

Appendix A – Police submission

Sussex Police Summary for Proposed Changes to the Statement of Licensing Policy 2021

Hotspot Maps to support continuation of the current footprint of CIZ and SSA

As part of Operation Marble (Sussex Police response/policing of the Night Time Economy) a piece of work has been carried out to identify where serious violent crimes hotspots are – both within the time period of Op Marble and outside the time period of Op Marble.

The Op Marble times are as follows:

Friday 20:00 – 00:00

Saturday 00:01 – 06:00 and 20:00 – 00:00

Sunday 00:01 – 06:00

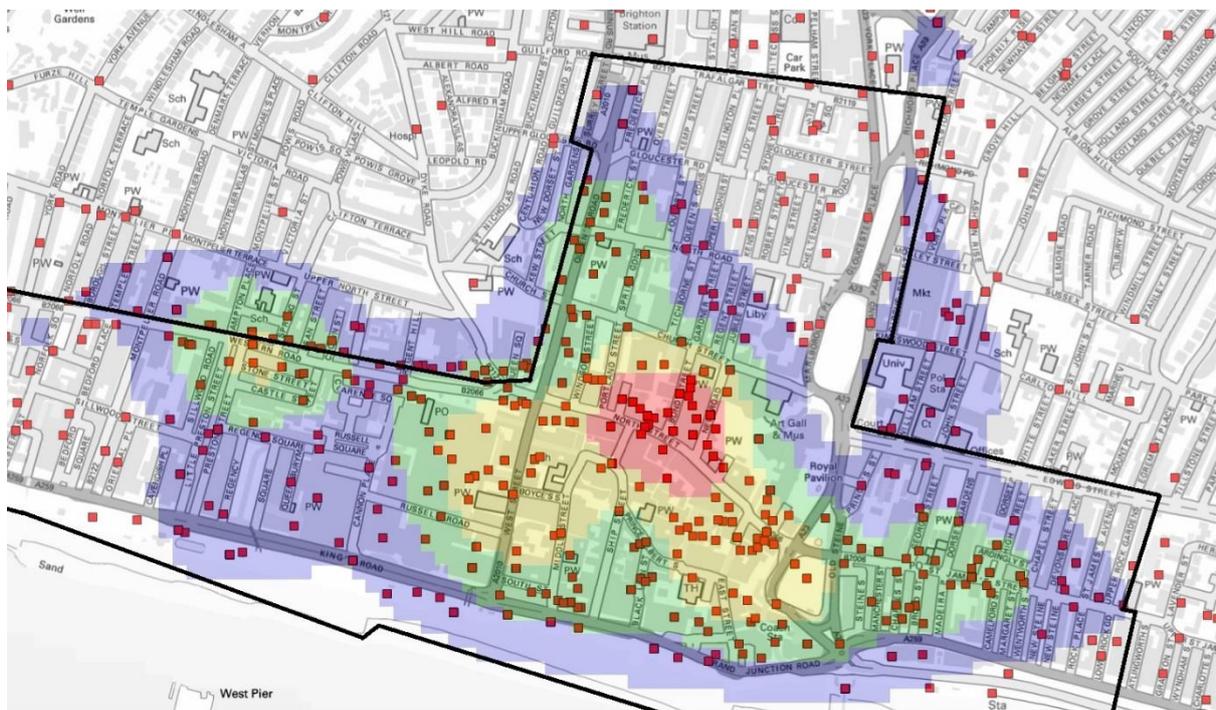
Total hours: 20

The data examined was from the period 01/06/2019 until 15/10/2019 (so the Summer months) and a comparison period will be carried out mid March 2020 covering 15/10/2019 until 15/03/2020 (winter months – an analysis from a Licensing perspective will be carried out shortly after this).

‘A caveat to be mentioned– the results collected depend on the accuracy of the individuals recording and updating information onto police systems. The searches will only bring back results if they are there.’

The current footprint of the CIZ is shown with a thick black line and the SSA with a thick purple line.

