.7	13	NS
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	38	230	14	NS
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	315	1,728.0	12	NS

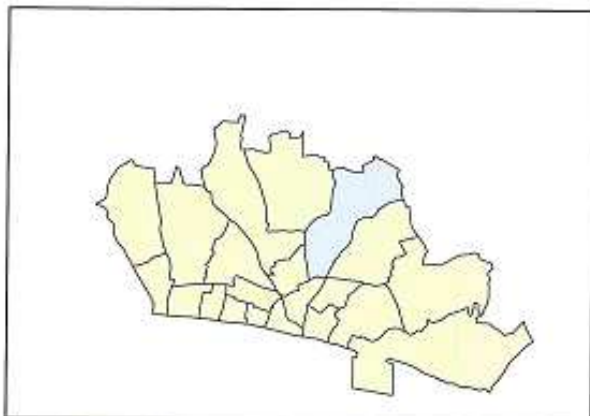
Hanover and Elm Grove



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)
All Violence against the person:	126	11
All Injury Violence	54	7
Non-Injury Assault	45	13
Sexual Offences	6	=17
Criminal Damage	202	5
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	30	7
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	50	6
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	109	=10
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	3	=19

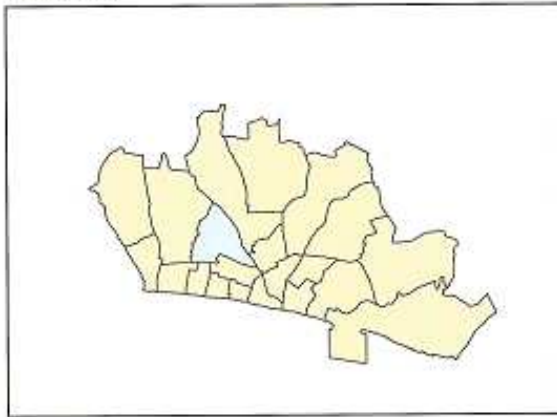
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	22%	4	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	130	10		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	224	6.1	11	NS
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	64	263	12	NS
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	241	1,789.7	11	NS

Hollingdean and Stanmer



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)		
All Violence against the person:	194	6		
All Injury Violence	76	5		
Non-Injury Assault	78	6		
Sexual Offences	14	6		
Criminal Damage	157	7		
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	32	6		
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	51	5		
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	108	12		
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	6	=16		
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	21%	7	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	206	6		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	229	6.9	9	NS
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	75	337	7	NS
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	306	2,190.6	6	SigHigh

Hove Park



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)
All Violence against the person:	73	19
All Injury Violence	27	19
Non-Injury Assault	39	16
Sexual Offences	3	21
Criminal Damage	86	16
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	9	20
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	18	20
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	37	20
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	15	12

Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	14%	15	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	48	21		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	62	1.6	21	SigLow
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	18	149	21	SigLow
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	166	1,237.3	19	SigLow

Moulsecomb and Bevendean



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)
All Violence against the person:	214	5
All Injury Violence	62	6
Non-Injury Assault	95	5
Sexual Offences	17	5
Criminal Damage	189	6
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	22	=9
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	44	9
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	131	7
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	5	18

Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	8%	20	SigLow	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	152	9		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	230	12.7	4	SigHigh
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	131	519	3	SigHigh
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	326	2,246.2	4	SigHigh

North Portslade



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)
All Violence against the person:	75	18
All Injury Violence	29	=17
Non-Injury Assault	31	20
Sexual Offences	7	=14
Criminal Damage	74	19
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	20	=11
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	23	19
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	36	21
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	0	21

Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	12%	17	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	60	20		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	95	3.9	18	SigLow
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	30	248	13	NS
	Number	Directly age standardised rate per 100,000 people	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	197	1,651.4	13	NS

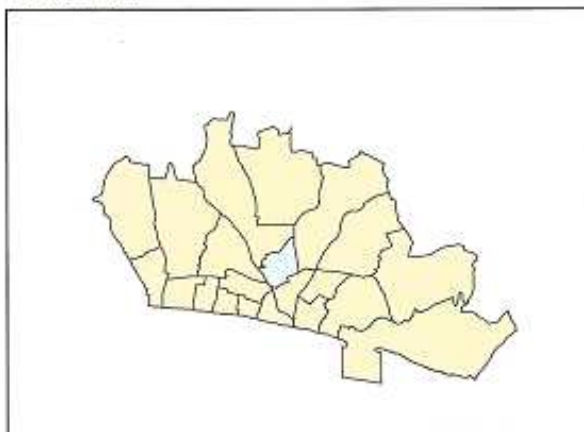
Patcham



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)
All Violence against the person:	127	10
All Injury Violence	35	14
Non-Injury Assault	61	=8
Sexual Offences	7	=14
Criminal Damage	143	8
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	15	=15
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	37	10
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	79	15
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	17	10

Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	8%	21	SigLow	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	98	15		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	129	4.1	17	SigLow
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	61	375	5	NS
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	283	1,533.3	16	SigLow

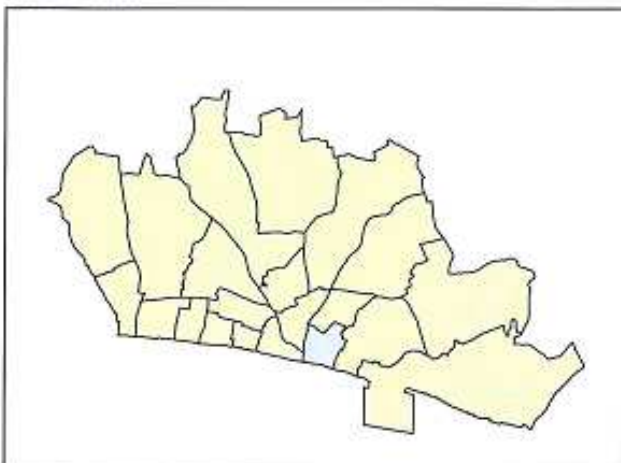
Preston Park



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)
All Violence against the person:	117	14
All Injury Violence	41	12
Non-Injury Assault	47	12
Sexual Offences	13	=7
Criminal Damage	78	18
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	22	=9
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	29	=15
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	88	14
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	7	15

Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	17%	13	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	113	12		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	135	4.3	15	SigLow
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	47	227	15	SigLow
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	200	1,407.6	18	SigLow

Queen's Park



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)
All Violence against the person:	515	3
All Injury Violence	189	3
Non-Injury Assault	207	3
Sexual Offences	37	2
Criminal Damage	279	2
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	116	3
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	178	3
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	412	3
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	26	7

Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	26%	2	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	618	3		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	447	18.7	1	SigHigh
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	94	448	4	SigHigh
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	587	3,640.0	1	SigHigh

Regency



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)		
All Violence against the person:	911	1		
All Injury Violence	409	1		
Non-Injury Assault	313	1		
Sexual Offences	59	1		
Criminal Damage	262	4		
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	248	1		
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	362	1		
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	659	2		
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	78	2		
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	17%	12	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	1,119	1		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	247	10.6	5	SigHigh
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	45	282	10	NS
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	225	2,236.2	5	SigHigh

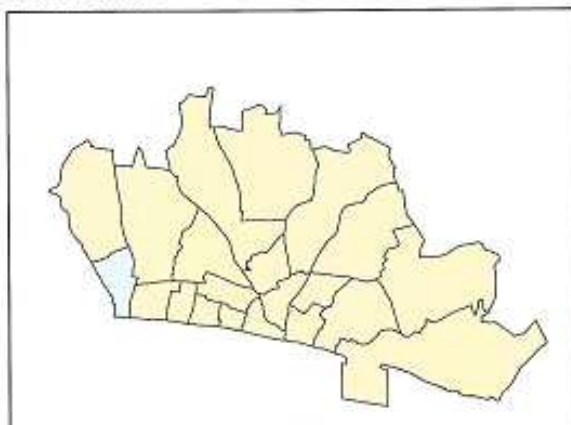
Rottingdean Coastal



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)
All Violence against the person:	125	=12
All Injury Violence	34	=15
Non-Injury Assault	50	11
Sexual Offences	11	=11
Criminal Damage	113	11
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	18	=13
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	35	12
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	92	13
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	65	4

Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	16%	14	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	95	16		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	77	1.7	20	SigLow
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	45	290	9	NS
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	245	1,179.9	20	SigLow

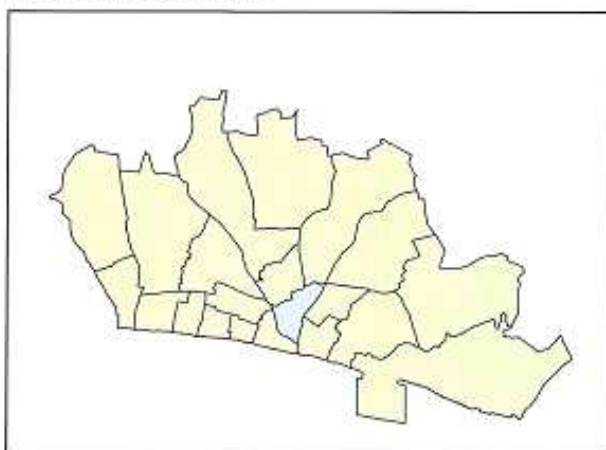
South Portslade



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)
All Violence against the person:	131	9
All Injury Violence	44	=9
Non-Injury Assault	61	=8
Sexual Offences	11	=11
Criminal Damage	98	14
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	18	=13
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	36	11
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	113	8
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	24	=8

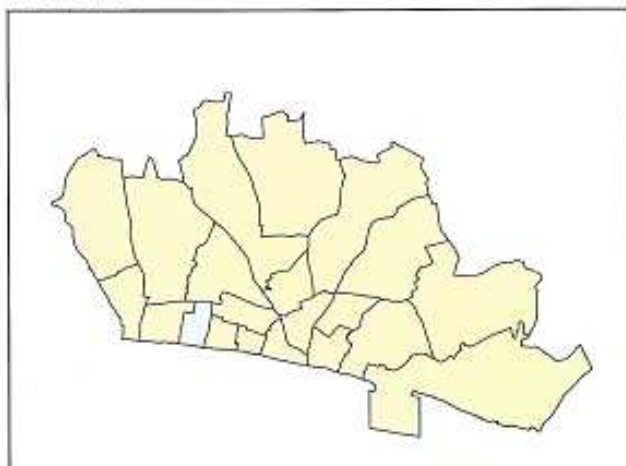
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	20%	8	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	115	11		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	148	8.5	6	SigHigh
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	47	158	20	SigLow
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	279	2,791.8	3	SigHigh

St. Peter's and North Laine



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)		
All Violence against the person:	633	2		
All Injury Violence	201	2		
Non-Injury Assault	259	2		
Sexual Offences	34	3		
Criminal Damage	377	1		
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	118	2		
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	208	2		
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	822	1		
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	218	1		
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	28%	1	SigHigh	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	687	2		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	257	14.2	2	SigHigh
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	112	966	1	SigHigh
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	208	1,651.3	14	NS

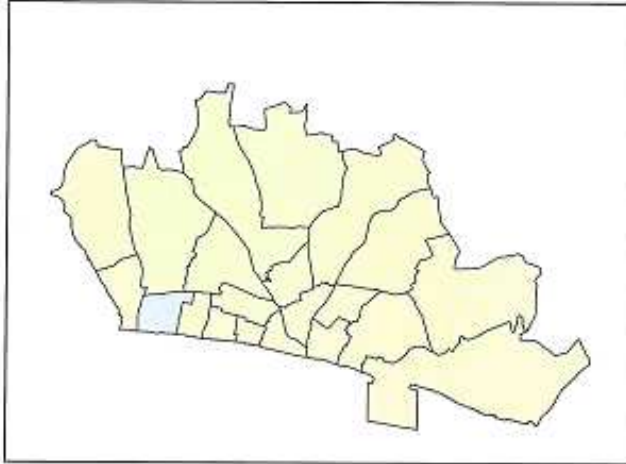
Westbourne



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)
All Violence against the person:	65	20
All Injury Violence	23	20
Non-Injury Assault	32	19
Sexual Offences	8	13
Criminal Damage	95	15
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	20	=11
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	25	17
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	63	17
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	24	=8

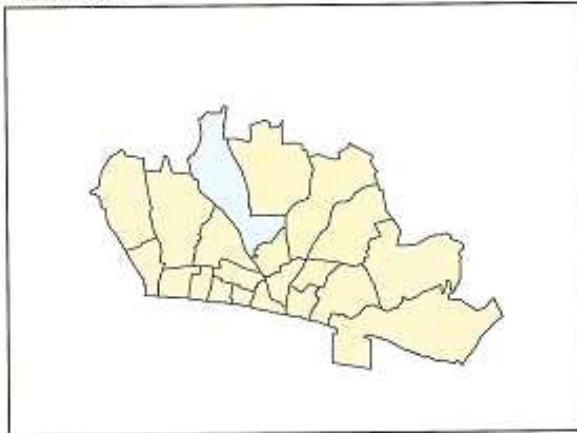
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	19%	11	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	112	13		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	106	5.6	14	NS
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	21	167	19	SigLow
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	219	1,877.8	9	NS

Wish



Crime and Disorder Data		No.	Rank (1=worst)	
All Violence against the person:		107	15	
All Injury Violence		36	13	
Non-injury Assault		43	14	
Sexual Offences		6	=17	
Criminal Damage		64	21	
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol		11	18	
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol		33	14	
Police recorded alcohol related incidents		70	16	
Shoplifting of alcohol offences		16	11	
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	22%	5	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	75	18		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	74	4.3	16	SigLow
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	24	208	17	SigLow
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	181	1,590.9	15	NS

Withdean



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)		
All Violence against the person:	81	17		
All Injury Violence	29	=17		
Non-Injury Assault	36	17		
Sexual Offences	5	=19		
Criminal Damage	80	17		
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	9	21		
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	16	21		
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	41	19		
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	6	=16		
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	21%	6	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	80	17		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	97	3.7	19	SigLow
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	34	195	18	SigLow
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	196	1,082.4	21	SigLow

Woodingdean



Crime and Disorder Data	No.	Rank (1=worst)		
All Violence against the person:	58	21		
All Injury Violence	19	21		
Non-Injury Assault	20	21		
Sexual Offences	13	=7		
Criminal Damage	72	20		
Total crime where victim recorded under influence of alcohol	10	19		
Total crime where suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	24	18		
Police recorded alcohol related incidents	54	18		
Shoplifting of alcohol offences	8	14		
Health Data				
	%	Rank	Significance	
Increasing risk or higher risk drinking	9%	19	NS	
	Number	Rank		
Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	66	19		
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	101	6.3	10	NS
	Number	Rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
A&E attendances between 8pm and 5am due to assault	40	372	6	NS
	Number	Directly age std rate per 100,000	Rank	Significance
Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions	180	1,435.5	17	SigLow

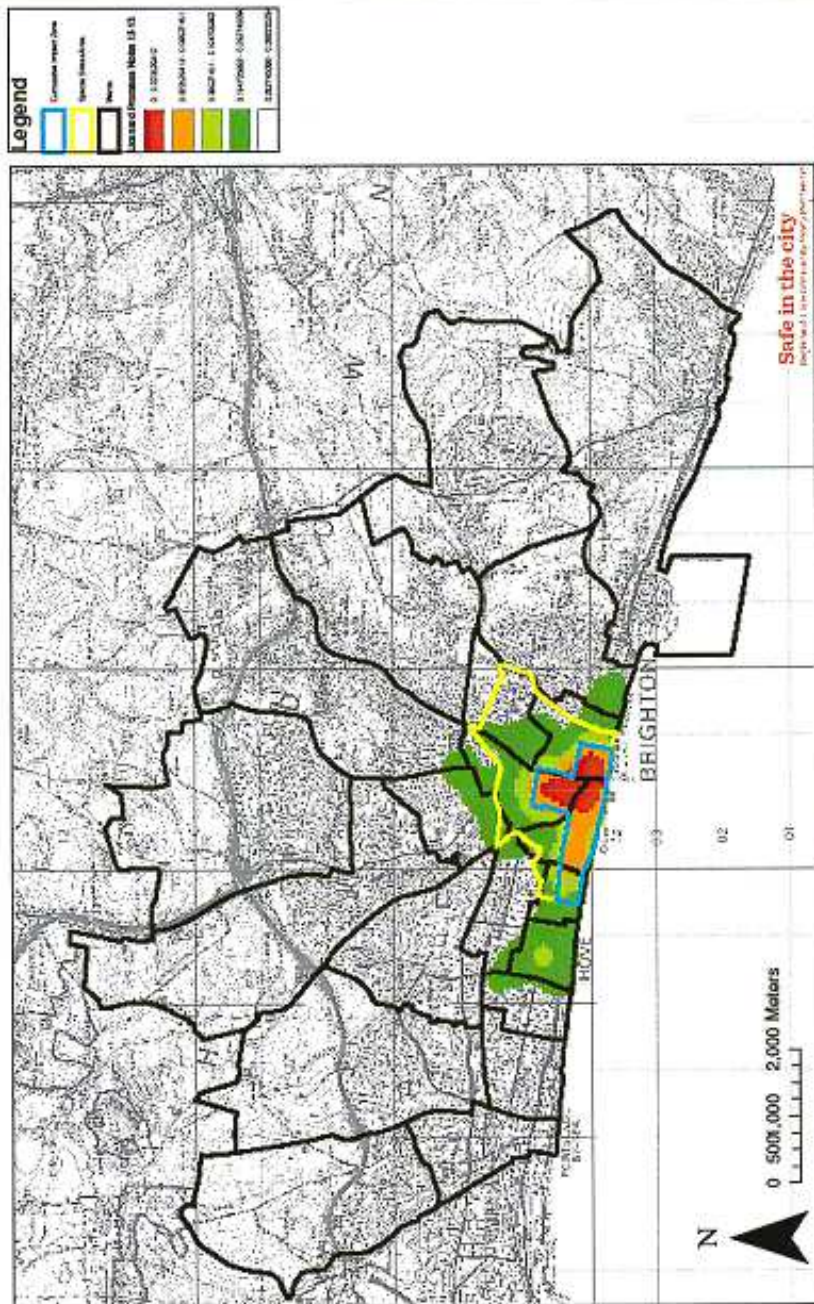
Ward summary grid (ward ranks of 21 wards where 1=worst)

Ward	Overall average rank	Crime and disorder data average rank	All violence again the person	All Injury Violence	Non-Injury Violence	Sexual offences	Criminal damage	Total crime: victim recorded under influence of alcohol	Total crime: suspect recorded under influence of alcohol	Police recorded alcohol related incidents	Shoplifting of alcohol offences	Health data average rank	Increasing or higher risk drinking	Alcohol suspected ambulance call outs	A&E attendances with a record of alcohol	A&E attendances between bpm and 5am due to assault	Alcohol related inpatient hospital admissions
Brunswick and Adelaide	8	8	8	11	7	9	13	5	7	6	5	8	9	7	8	8	10
Central Hove	11	10	12	9	15	19	12	8	8	4	3	12	10	5	12	16	17
East Brighton	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	13	5	16	4	3	2	2
Goldsmid	12	14	16	15	18	14	10	15	13	10	19	7	3	8	7	11	8
Hangleton and Knoll	12	10	7	8	10	9	9	17	15	9	6	14	18	14	13	14	12
Hanover and Elm Grove	10	11	11	7	13	17	5	7	6	10	19	10	4	10	11	12	11
Hollingdean and Stanmer	7	8	6	5	6	6	7	6	5	12	16	7	7	6	9	7	6
Hove Park	19	18	19	19	16	21	16	20	20	20	12	19	15	21	21	21	19
Mouisecoomb and Bevendean	8	8	5	6	5	5	6	9	9	7	18	8	20	9	4	3	4
North Portslade	17	18	18	17	20	14	19	11	19	21	21	16	17	20	18	13	13
Patcham	13	12	10	14	8	14	8	15	10	15	10	15	21	15	17	5	16
Preston Park	14	13	14	12	12	7	18	9	15	14	15	15	13	12	15	15	18
Queen's Park	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	7	2	2	3	1	4	1
Regency	3	2	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	2	7	12	1	5	10	5
Rottingdean Coastal	13	11	12	15	11	11	11	13	12	13	4	16	14	16	20	9	20
South Portslade	10	10	9	9	8	11	14	13	11	8	8	10	8	11	6	20	3
St. Peter's and North Laine	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	1	1	4	1	2	2	1	14
Westbourne	15	16	20	20	19	13	15	11	17	17	8	13	11	13	14	19	9
Wish	15	15	15	13	14	17	21	18	14	16	11	14	5	18	16	17	15
Withdean	18	18	17	17	17	19	17	21	21	19	16	16	6	17	19	18	21
Woodingdean	16	18	21	21	21	7	20	19	18	18	14	14	19	19	10	6	17

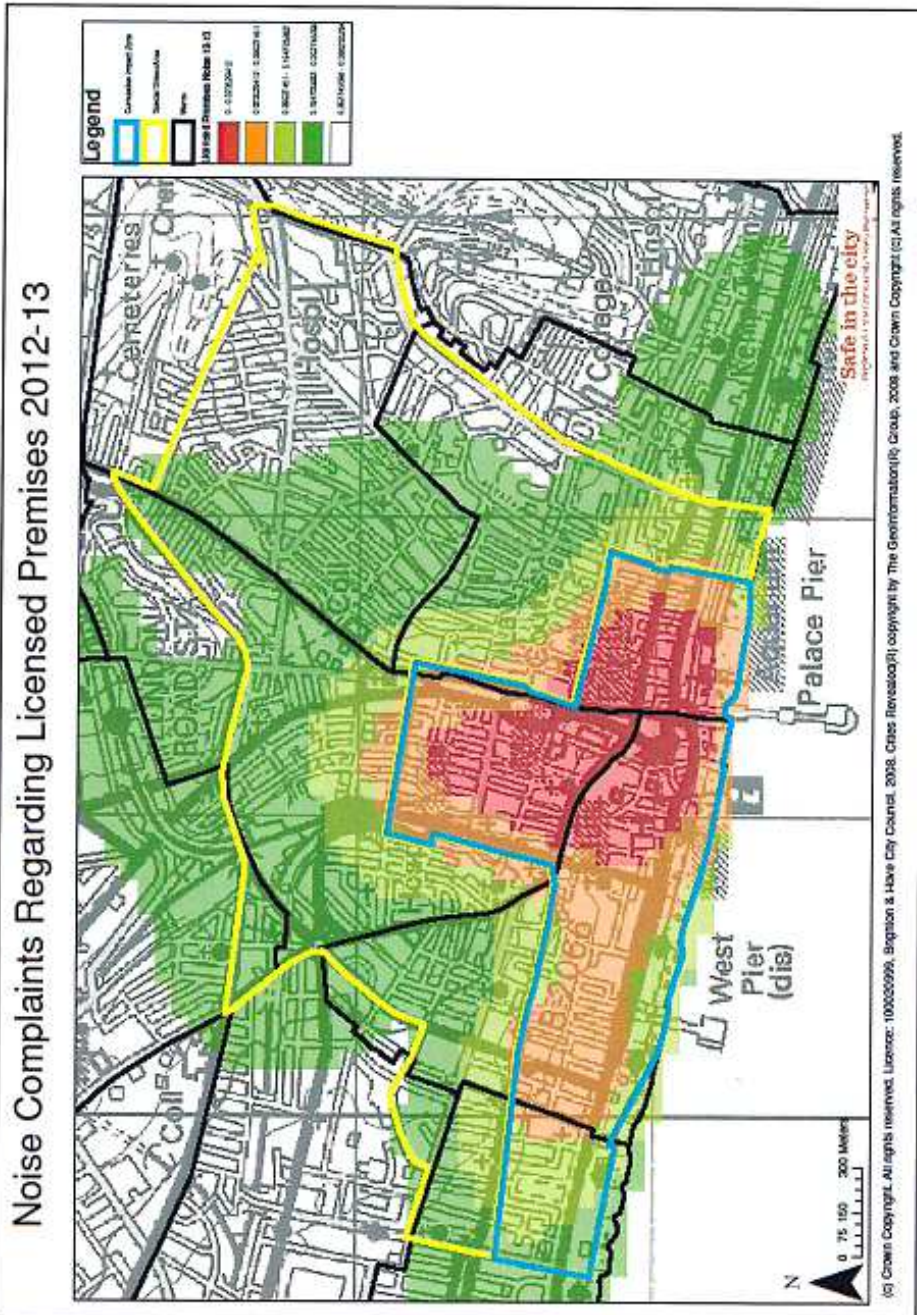
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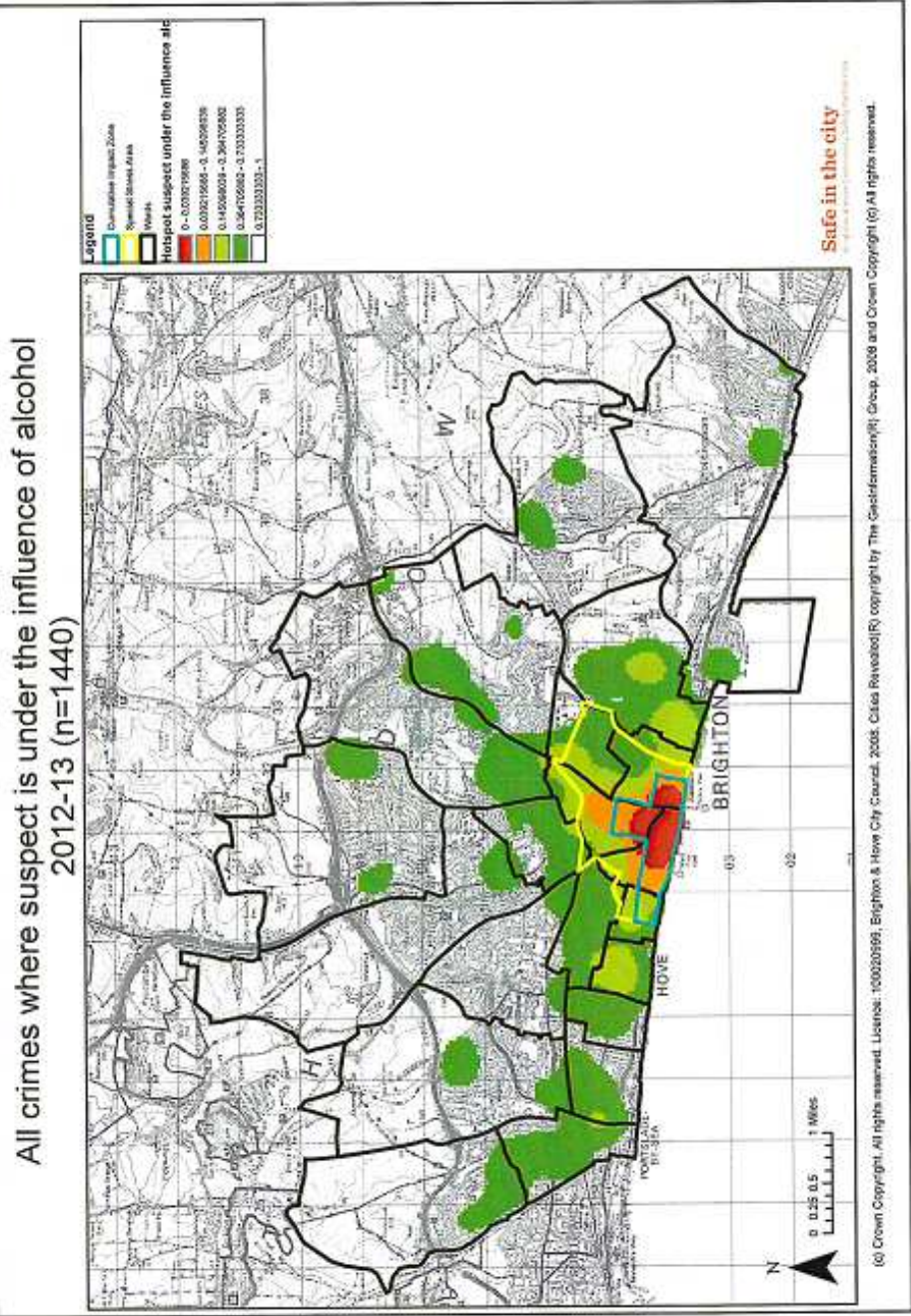
1. Noise complaints regarding licensed premises 2012-13
2. Noise complaints regarding licensed premises 2012-13 (detail)
3. All crimes where suspect is under the influence of alcohol 2012-13
4. All crimes where the victim is under the influence of alcohol 2012-13
5. Police recorded alcohol related incidents 2012-13
6. Treatment centres, commissioned band 2 and band 3 accommodation August 2013
7. Treatment centres, commissioned band 2 and band 3 accommodation and off-licences August 2013
8. All licensed premises August 2013
9. Count of off licenses per ward and treatment centres and commissioned band 2 and band 3 accommodation August 2013

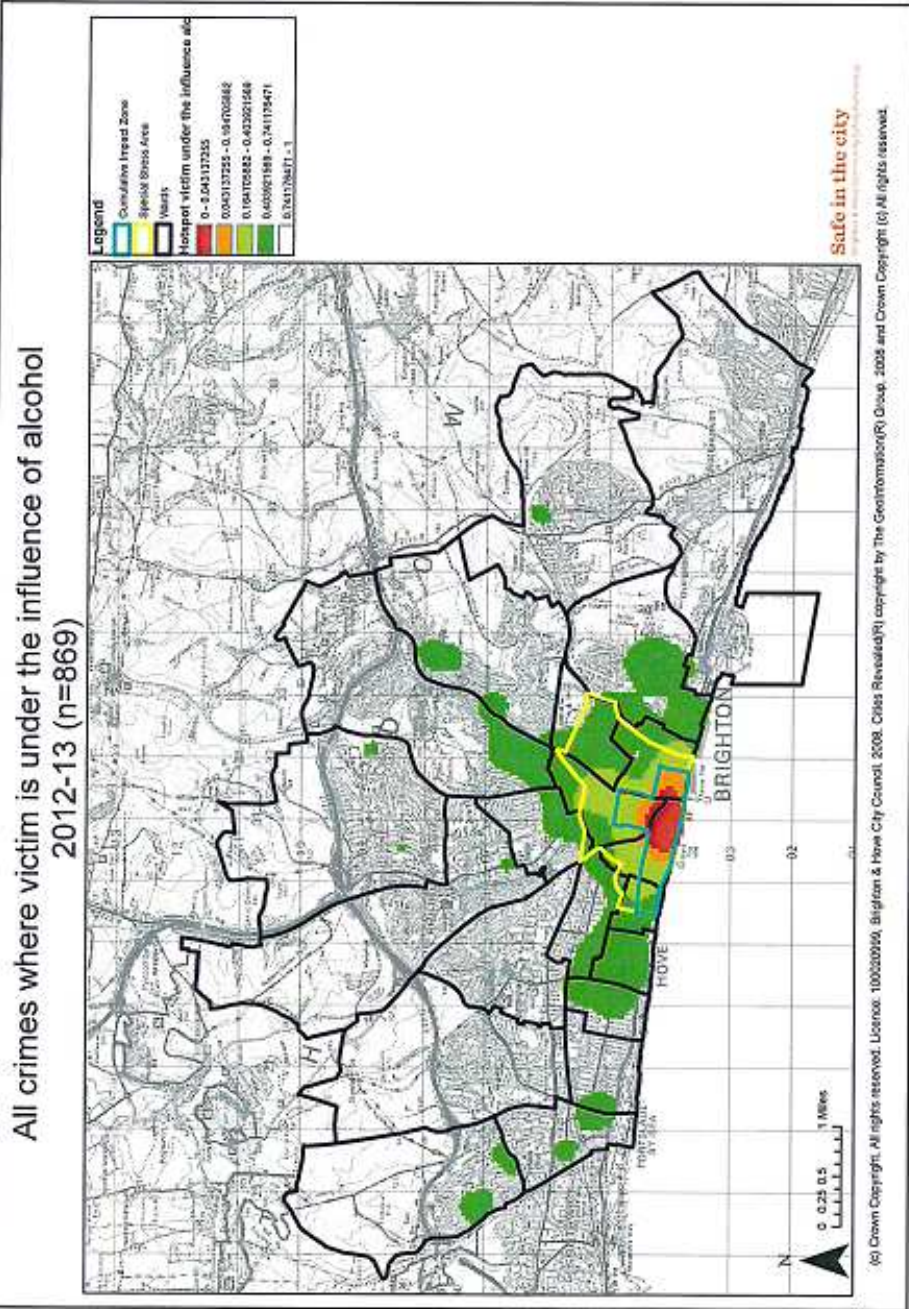
Noise Complaints Regarding Licensed Premises 2012-13 (n=245)

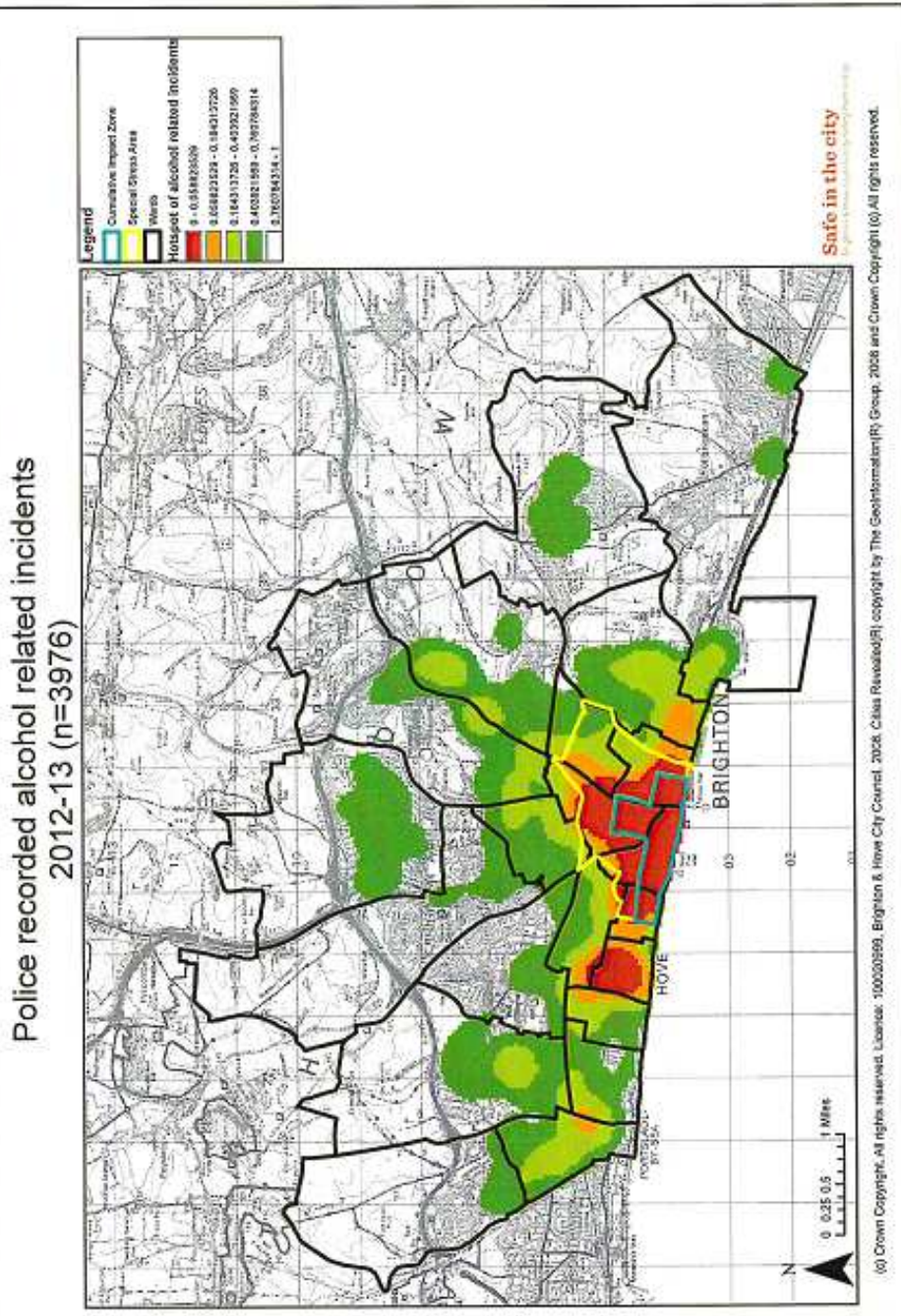


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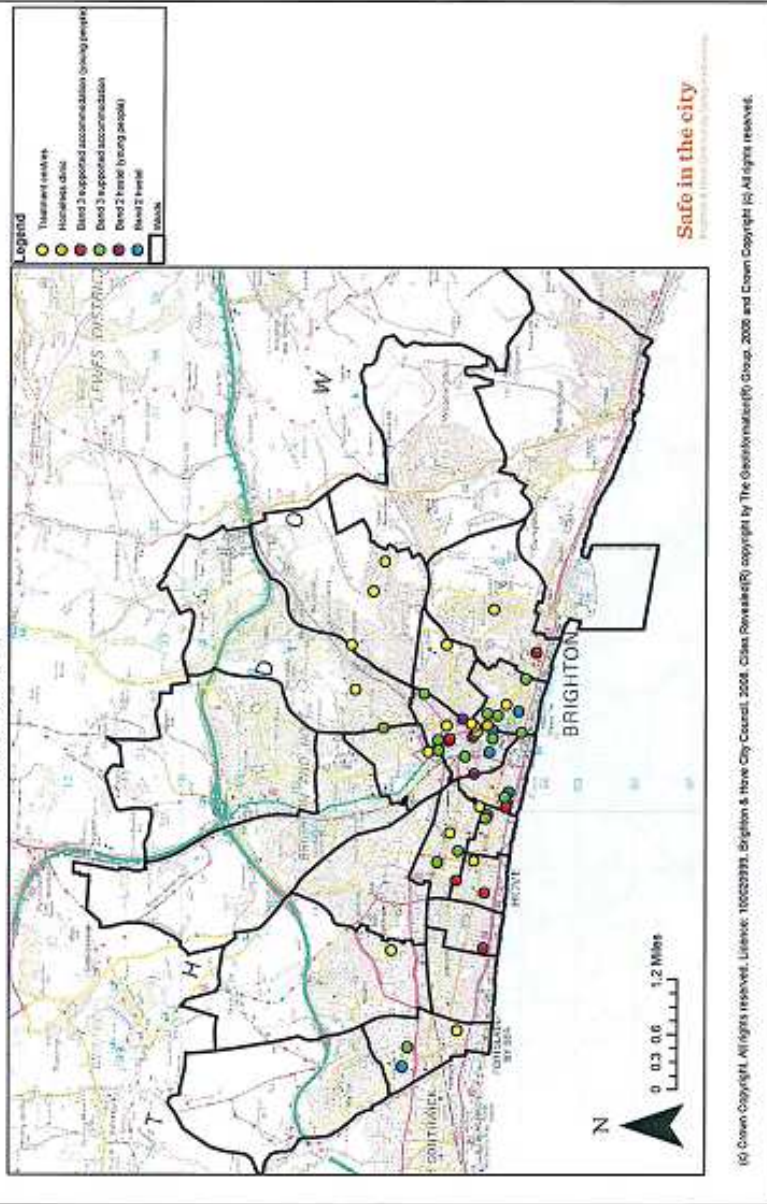






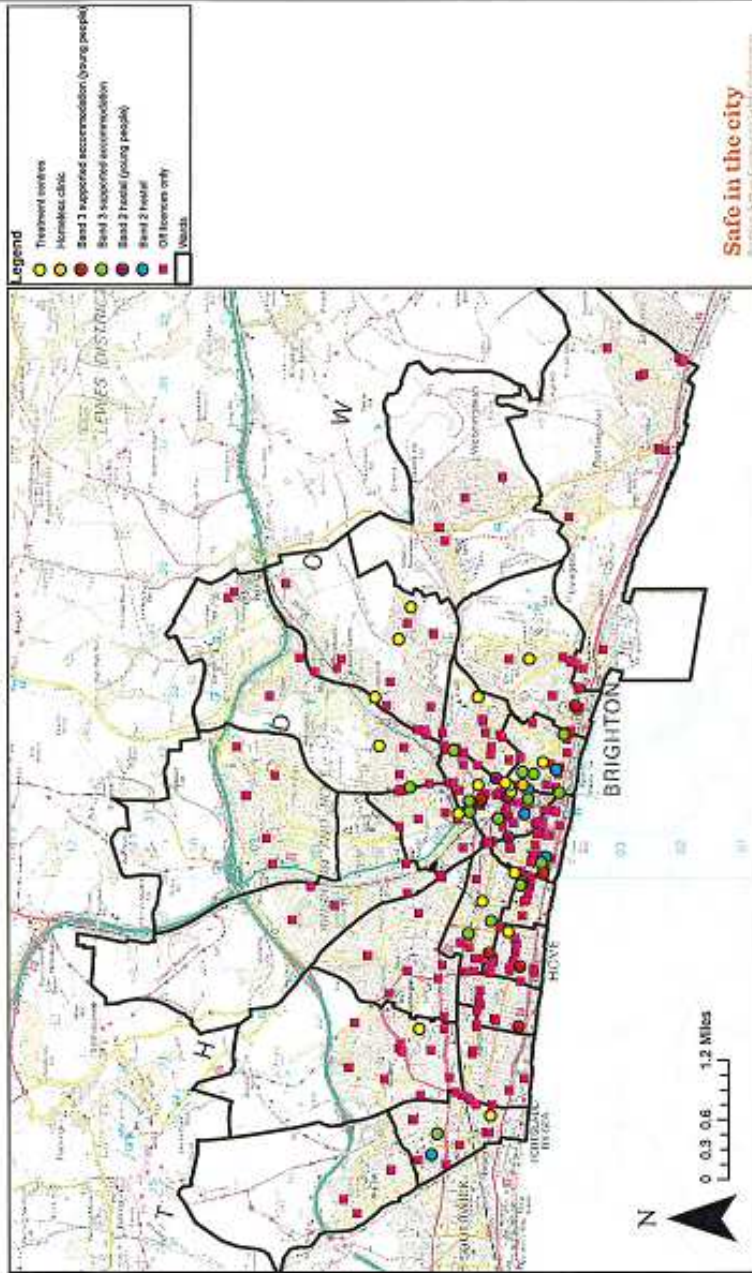


Treatment Centres, Commissioned Band 2 and Band 3 Accommodation
August 2013



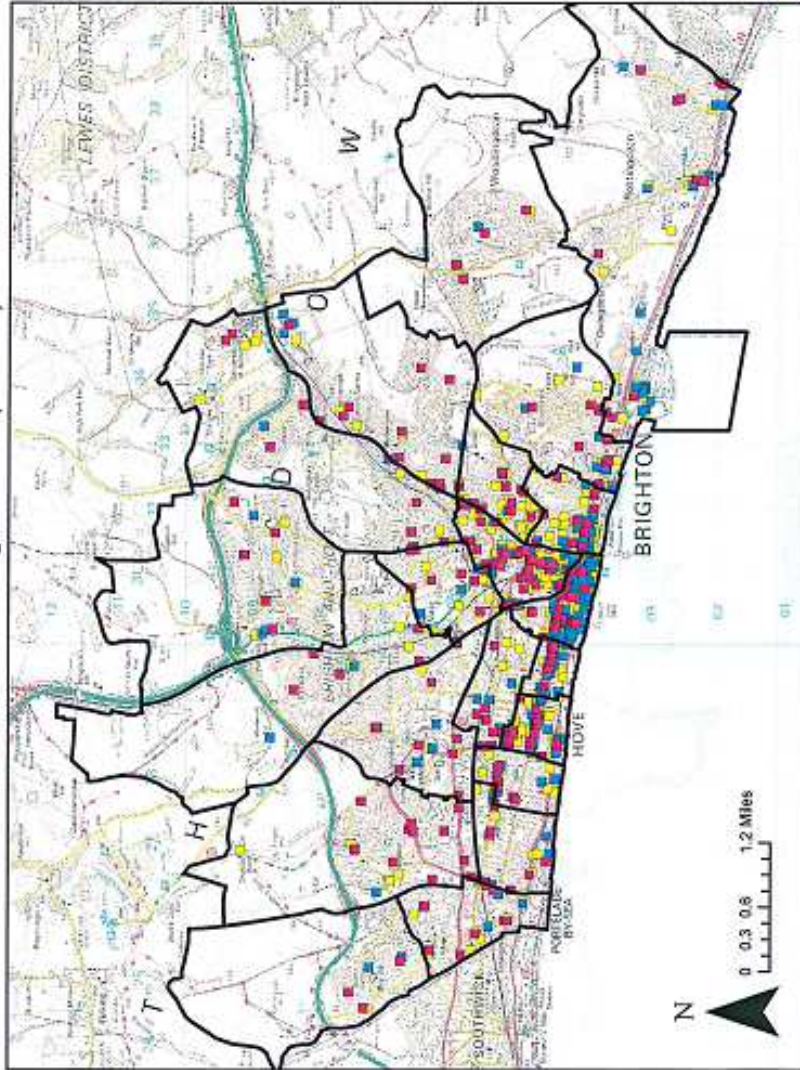
The map shows all alcohol treatment centres, and local authority commissioned band 2 and 3 accommodation. Band 2 accommodation is hostel accommodation with 24 hour waking night staff and key work support in a hostel environment. Additional work and learning and life skills are offered as well as behavioural support and alcohol and drugs nurses. Band 3 accommodation is mostly self contained accommodation although a few are shared houses for those ready to move on from hostels, offering either floating support (i.e. support worker visiting once a week) or office on site.

