

Appendix a- Cumulative Impact Area Rationale (Avon and Somerset Police)

Cumulative Impact Area (CIA)

Bath City Centre

Police observations and recommendations

The Police have been asked to provide evidence to support the continuation of the Cumulative Impact Area pertaining to Bath City Centre.

The Cumulative Impact Area (introduced in 2007) is subject to a second 5 yearly review.

The Police fully support the continuation of the Bath City Centre Cumulative Impact Area.

Rationale:

The Cumulative Impact Area is a geographical representation of the area subject to the B&NES Cumulative Impact Policy. Guidance for determining a policy states:

“Where the number, type and density of premises selling alcohol for consumption on the premises are unusually high, serious problems of nuisance and disorder can arise in the vicinity of those premises. The problem can be compounded where a number of licensed premises, grouped together, are situated near residential areas.

The distribution of late night premises may be such as to warrant special action by the Licensing Authority to combat exceptional problems of crime and disorder and public nuisance over and above the impact of individual premises.

Based on the above rationale, the Police provide the following information which is appended to this document:

- Data relating to incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in Bath City Centre post codes (between 2014-19) for licensed premises
- Data relating to incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in Bath City Centre post codes (between 2014-2019) for late night refreshment and off licences
- A Geographic Heat Map illustrating the incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour for licensed premises selling alcohol in the City Centre, showing the existing Cumulative Impact Area boundary
- A map indicating the current and proposed boundary of the Cumulative Impact Area

Summary:

It can be seen from the figures produced that demand for policing related to licensed premises remains high and appears to be increasing. It is known that these figures are heavily influenced by the Night-Time Economy based on the most impactful premises featured.

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The figures related to late night refreshment establishments and off-licences are low by comparison.

The figures and the maps also show that there have been some changes to the demographics of the city centre. For instance, a nightclub in Walcot Street that previously had a significant impact on the Night-Time Economy has closed. Although the premises that has replaced it is licensed for the consumption of alcohol on the premises until the early hours, the nature of this premises is far less impactful and lower risk in terms of crime and disorder.

The Police therefore support the need for the Cumulative Impact Area to remain on the basis of crime and anti-social behaviour incidents relating to licensed premises and suggest an amended boundary as illustrated on the map to take into account developments within the City Centre.

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