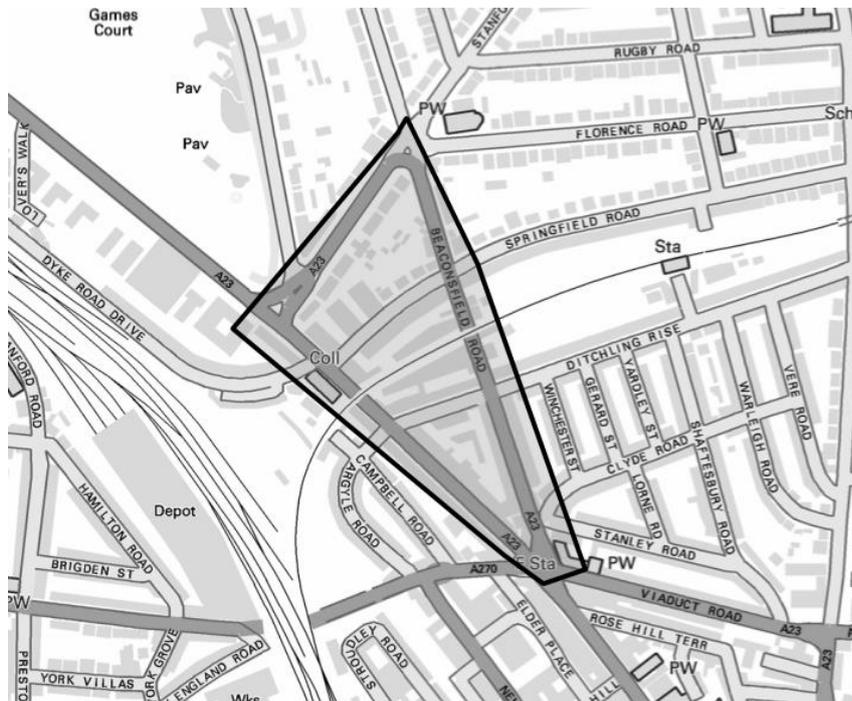
01/06/2019 – 15/10/2019 Outside of Marble Time Data:



Proposed Extension of the Special Stress Area (SSA)

Discussion has been had around extending the SSA to encompass a section of Preston Road and Beaconsfield Road (A23) as shown on Map 1 below. This is a main arterial route into and out of Brighton and Preston Road in particular has a high number of licensed premises in a very small area (Map 2).

Map 1

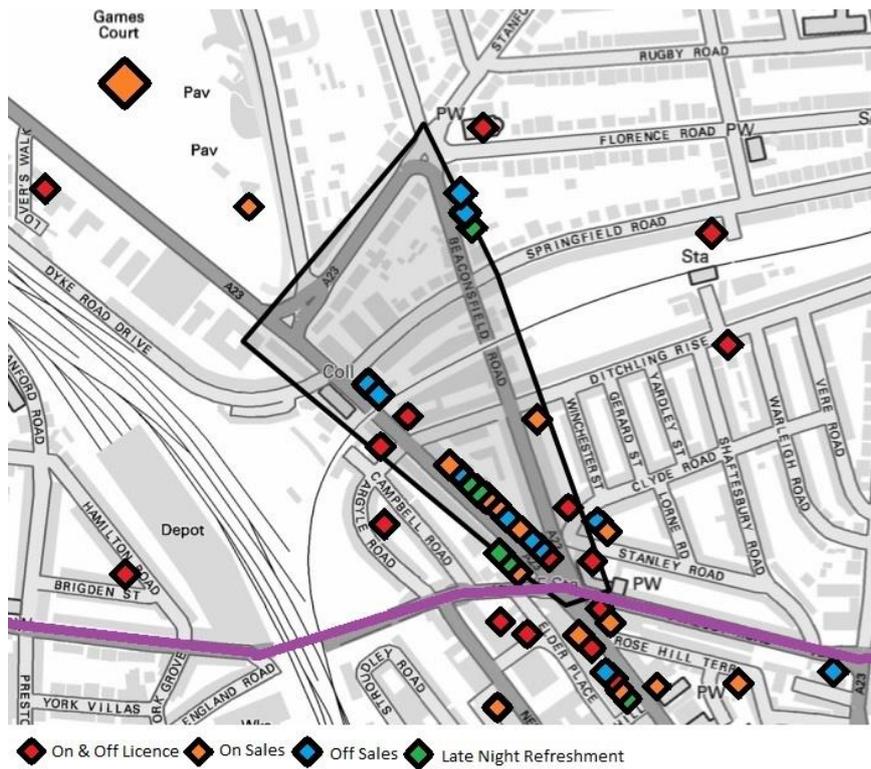


An initial look at the last 3 years of police crime data with an alcohol tag specifically for the area defined in Map 1 shows a rise year on year in crime.

Crime Data:

Number of Alcohol Related Crimes	
01/11/2016 - 31/10/2017	54
01/11/2017 - 31/10/2018	70
01/11/2018 - 31/10/2019	73

The number of reported alcohol related crimes has increased by 4% (3 actual) in the previous 12 months and the year before has increased by 30% (16 actual).