Treatment Centres, Commissioned Band 2 and Band 3 Accommodation and Off-Licences August 2013



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**All Licensed Premises
August 2013 (n=1011)**



Legend

Wards	
Off licences only	Red square
On licences only	Blue square
Both on and off sales	Yellow square

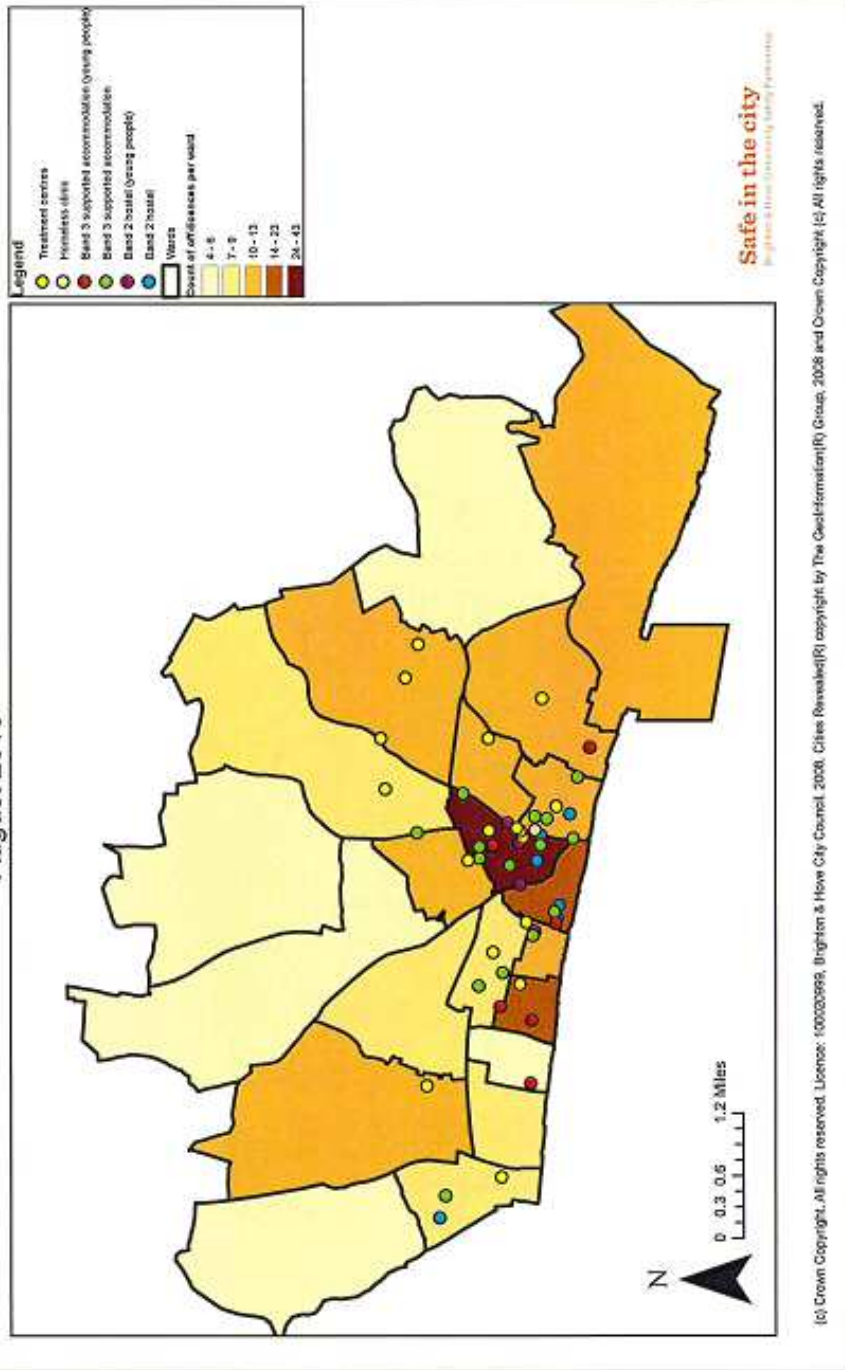
Licensed Premise Type	No.
Off-licences only	282
On licences only	290
Both on and off sales	469

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Count of Off-Licences per Ward and Treatment Centres & Commissioned Band 2 and Band 3 Accommodation August 2013



Appendix 1: Alcohol attributable fractions

ICD-10 code	ICD-10 name	Alcohol attributable fraction*															
		0-15		16-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-74		75+	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
E24.4	Alcohol-induced pseudo-Cushing's syndrome	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
F10	Mental and behavioural disorders due to use of alcohol	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
G31.2	Degeneration of nervous system due to alcohol	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
G62.1	Alcoholic polyneuropathy	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
G72.1	Alcoholic myopathy	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
I42.5	Alcoholic cardiomyopathy	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
K29.2	Alcoholic gastritis	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
K70	Alcoholic liver disease	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
K86.0	Chronic pancreatitis (alcohol induced)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
T51.0	Ethanol poisoning	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
T51.1	Methanol poisoning	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
T51.9	Toxic effect of alcohol, unspecified	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
X45	Accidental poisoning by and exposure to alcohol	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
C00-C14	Malignant neoplasm of lip, oral cavity and pharynx	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.40	0.50	0.35	0.45	0.36	0.53	0.35	0.50	0.33	0.44	0.26	0.36	0.20
C15	Malignant neoplasm of oesophagus	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.23	0.31	0.20	0.30	0.20	0.34	0.20	0.32	0.18	0.26	0.14	0.20	0.10
C18	Malignant neoplasm of colon	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.03	0.08	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.01
C20	Malignant neoplasm of rectum	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.06	0.09	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.09	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.07	0.03	0.05	0.03
C22	Malignant neoplasm of liver and intrahepatic bile ducts	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.11	0.15	0.10	0.15	0.10	0.17	0.10	0.16	0.09	0.13	0.07	0.10	0.05
C32	Malignant neoplasm of larynx	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.25	0.33	0.21	0.32	0.22	0.36	0.21	0.34	0.20	0.28	0.15	0.22	0.11
C50	Malignant neoplasm of breast	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
G40-G41	Epilepsy and Status epilepticus	0.00	0.00	0.56	0.64	0.58	0.55	0.58	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.57	0.51	0.45	0.42	0.35
I10-I15	Hypertensive diseases	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.24	0.33	0.19	0.32	0.20	0.37	0.20	0.34	0.19	0.27	0.13	0.20	0.09
I47-I48	Cardiac arrhythmias	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.36	0.36	0.38	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.37	0.33	0.34	0.27	0.30	0.22
I50-I51	Heart failure	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.02
I60-I62, I69.0-I69.2	Haemorrhagic stroke	0.00	0.00	0.31	0.20	0.30	0.15	0.27	0.15	0.34	0.15	0.30	0.13	0.24	0.10	0.16	0.06
I63-I66, I69.3-I69.4	Ischaemic stroke	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.03	0.13	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
I88	Oesophageal varices	0.00	0.00	0.77	0.67	0.79	0.59	0.74	0.60	0.79	0.59	0.77	0.67	0.71	0.48	0.61	0.38
K22.6	Gastro-oesophageal laceration-haemorrhage syndrome	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47
K73-K74	Chronic hepatitis, not elsewhere classified and fibrosis and cirrhosis of liver	0.00	0.00	0.77	0.67	0.78	0.59	0.74	0.60	0.79	0.59	0.77	0.67	0.71	0.48	0.61	0.38
K85, K86.1	Acute and chronic pancreatitis	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.19	0.27	0.16	0.26	0.16	0.30	0.16	0.27	0.14	0.22	0.10	0.16	0.07
L40, L40.0	excl. Psoriasis	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.33	0.34	0.33	0.35	0.33	0.36	0.32	0.35	0.31	0.33	0.26	0.30	0.22
O03	Spontaneous abortion	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.12
S	Pedestrian traffic accident- hospital admission	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.16	0.45	0.19	0.46	0.21	0.46	0.21	0.23	0.03	0.23	0.03	0.23	0.03
S	Pedestrian traffic accident- death	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.50	0.68	0.22	0.51	0.42	0.51	0.42	0.16	0.06	0.16	0.06	0.16	0.06
S5	Road traffic accident (driver/passenger) - hospital admission	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.09	0.33	0.15	0.24	0.12	0.24	0.12	0.09	0.03	0.09	0.03	0.09	0.03
S5	Road traffic accident (driver/passenger) - death	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.18	0.37	0.18	0.37	0.18	0.37	0.18	0.09	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.09	0.00
V50-V54	Water transport accidents	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
V55-V57	Airspace transport accidents	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16
W00-W19	Fall injuries	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.14	0.22	0.14	0.22	0.14	0.22	0.14	0.22	0.14	0.12	0.04	0.12	0.04
W24-W31	Work/machine injuries	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07
W32-W34	Firearm injuries	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
W65-W74	Drowning	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
W78-W79	Inhalation of gastric contents/Inhalation and ingestion of food causing obstruction of the respiratory tract	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
X00-X09	Fire injuries	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
X31	Accidental excessive cold	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
**X50-X54, Y10, Y34	Intentional self-harm/Event of undetermined intent	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.36	0.34	0.33	0.36	0.34	0.37	0.34	0.36	0.32	0.31	0.25	0.27	0.20
X55-Y09	Assault	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27

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 *An alcohol-attributable fraction is the attributable fraction due to alcohol; i.e. 1 = 100%, 0.25 = 25% of cases are attributable to alcohol. ** Admission codes for alcohol-attributable conditions (previously N39) do not include ICD-10 codes I50-I51 (they become zero when rounded to two decimal places), or Y34. The difference is negligible.

**Appendix 2: Failed test purchases for alcohol
April 2010 – March 2013**

In total 120 premises were visited, with 21 resulting in sales over this three year period. Full location information is currently available for 18 premises where test purchases resulted in a sale, which are listed below.

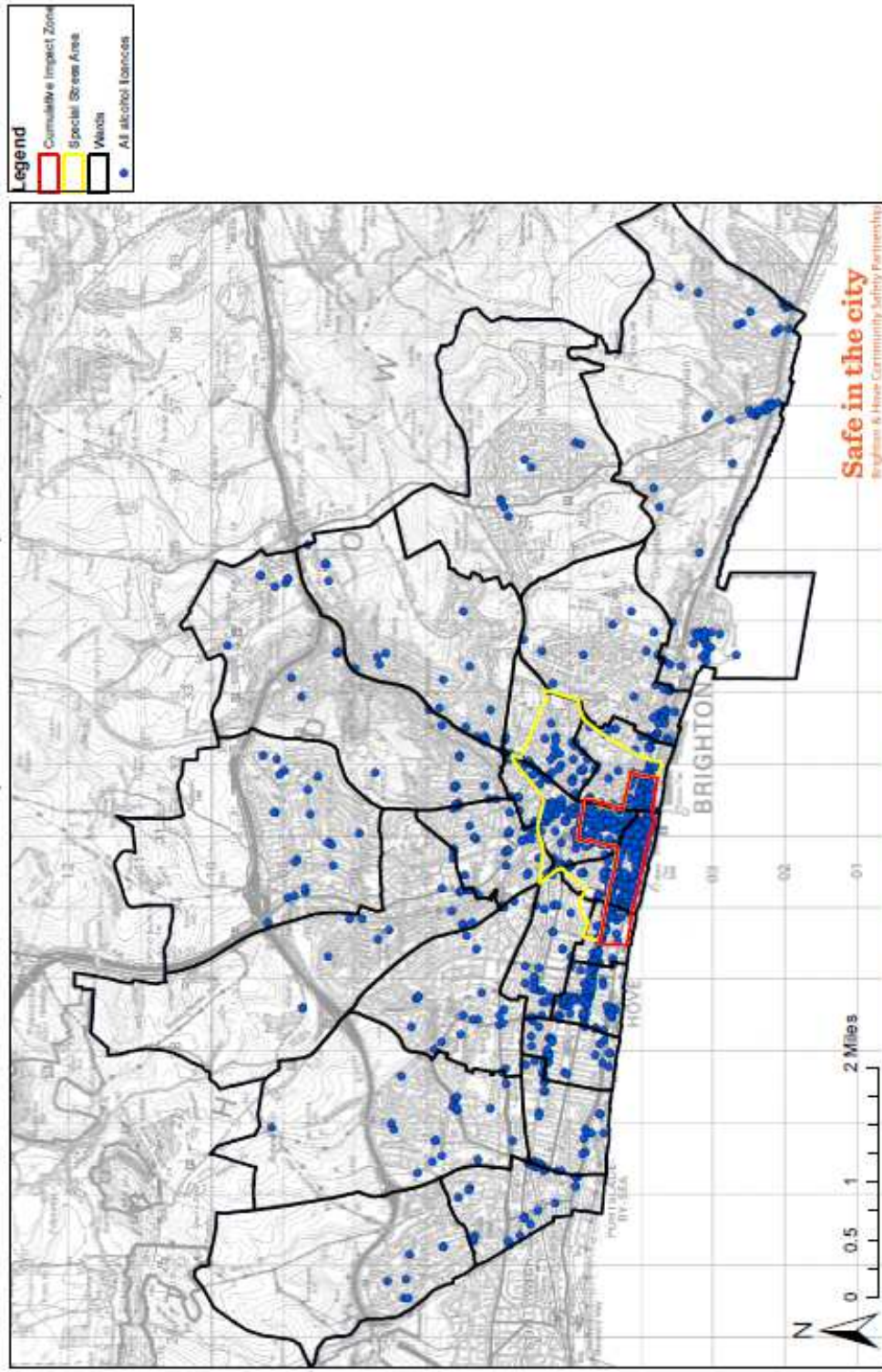
Date	Premise	Postcode	Ward	Outcome
02/06/2010	Brighton Bargain, 116 London Road	BN1 4JG	St. Peter's and North Laine	FPN Issued
02/06/2010	Park Road News, 7 Park Road	BN1 9AA	Hollingbury and Stanmer	FPN Issued
23/07/2010	Sky Food and Wine, 17 York Place	BN1 4GU	St. Peter's and North Laine	FPN Issued
30/10/2010	Brighton Bargain, 116 London Road	BN1 4JG	St. Peter's and North Laine	FPN Issued
17/12/2010	Student Union Shop, Sussex University, Falmer	BN1 9QF	Hollingbury and Stanmer	FPN Issued
04/11/2011	Park Road News, 7 Park Road	BN1 9AA	Hollingbury and Stanmer	FPN Issued
15/12/2011	Park Road News, 7 Park Road	BN1 9AA	Hollingbury and Stanmer	Licence Review/Licence Revoked
15/12/2011	Wahoo, West Street	BN1 2RA	Regency	FPN Issued
18/02/2012	Brighton Bargains, 116 London Road	BN1 4JG	St. Peter's and North Laine	FPN Issued / Seller attended Training
12/04/2012	Wine Lodge, 69 Moulsecomb Way	BN2 4PB	Moulsecomb and Bevendean	FPN Issued
06/06/2012	K & A News, 5 St Georges Road,	BN2 1EB	Queen's Park	FPN Issued
20/08/2012	Buy 2 Win, 24 Western Road	BN3 1AF	Brunswick and Adelaide	FPN Issued
20/08/2012	K & A News, 5 St Georges Road	BN2 1EB	Queen's Park	FPN Issued / Licence Review with 8 weeks
20/08/2012	St Mary's Store 2, 1A Air Street	BN1 3FB	St. Peter's and North Laine	FPN Issued
20/08/2012	The Ofie, 1A Whitehawk Road	BN2 5FA	East Brighton	FPN Issued
29/10/2012	B & W Stores, 29 York Place	BN1 4GU	St. Peter's and North Laine	FPN Issued
29/10/2012	Margery Stores, 374 Old Shoreham Road	BN3 7HA	Hangleton and Knoll	FPN Issued / Seller attended Training
21/02/2013	Brakes Newsagent And Post Office, 7 Hollingbury Place,	BN1 7GE	Hollingbury and Stanmer	FPN Issued

Appendix F

Public Health and Community Safety Team analysis maps:

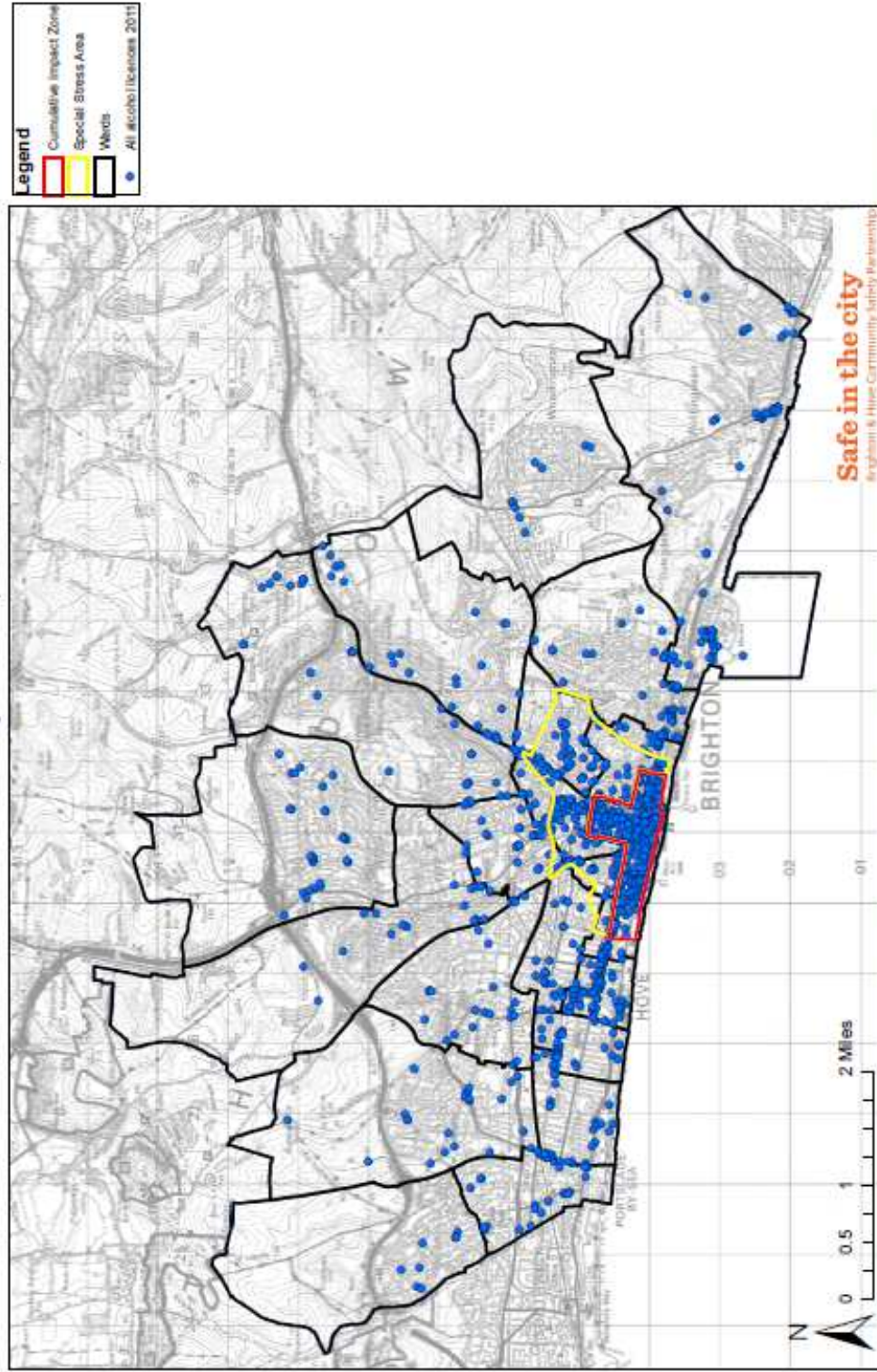
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3. Off-sale Only Licensed Premises 2014 – CIZ/SSA and citywide
4. Off-sale Only Licensed Premises 2011 – CIZ/SSA and citywide
5. All Alcohol Licences 2014 – CIZ/SSA
6. 2010/11 and 2013/14 noise maps
7. Police Recorded Violent Crime Hotspot 2014-15
8. Police Recorded Alcohol Related incidents 2013-14
9. Police Recorded Violent Crime Hotspot 2010-11
10. Police Recorded Alcohol Related incidents 2009-10
11. Treatment Centres (band 2 & 3 Accommodation), off licences & SoS 2014
12. Number of alcohol related ambulance call-outs in 2013-14
13. Number of off-licences per ward, also showing treatment centres and band 2 and 3 accommodation

All Alcohol Licences September 2014 (n=1214)



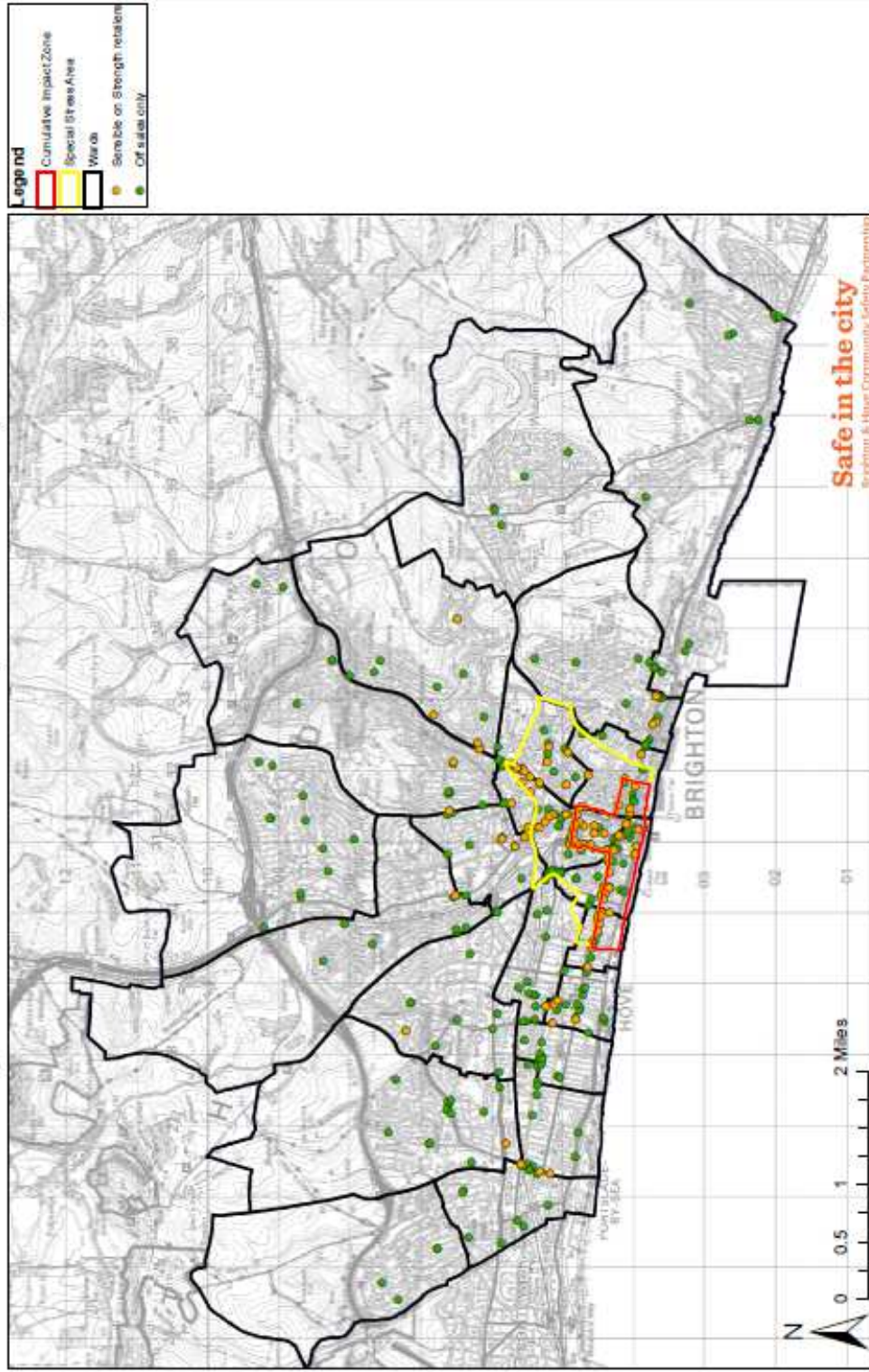
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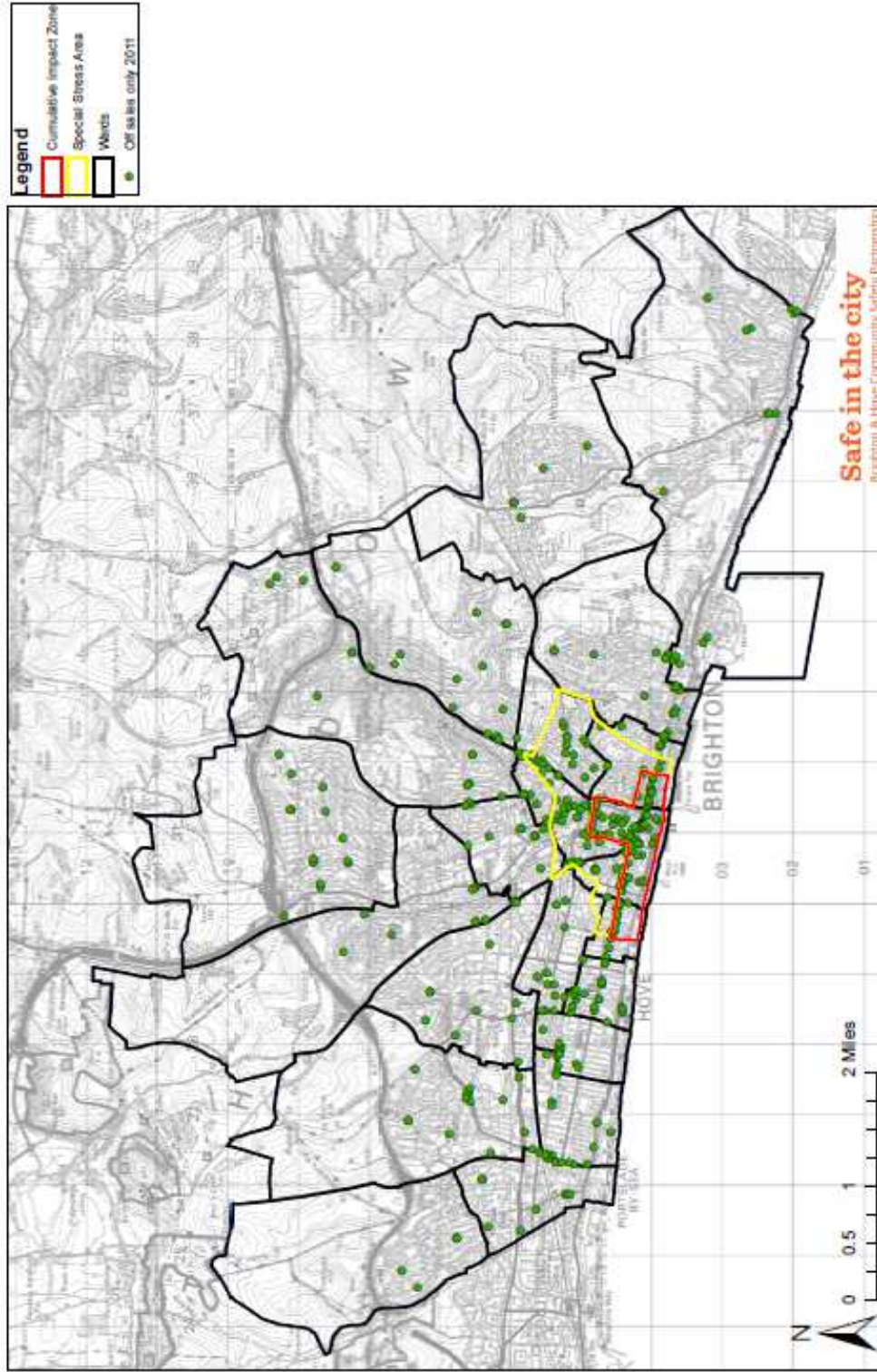
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Off-Sale Only Licensed Premises September 2014 (n=347)



