

To all Consultees of Charnwood  
Borough Council 2024 Cumulative  
Impact Zone

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Licensing Act 2003 – Review of the Cumulative Impact Zone 2024**

The current Statement of Licensing Policy was approved in June 2022 by the Full Council and is not to be reviewed in its entirety until June 2027.

Under the Licensing Act 2003, the Council in its role as a Licensing Authority, may consider introducing saturation policies (known under the guidance to local authorities as Cumulative Impact Policies), if it feels that the number of licensed premises is having an adverse impact on any of the Licensing Objectives (crime and disorder, noise / nuisance, public safety, and harm to children).

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy since 2005 to the present day, includes a 'Special Policy on Cumulative Impact' (last reviewed in 2021) which covers areas of Loughborough town centre.

Cumulative Impact is defined as the "the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives of a number of licensed premises concentrated in one area." (Section 14.20 of the Government 182 Guidance)

The current Special Policy on Cumulative Impact (as approved in June 2021 and included as Appendix 4 in the current Statement of Licensing Policy) states the area as below:

- bounded by Sparrow Hill, Church Gate, Steeple Row, Rectory Place, Bridge Street, Broad Street, Ashby Road, Frederick Street, Browns Lane Bedford Square, Southfield Road, Barrow Street, Jubilee Way, and Pinfold Gate.
- Including both sides of the streets bounding the area.
- Including Ashby Road to its junction with Storer Road; and Nottingham Road, to the entrance to the Falcon Works.

It is **not proposed to alter** the area of the existing Cumulative Impact Zone, but evidence has been received by Leicestershire Police to justify retention of the Zone.

With effect from 6 April 2018, 'Cumulative impact assessments' were introduced in the 2003 Act by the Policing and Crime Act 2017. Cumulative impact is the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives of several licensed premises concentrated in one area.



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A 'cumulative impact assessment' (CIA) may be published by a licensing authority to help it to limit the number or types of licence applications granted in areas where there is evidence to show that the number or density of licensed premises in the area is having a cumulative impact and leading to problems which are undermining the licensing objectives.

CIA's relate to applications for new premises licences and club premises certificates and applications to vary existing premises licences and club premises certificates in a specified area.

The 2003 Act does not stipulate how the CIA should be used once published, because the requirements for determining applications for new licences or variations are the same in areas with a CIA as they are elsewhere, as set out in sections 18, 35, 72 and 85 of the Act. However, any CIA published by a licensing authority must be summarised in its [Statement of Licensing Policy](#)

Once a Cumulative Impact Assessment is carried out and a 'Special Policy on Cumulative Impact' published, the licensing authority, every three years must consider whether it remains of the same opinion.

To decide whether it remains of the same opinion, or if it considers that the 'Special Policy on Cumulative Impact' needs to be amended the licensing authority must undertake appropriate consultation before any amendment is made.

The special policy will not be used to:

- remove a licence when representations are received about problems with an existing licensed premises; or to
- justify the rejection of modifications to a licence except where those modifications are directly relevant to the special policy; or to
- adopt quotas or set terminal hours in a particular area that predetermine the individual merits of any application.

The existing Cumulative Impact Zone Map can be reviewed here:  
[www.charnwood.gov.uk/cumulative\\_impact\\_zone](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/cumulative_impact_zone)

A hard copy can be sent on request by contacting Licensing at  
[licensing@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@charnwood.gov.uk)

Please note that this consultation is purely for the retention of the 'Special Policy on Cumulative Impact' not the 'Statement of Licensing Policy' as a whole.

**If you have any comments in respect of the retention of the 'Special Policy on Cumulative Impact' please submit them in writing to the Licensing Section, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfield Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 2TX by 4.00 pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

Yours faithfully,



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