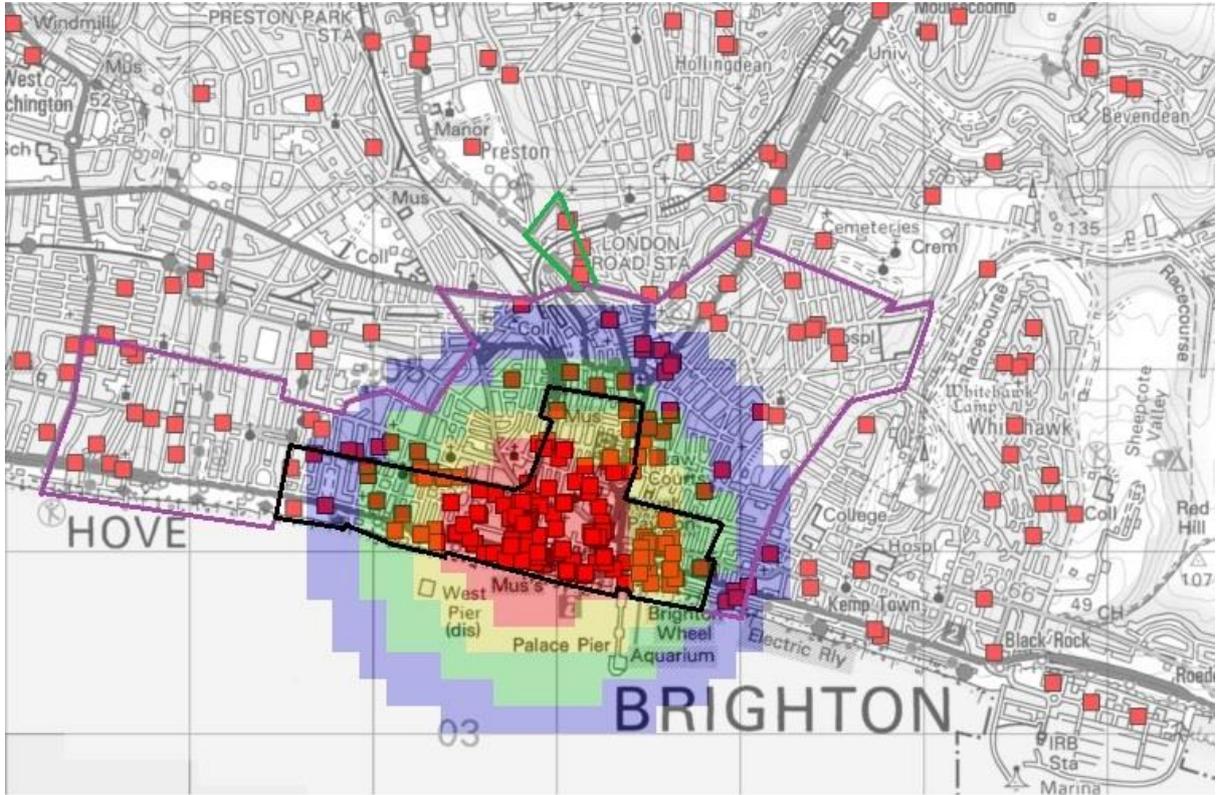
Map 2

Map 2 clearly shows the proliferation of premises enclosed by this proposed extension with premises becoming far more spread out moving North, West and East. The Special Stress Area is 'deemed an area of special concern in terms of the levels of crime and disorder and public nuisance experienced within it' (SoLP 2019 3.2) and as can be seen from the crime data, crimes relating to alcohol have increased year on year in the enclosed area.

Preston Road begins from the end of London Road which is a known problem area of Brighton and by extending the SSA up to the edge of Preston Park, a larger buffer is being provided while encompassing an area that already contains a high number of licensed premises. This would ensure greater scrutiny could be given to any new licence applications or variations within this already saturated area.

Further evidence can be seen when looking at the hot spot maps relating to Op Marble – serious violent crimes are happening in this area both within the Op Marble timings (20 hours across the period Friday-Sunday) and more importantly, outside them (which accounts for the other 148 hours of 168 hours in a week). The proposed extension area is outlined in green on Map 3 and Map 4.

Map 3 - 01/06/2019 – 15/10/2019 Outside of Marble Time Data:



Map 4 - 01/06/2019 – 15/10/2019 Marble Time Frame Data:

