

The 4 public responses to Licensing Policy consultation

- 1) Having read the draft papers on this I would like to comment having noted that you have clarified the requirements of undertaking risk assessments.

It would be reassuring to know that you have also clarified the requirements to comply with noise levels especially for events that run over more than one day and late into the evening. The cost of having officers on standby to immediately deal with noise complaints should be recoverable in full from the organisers of these events or failing that the venue owner. It is not helpful to residents if there is no immediate response to a complaint about excessive noise, especially if this is made over a weekend or out of weekday working hours and the response provided by the council is merely a recorded message.

As to consultation, I hope that when testing the proposed event against your stated criteria, the council consults the local business community. Some events, I suspect do not add anything to retail footfall in the town nor enhance tourism even though the organisers promoting them suggest this to be the likely spinoff benefit.

- 2) We have reviewed it. We are supportive of the policy and, in particular, welcome the principles set out in sections 7.5 and 7.6. We also agree with the proposals set out in section 9.

- 3) No Comment

- 4) Under 32.1 (Notification), it should read "Officers will notify District Councillors and the relevant Parish Council(s), via the Parish Council Clerk, of applications..."

Under Part C Policies for Applicants, the Parish Council would like to see a requirement to provide a Parking Management Plan. This would enable an assessment of the impact to local residents (e.g. noise and nuisance) of any additional traffic, congestion and on-street parking on local residential roads. Mitigations (e.g. stewards) may be possible, but again the applicant would need to provide details so that a judgement can be made.

**Comments made by the Committee at its meeting
on 16th November 2021 (agenda item 3)**

As per the minutes of the meeting