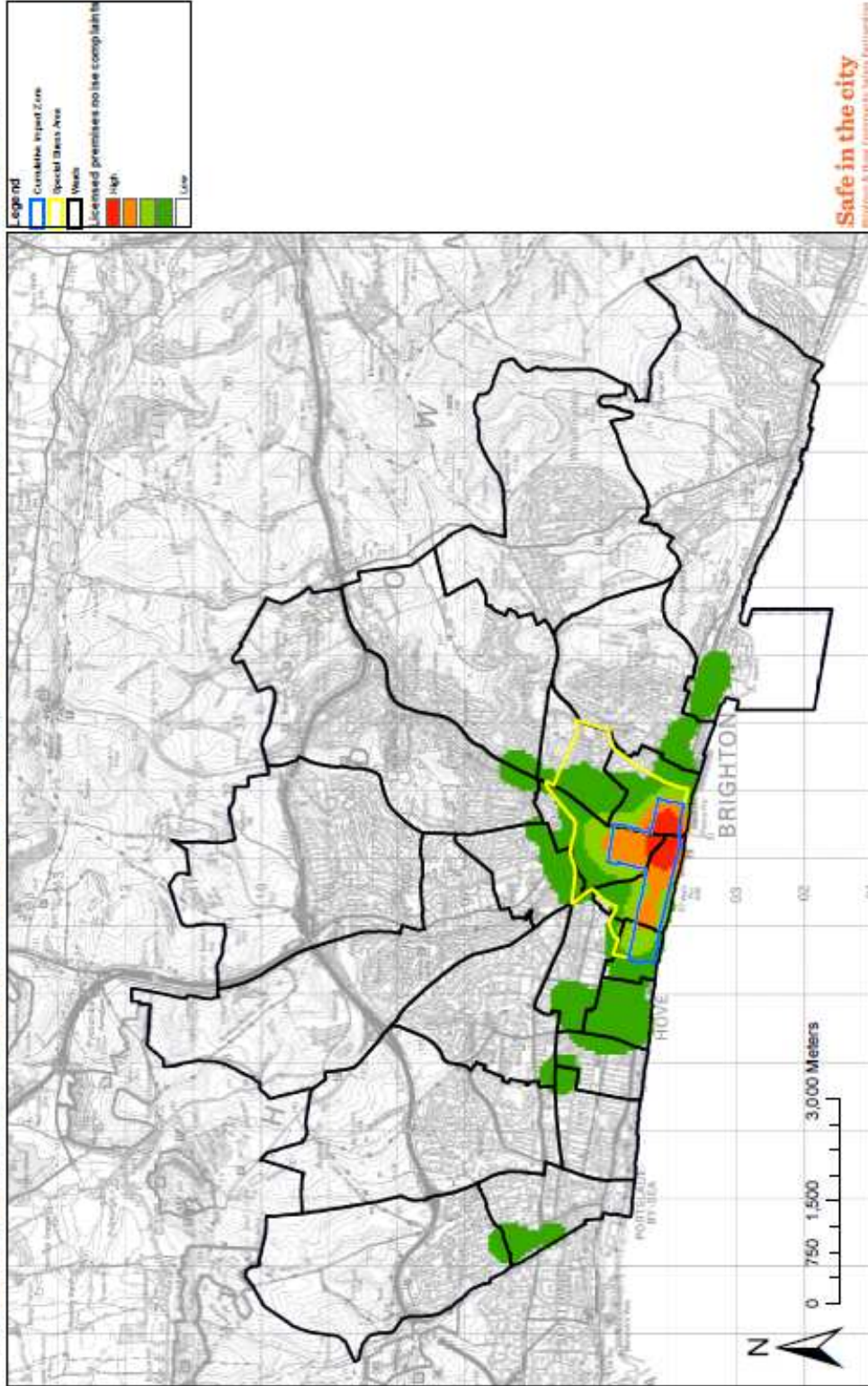
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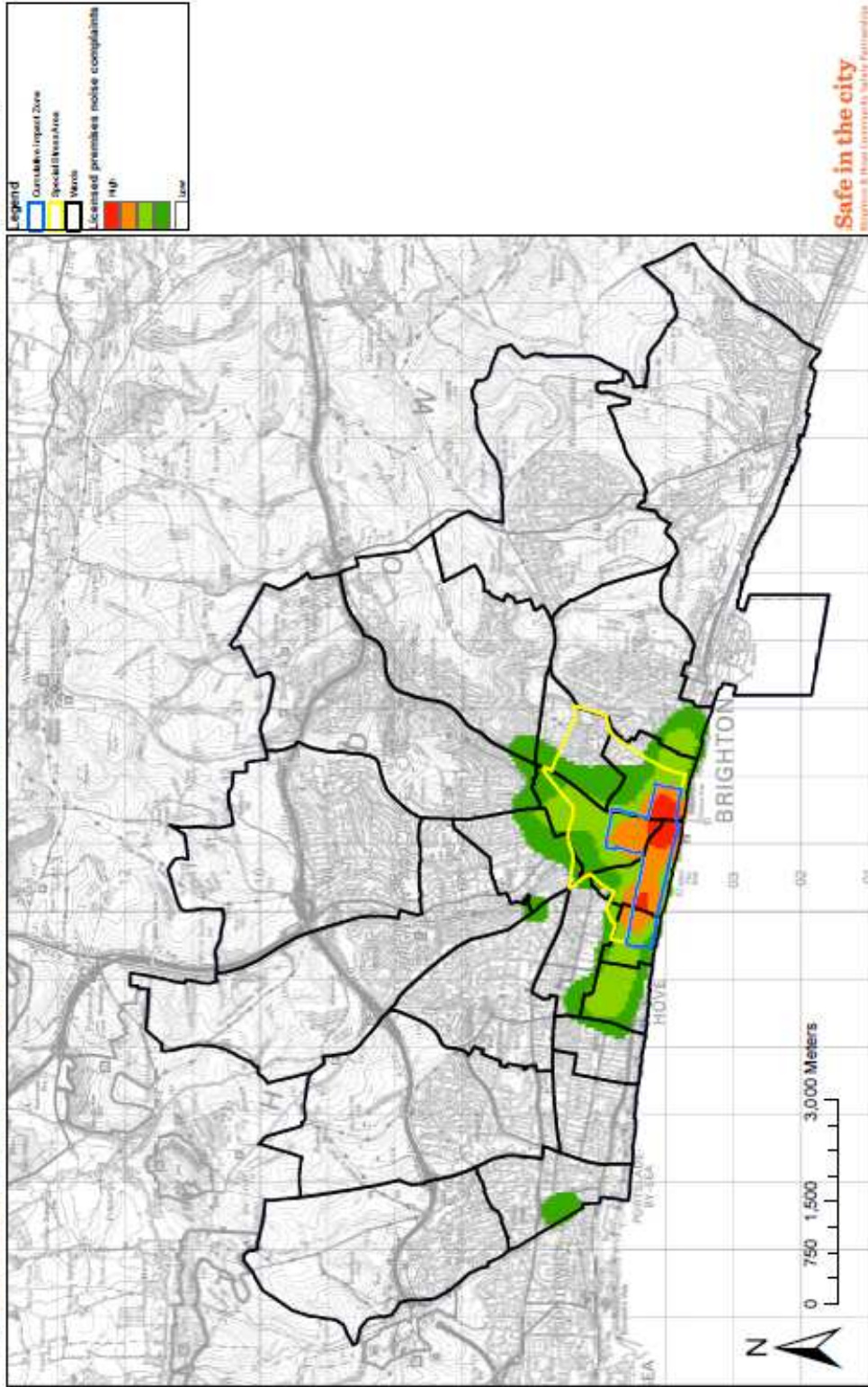
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Hotspot of Noise Complaints Regarding Licensed Premises 2013-14 (n=231)



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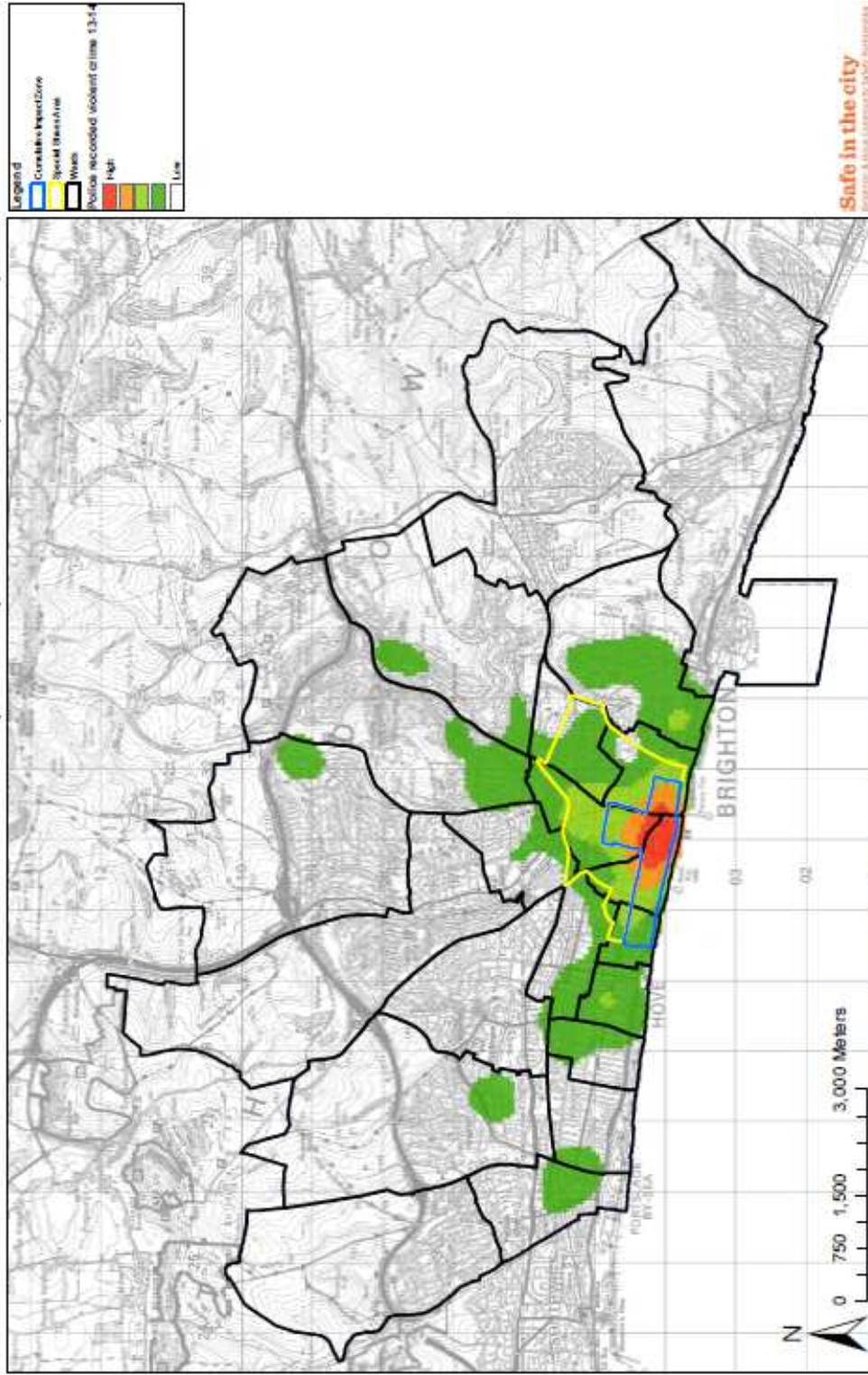
Hotspot of Noise Complaints Regarding Licensed Premises 2010-11 (n=301)



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Police Recorded Violent Crime Hotspot Map 2014-15 (n=4,461)

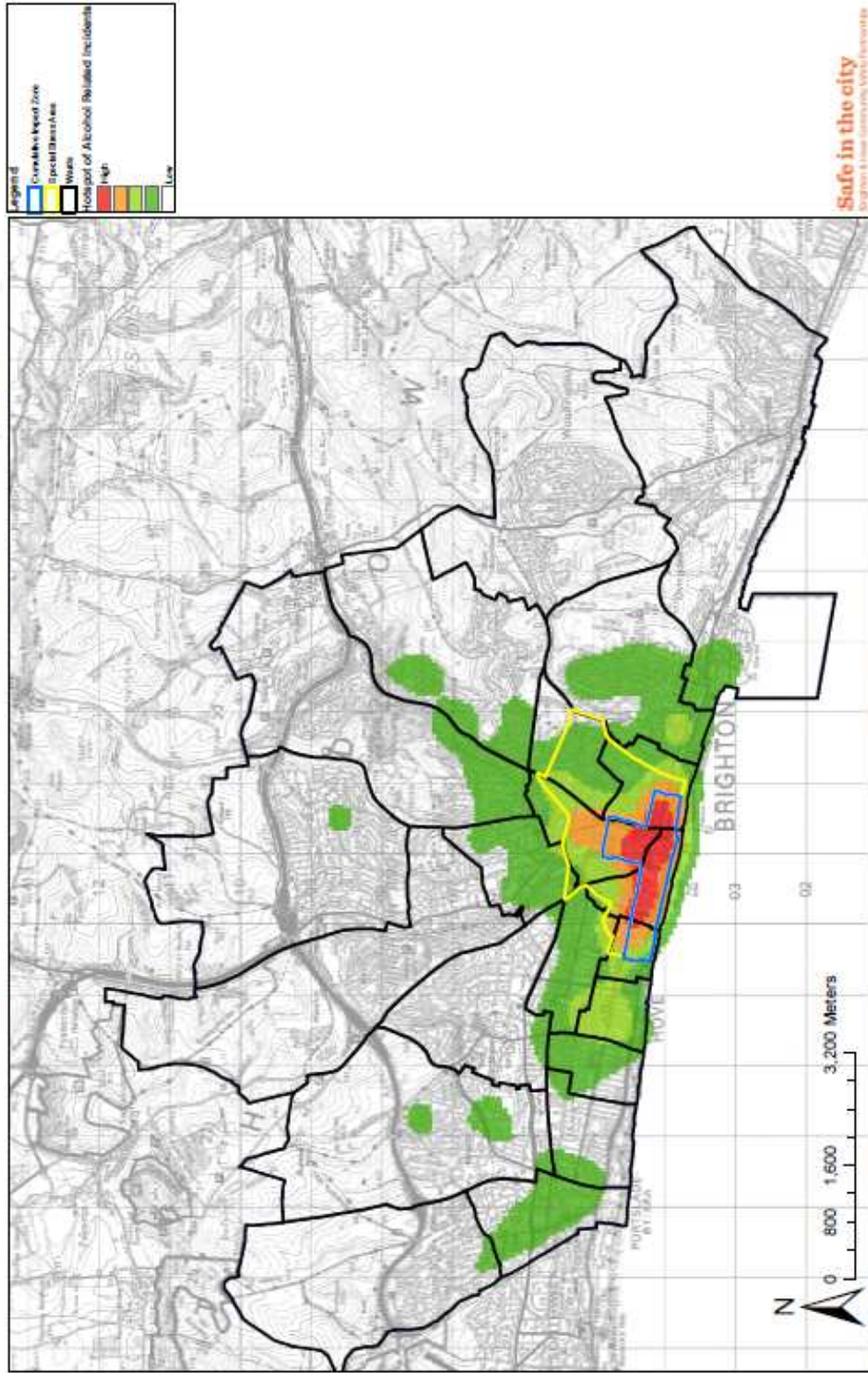


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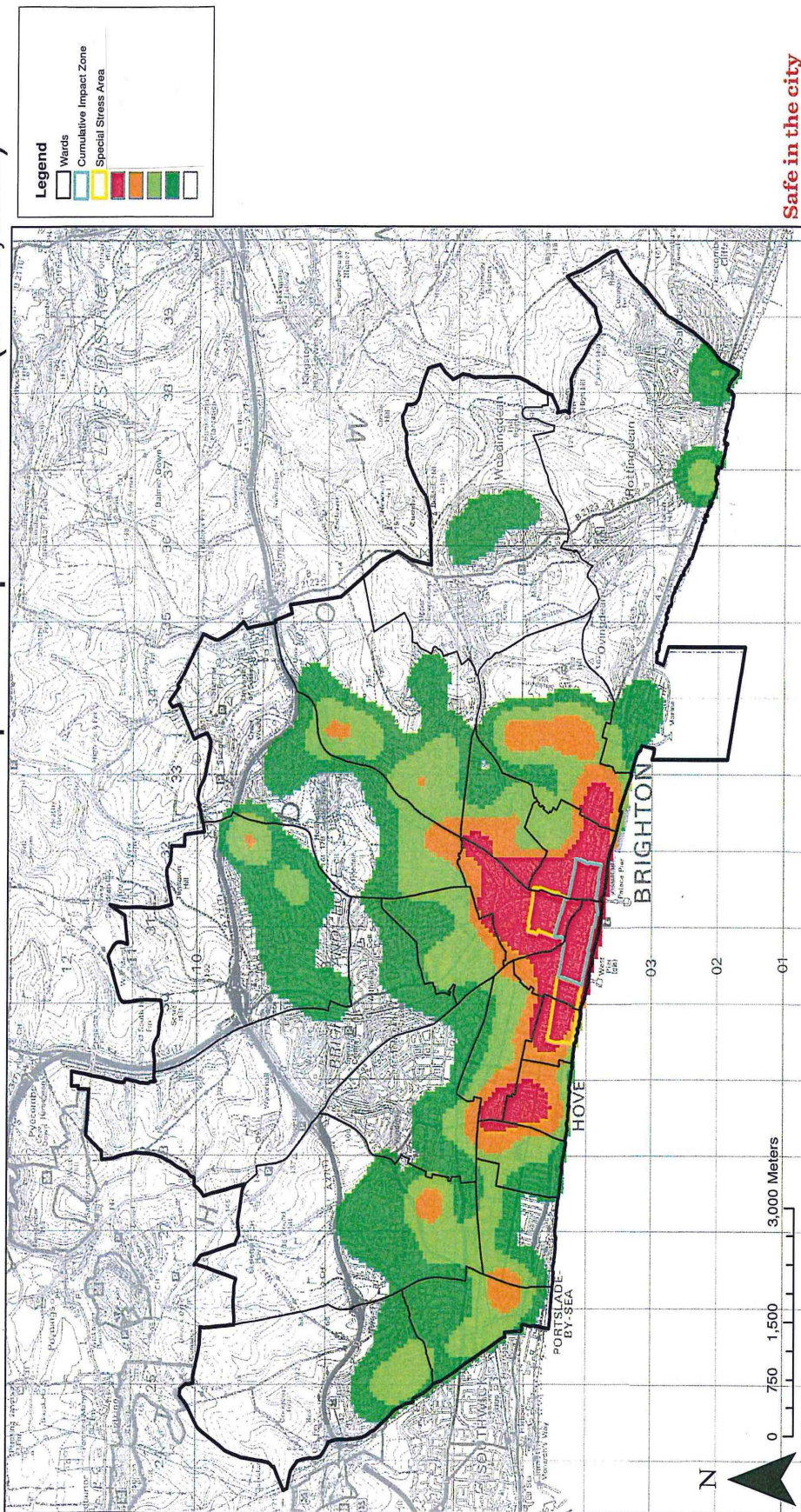


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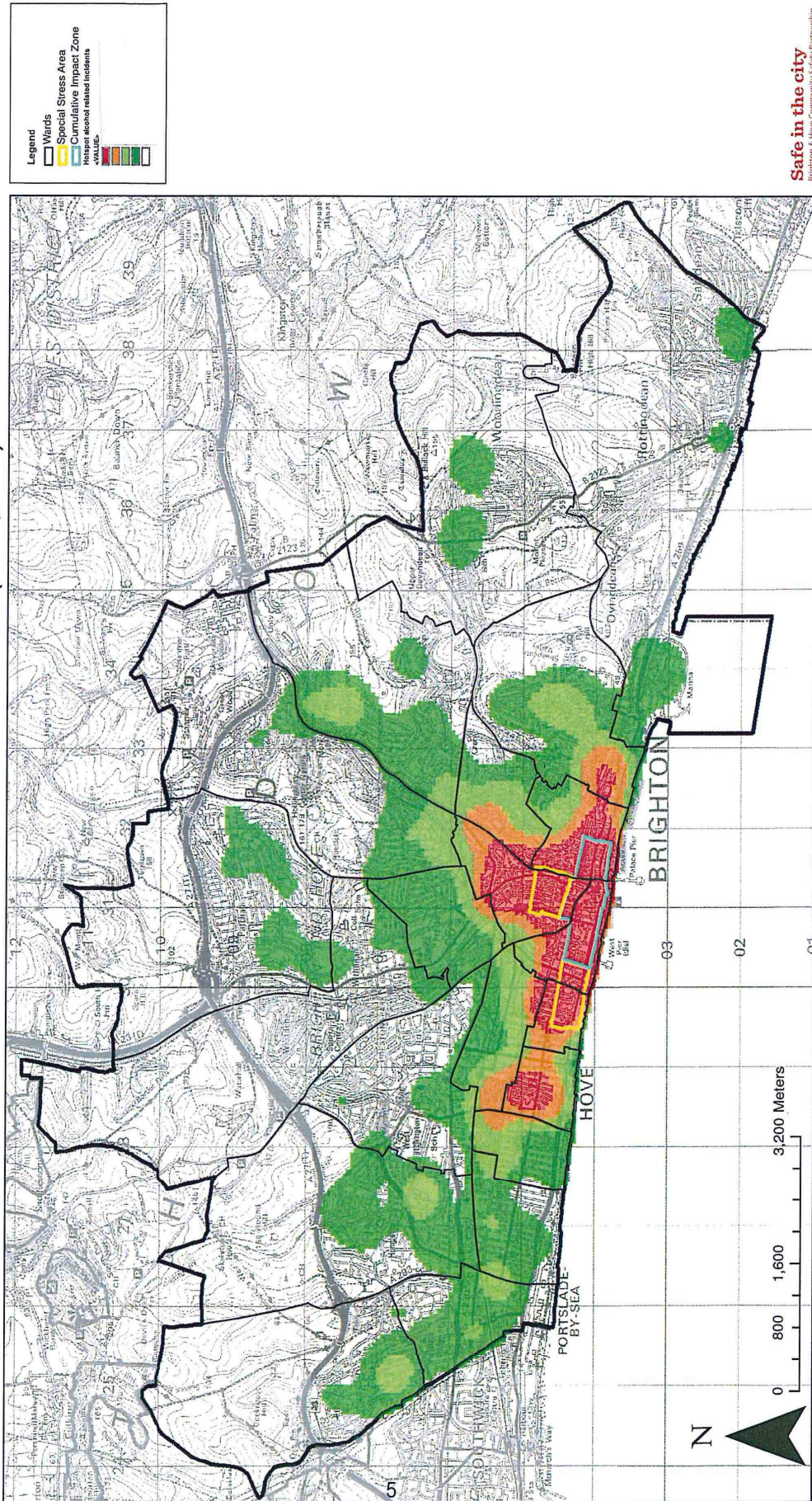
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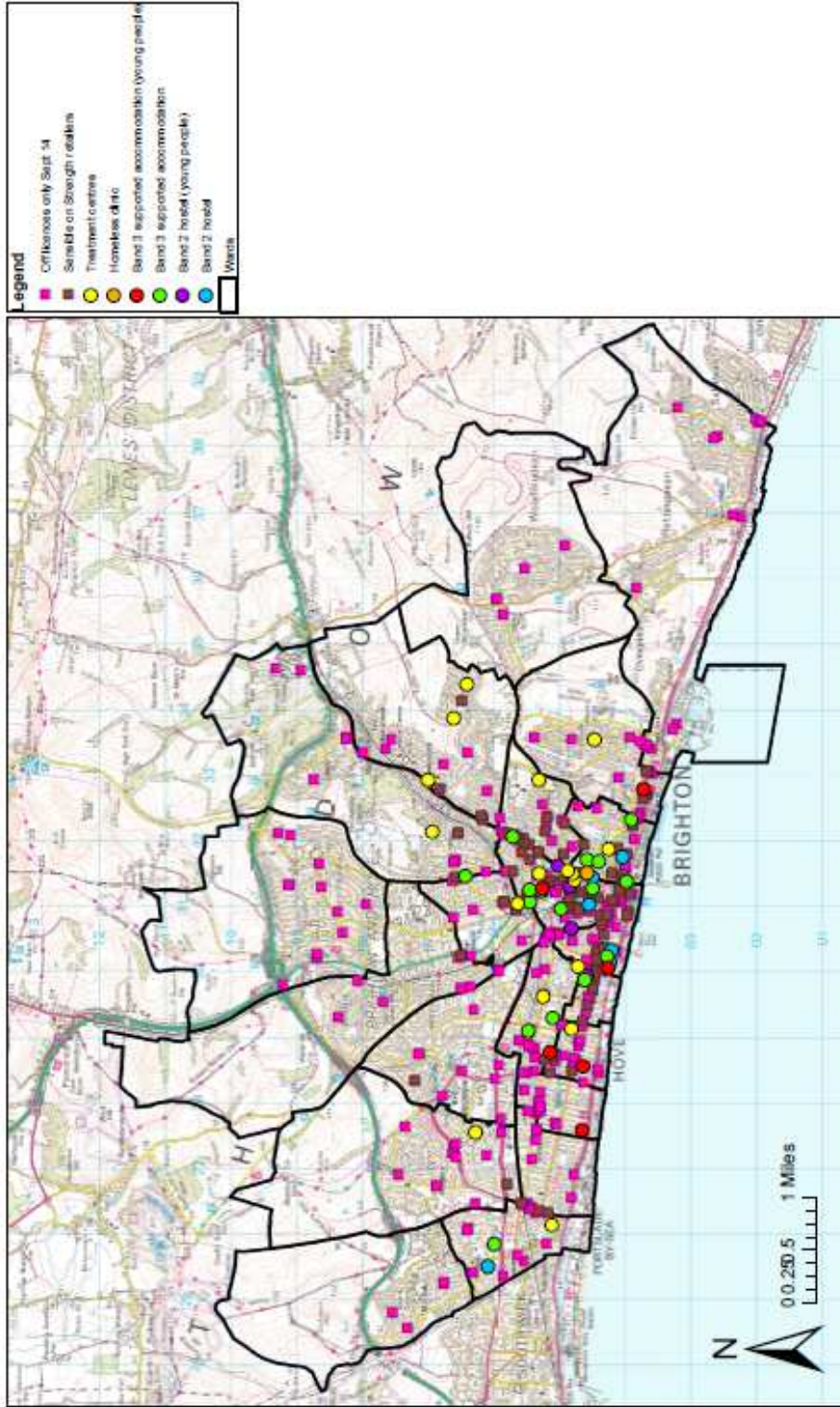
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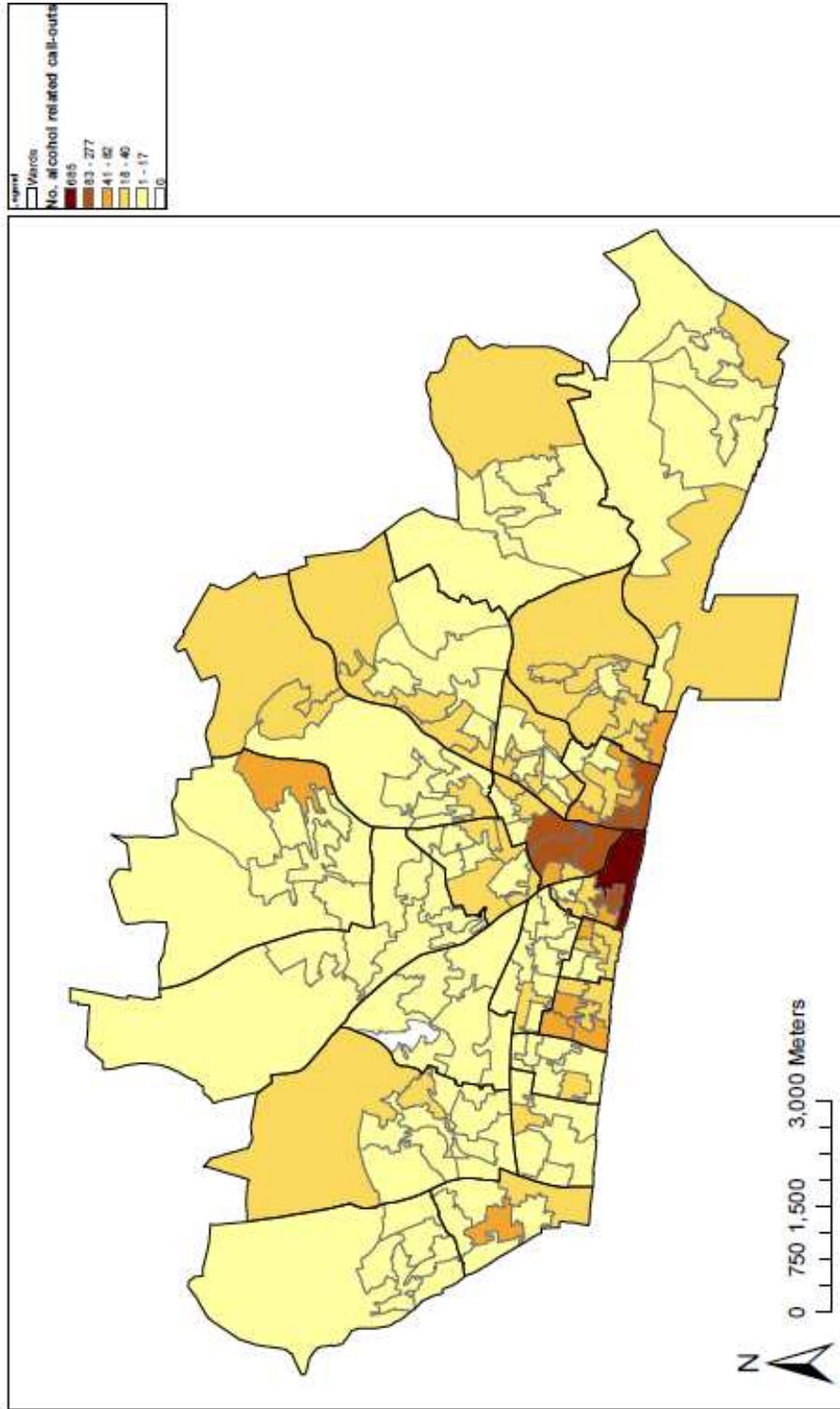
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Treatment Centres, Commissioned Band 2 and Band 3 Accommodation and Off-Licences September 2014



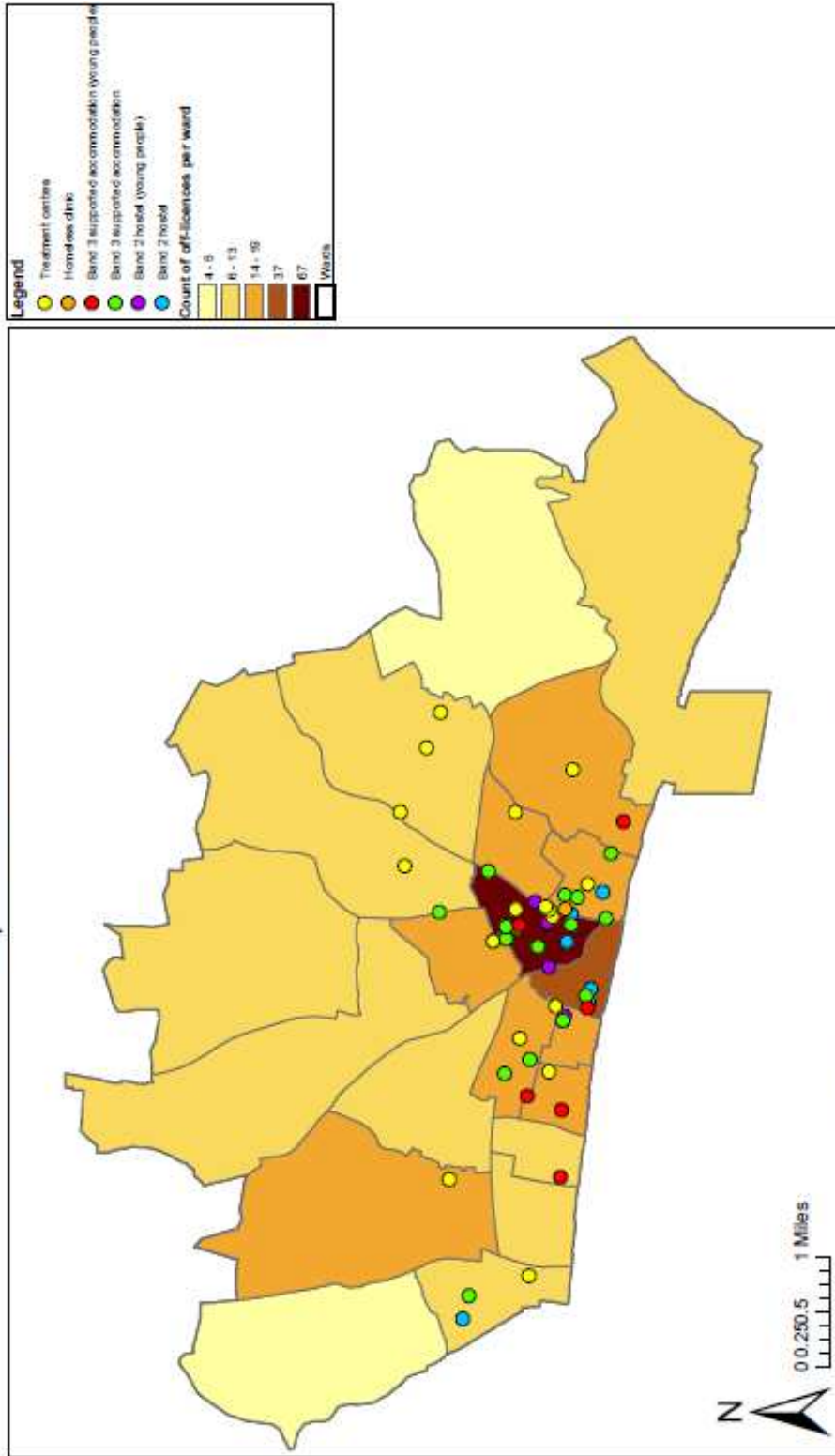
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Alcohol related ambulance call-outs by LSOA 2013-14



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Count of Off-Licences per Ward and Treatment Centres, Commissioned Band 2 and Band 3 Accommodation September 2014



LICENSING COMMITTEE (LICENSING ACT 2003)

Agenda Item 18

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Underage Gambling Test Purchase Operation
Date of Meeting: 20th November 2014
Report of: Senior Licensing Officer
Contact Officer: Name: Sarah Cornell **Tel:** 295801
Email: Sarah.cornell@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk
Ward(s) affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1. This report details a recent underage gambling test purchase exercise by the Council's Licensing Team and assisted by the Gambling Commission on the 9th October 2014.
- 1.2. Following test purchases reported to Licensing Committee on 20th June 2014, officers were instructed to continue to monitor premises and take appropriate enforcement action including test purchases. Previous failing businesses were retested.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1. That the committee notes the contents of this report.
- 2.2. That officers should continue to monitor premises and take appropriate enforcement action including test purchases.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS

3.1. Gambling Act 2005 - Licensing Authority Functions

- 3.1.1. The functions of licensing authorities may be divided roughly into five: publication of Gambling Policy, regulation of premises, registration of small society lotteries, maintenance of registers and compliance.
- 3.1.2. Table 2 shows types and numbers of gambling licences issued by Licensing Authority currently compared to 2007 when the Gambling Act 2005 came into force.

Premises Licences	Current (31 01 2014)	2007
Casinos	4	4
Bingo Licences	4	8
Adult Gaming Centres (AGCs)	8	28
Family Entertainment Centres (FECs)	4(incl. 2 FEC permits)	8
Betting tracks	2	2
Betting Shops	47	51
Gaming Machines	144	222

3.2. Rationale

- 3.2.1. Brighton and Hove City Council have been working in partnership with the Gambling Commission (Commission) to undertake test purchases across a number of different operators, to test the effectiveness of underage gambling policies and procedures at gambling premises. The tests were designed to provide us and the Commission with assurance that licensed operators have sufficient safeguards in place to prevent underage gambling.
- 3.2.2. The Commission approached the Licensing team in February 2014 about running a test purchase operation in late April 2014 targeting the small/medium operators of betting shops, adult gaming centres (AGCs) and bingo halls. This has come about as a result of a national test purchase operation done by the Gambling Commission in 2009 which saw a 98% failure rate amongst the larger operators. Since then the larger operators have introduced a number of measures and regular self testing schemes.
- 3.2.3. The Commission has concerns about underage gambling vulnerabilities in particular sub-sectors of the gambling industry. Operators must monitor the effectiveness of their policies and procedures for preventing underage access to gambling premises/products (a requirement under LCCP (Licence Conditions Code of Practice)). Certain sub-sectors of the industry have not provided the Commission with any assurances that this is happening.
- 3.2.4. Those sub-sectors are, broadly, the small and medium-sized betting, AGC/FEC and bingo sectors where the operators constituting those sub-sectors (except where test purchase schemes may already be provided by a trade association or third party, for example) are not able to evidence that age verification procedures are being monitored. The Commission has particular concerns with regards to access to gaming machines, which may be accessible without any interaction between the player and a member of staff.
- 3.2.5. A number of this type of small/medium premises were identified in Brighton & Hove. Test purchasing was carried out in accordance with the advice given by the Better Regulation Delivery Office (BRDO) and Gambling Commission's advice on test purchasing.
- 3.2.6 The Gambling Commission recently published a press release titled "Weaknesses persist in underage gambling controls" Please see Appendix A.

3.3. Offences

3.3.1. Gambling Act 2005, Part 4, Protection of Children and Young Persons

- Section 46: A person commits an offence if he invites, causes or permits a child or young person to gamble.
- Section 47: A person commits an offence if he invites or permits a child or young person to enter premises.

3.4. Methodology

- 3.4.1. The juvenile test purchase operation consists of a young person (under 18) attempting to enter a gambling premises and, if so able, attempting then to play a gaming machine for a short period of time before leaving the premises.
- 3.4.2. Each test purchase seeks to identify at what stage, if any, a challenge is made by the staff member at the gambling premises. The stages of challenge are as follows:
 - a. Upon entry to the premises (betting, AGC and casino only)
 - b. Any time after crossing the premises threshold but before inserting monies into the gaming machine
 - c. After having inserted stakes into the machine and whilst playing the machine
 - d. Challenge between finishing gaming machine play and exiting the premises.
 - e. No challenge (having departed premises).
- 3.4.3. The first test purchase operation was carried out on the 25th April 2014 by the Council's Licensing Team and assisted by the Gambling Commission. A total of 7 premises were visited (2 Betting Shops and 5 AGCs). The operation involved two officers from the Local Authority and an officer from the Gambling Commission. A supervisor from the Licensing Team first entered the premises, to assess that the premises was safe to enter and machines were available for use, followed by the test purchaser entering. The test purchaser was a 16 year old boy and he was instructed to first walk around the premises then start playing a gaming machine (for 18 years persons only) for approx 7-10 mins.

3.5. Results

- 3.5.1. The following premises failed the first test purchase by failing to challenge the young person:
 - **Connaught Leisure** (AGC), 46 George St, Hove, BN3 3YB
 - **Metrobet Bookmakers** (Betting Shop), 56 Boundary Road, Hove BN3 5TD
 - **Bridge Bookmakers** (PKA Hare Bookmakers) (Betting Shop), 75 St. James's St, Brighton, BN2 1PA
 - **Nobles Amusements** (Bingo), 126-127 St. James's Street, Brighton BN2 1TH
 - **Regency Arcade** (AGC), 63-64 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RA
 - **Silverstreak Ltd** (AGC), 97 St. James's St, Brighton

The Gaming Centre (AGC), 81 Boundary Road, Hove BN3 5TD passed the test purchase as the young person was challenged upon entry and asked for ID.

3.6. Follow up Action

- 3.6.1. Each premises was sent a warning letter with details of the test purchase and the offence committed. The licence holder was asked for a written response on how they will address the weaknesses in their underage gambling procedures shown by the test. They were also informed that Brighton and Hove Council intend to conduct a re-test of their gambling premises in the future, and should that test again show weaknesses, consideration may be given to initiating a review of their premises licence.

- 3.6.2. Written responses were received from all those premises that failed the test purchase acknowledging the failure and offence and committing to improve their policies and procedures. This includes introducing measures such as further refresher training, disciplinary action taken if appropriate, “blocking” machines when idle so that staff must be approached before playing, maintaining check & compliance logs and introducing independent self test regimes.
- 3.6.3. Compliance inspections to all six of the premises that failed were carried out by Licensing Officers shortly after the written responses were received. The inspections involved discussions about the failed test purchase and going through the policies and procedures for preventing underage access to gambling premises and playing of machines. Mandatory licence conditions and the Social Responsibility Code Provisions were also discussed. It was made clear that the premises would be re-tested in the future.
- 3.6.4 The second test purchase operation was carried out on the 9th October 2014 by the Council’s Licensing Team and assisted by the Gambling Commission. A total of 5 premises were visited (1 Betting Shop, 1 Bingo and 3 AGCs). Bridge Bookmakers who previously failed had notified us of their closure so no re-test could take place. The operation involved three officers from the Local Authority and an officer from the Gambling Commission. A supervisor from the Licensing Team first entered the premises, to assess that the premises was safe to enter and machines were available for use, followed by the test purchaser entering. The test purchaser was a 16 year old boy and he was instructed to first walk around the premises then start playing a gaming machine (for 18 years persons only) for approx 7-10 mins.

3.7. Results of the second test purchase operation

3.7.1. The following two premises failed the second test purchase by failing to challenge the young person:

- **Metrobet Bookmakers** (Betting Shop), 56 Boundary Road, Hove BN3 5TD
- **Regency Arcade** (AGC), 63-64 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RA

Connaught Leisure (AGC), 46 George St, Hove, BN3 3YB, **Nobles Amusements** (Bingo), 126-127 St. James’s Street, Brighton BN2 1TH and **Silverstreak Ltd** (AGC), 97 St. James’s St, Brighton passed the test purchase as the young person was challenged upon entry and asked for ID.

3.8 Follow up Action

- 3.8.1 The three premises that passed have been written to informing them that they passed the test purchase and to continue to monitor their policies and procedures for the prevention of underage gambling.
- 3.8.2 The two premises that failed have been sent a letter informing them that they failed the test purchase and that a review of their premises licence will be submitted by the Licensing Authority.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1. Licensing Strategy Group, finance and legal services.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1. The costs associated to the licensing and gambling functions of the council are funded from existing revenue budgets with the Environmental Health and Licensing service

The costs associated to activities under the Gambling Act 2005 are funded by licence fee income. Licence fees are approved annually at Licensing Committee and are set at a level that it is reasonably believed will cover the costs of providing the service in accordance with the requirement of the legislation under which they are charged.

Finance Officer Consulted: Steven Bedford *Date:* 21/10/14

Legal Implications:

- 5.2. Legal implications are contained within the body of this report.

Lawyer Consulted: *Date:*

Equalities Implications:

As licensing authority, the Council works in partnership with the betting industry to ensure effective protection measures, policies and procedures are used to promote and implement socially responsible gambling and tackle problematic gambling.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.3. There are no direct sustainability implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.4. Government policy aims to ensure that the gambling sector is run responsibly, as a safe and enjoyable leisure activity.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.5. No implications

Public Health Implications:

The Gambling Act 2005 is predicated on the three licensing objectives:

- Keep gambling crime-free
- Ensure that gambling is fair and open
- Protect children and vulnerable adults

As licensing authority, members and officers monitor and review their function with informed by research to support control of problem gambling - How common

is the problem in the city and which groups suffer most from problematic gambling? What are the affects of problematic gambling on individuals, families, and health? What can the authority do to minimise risk factors associated with problematic gambling? What interventions are possible at licensing level? How can Local Government and Health and Wellbeing Boards develop an approach to problem gambling?

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.6. The local licensing delivers support improvement that help businesses comply with the law speedily, easily and economically.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1. None – for information only.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1. For information only.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendix A – Weaknesses persist in underage gambling controls
Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None.

Background Documents

1. None.

Weaknesses persist in underage gambling controls

Press release

Date: 2 September 2014

The latest round of underage gambling test purchasing conducted by local authorities in partnership with the Commission continues to demonstrate that many operators have inadequate controls for preventing underage gambling.

In 20 out of 40 tests^[1] of adult gaming centres and betting shops, a supervised test purchaser under the age of 18 was allowed to play on a gaming machine and leave the premises without being challenged to prove their age. A number of tests were also conducted at licensed family entertainment centres and at bingo premises that had been converted from arcades^[2], with similar weaknesses being found.

Licensees that did not challenge a test purchaser before they played a gaming machine have been warned by local authorities that failure to improve could lead to formal regulatory action being taken, and many licensees have been required to submit action plans to their local authority detailing how the weaknesses in their underage gambling controls will be remedied.

Some licensees have so far introduced a range of measures in response, for example improved training schemes for their employees; the employment of third-parties to conduct quarterly test purchases of their premises; have re-sited CCTV to provide employees with better sight of customers entering the premises; or are introducing physical barriers to age-restricted areas at times where they cannot be monitored.

However, local authorities are reminding the operators that if they fail to voluntarily deliver improvements, or if their gambling premises fail a further test purchase, then they may be subject to a review of their premises licence which could culminate in the imposition of stricter licence conditions or the suspension or revocation of their premises licence.

Reasons for failures

The results from these test purchase exercises also show that the causes of such failures to challenge testers before they gambled are similar to those uncovered by the 2013 exercise. Some staff members appeared to be unaware of the presence of the young person, either being engaged in other duties at the time or simply not paying attention. In one test, there were no staff present on the premises. On other occasions, staff appeared to be unwilling to challenge the tester, either lacking confidence in making a challenge or having little regard for their responsibilities to prevent underage gambling. Local authorities are seeking remedial action from licensees in such instances.

Conversely, early challenges were made in tests where the layout of the premises allowed staff to supervise customers entering the premises, or where staff members were positioned close to the entrance; but only when staff members were also vigilant in executing their responsibilities.

Next steps

The Commission has previously stated that it will consider mandating new measures to improve the level of protection offered to children and young people, and is currently consulting on strengthening its Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice.

These latest test purchase results provide further evidence that controls need to be strengthened, in the key areas covered in the consultation; such as line of sight, premises layout, and staff training. The consultation launched on 7 August 2014 and will close on 31 October 2014.

The Commission will continue to work with local authorities to test gambling operators as part of a rolling programme of testing. Individual operators may be putting their livelihoods at risk if they fail to prevent access to gambling by children and young people and regulatory action is taken by a local authority or the Commission.

[1] The tests took place across a number of local authority areas in England during the Easter and summer holiday periods of 2014.

[2] For tests conducted at family entertainment centres and bingo premises, the young person sought to access the age-restricted gaming area and play a Category C gaming machine.

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Reviews table June – November 2014

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS OF PREMISES</u>	<u>Date consideration of closure order received from Magistrates</u>	<u>DATE OF HEARING</u>	<u>DETERMINATION</u>
Molly Malone 57 West St Brighton BN1 2RA	N/A	12.11.14	Modification of conditions
West Beach 135 Kings Road Brighton BN1 2HX	N/A	02.09.14	Licence revoked
Harbour View 35 Wellington Road BN41 1UR	N/A	06.09.14	Licence revoked
Metrobet Bookmakers Ltd 56 Boundary Road Hove BN3 5TD	N/A	To be set	
Regency Arcade 64 West Street Brighton BN1 2RA	N/A	To be set	

**LICENSING COMMITTEE
(LICENSING ACT 2003
FUNCTIONS)**

Agenda Item 20

Brighton & Hove City Council

**Schedule of Licensing Appeals: Date of Meeting: 20th
November 2014**

Premises	Appellant	PTR	Hearing	Outcome
Casba, 11 Western Road, Brighton	Premises Licence Holder		3 rd November 2014	
Casba 2, 8 Western Road, Brighton	Premises Licence Holder		3 rd November 2014	
West Beach Hotel	Premises Licence Holder			

