

## OFFICER RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION COMMENTS

Consultation comment	Officer response
<p>"I agree the Charlotte Place area should be covered but by extending the London Rd Stress area. I am not sure Bevois Valley requires a stress area any longer."</p> <p>"I think the city should keep 3 stress areas, extending the London Rd one to include Charlotte place and surround and do away with Bevois Valley."</p>	<p>As the proposal is to keep Bevois Valley as a stress area Charlotte place is better placed within that stress area, should Bevois Valley no longer exist as a stress area at that point Charlotte place can be included in the London Road Stress area.</p>
<p>"It has not been adequately explained what the effect of adding an area to CIP might be."</p>	<p>The policy does explain the implications of the CIP. If there is an objection to an application the onus falls to the applicant to demonstrate the application will not adversely impact any of the licensing objectives. Normally it falls to the objector to demonstrate an adverse impact.</p>
<p>"The Bevois Valley CIP Stress area should be extended north into Portswood Road. There is regular late night noise, screaming and swearing, largely because of drunken students."</p>	<p>The partners were asked to specifically include data for Portswood and Shirley High street in addition to the proposed stress areas. Although we accept these areas have some issues they are not to the same scale as the areas identified and it was felt there was insufficient evidence to include these areas as stress areas under the policy. This will continue to be reviewed.</p>
<p>"Yes, I can, the whole CIP policy has not made the streets safer, in fact it makes licences and extensions even easier to obtain as applicants deny that their customers add to the street numbers. No one takes any notice of what the objectors are saying, no one believes their evidence. At least the Council had sense enough many year ago, not to allow ( at Planning ) any more food and uses in the Valley, that is why there is less trouble in that area. Meanwhile in Bedford Place licences for 04.00 at regularly given out as objectors are over ruled"</p> <p>"The Licences will still be granted for new outlets and extensions and gradually objectors will give and flee the noise, crime and ASB, as has happened in Polygon where residents group have objected to licences for 50 year , to NO avail."</p>	<p>The policy has been a major reason a number of venues have not applied for variations in the stress areas. Those that have applied have gone through the hearing process and each case determined on the merits of each case having considered the law and local policies.</p>
<p>"From my experience, as an objector to Licensed premises and takeaway hours extensions, the CIP in this area will be just as use less as it has been everywhere else. Objectors claims that more people at such places/ for longer times, will be Cumulative are dismissed as what could happen instead of</p>	<p>The policy has been a major reason a number of venues have not applied for variations in the stress areas. Those that have applied have gone through the hearing process and each case determined on the merits of each case having considered the law and local policies.</p>

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<p>what will happen. In over 25 years I have not seen even one refusal at any hearing I have spoken at or listened to. Objectors just give up and stop writing in. That suits the applicants nicely and the Council avoids expensive appeals. But it make life hell for residents, they have to go and live elsewhere. As has happened in Polygon.”</p>	
<p>“I believe the area should be extended to cover Brunswick Square due to the presence of a night club at The 1865 and Arrow Super market which is a convenience store selling alcohol until 2am on weekends which can lead to anti social behaviour. This is only 1 additional street vs the current proposals.”</p>	<p>There is little to no evidence of these venues contributing to the cumulative impact in Oxford Street.</p>
<p>“Why the focus on violence against women? Men are more than twice as likely to be the victims of violence as women. The focus should be on reducing all violence not just that against women.”</p> <p>“As I said before, why the focus on violence against women? Men are more than twice as likely to be the victims of violence as women. The focus should be on reducing all violence not just that against women.”</p>	<p>There is clear evidence that attitudes towards women need to be addressed, hence the focus on violence against women. This does not detract from work to reduce all violence.</p>
<p>“Increase the age limit . More younger people are migrating to Oxford Street and this is the problem.”</p>	<p>This is beyond our legal powers</p>
<p>“Where are funding and resources going to come from?.”</p>	<p>There is little funding or resource required for this, it falls within the day to day work of the licensing team and their partners.</p>
<p>“Even ignoring antisocial behaviour, the noise generated by the public eating or drinking outside at the many licensed premises in this area late at night (especially on Fridays and Saturdays) is a major problem for local residents . Licensing hours need to be reduced rather than extended in this</p>	<p>I suspect the author misunderstood the purpose of the stress area. The proposal is to place greater restrictions on the area.</p>
<p>This would have a very negative impact on the quality of the very nature of what Oxford Street is. People visit Oxford Street for the outdoor drinking experience and socialising culture that has been there for years. There is not a negative stigma around Oxford Street which has to be managed.”</p>	<p>The activities in Oxford Street need to be managed carefully as it lies very close to significant numbers of residential properties. The purpose of the stress area is to allow the current vibrancy of Oxford St to exist but allows it to be managed so as not to further adversely impact on local residents.</p>
<p>“It is very important to keep this and I would suggest it needs extending along Henstead Road to where it meets Devonshire Rd. Residents of Henstead Rd are subjected to nightly disturbances from around 8pm to</p>	<p>There are no licensed premises in Henstead Road and it is a residential road. Extending the stress area to here will have no impact.</p>

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<p>5am. The anti social behaviour is bad enough. But add into this the fights, drug dealing, street drinking and litter and the quality of sleep is effected . Also means that residents nearby do not want to go out during the evenings as the area feels unsafe if you are not a 'clubber'."</p>	
<p>"If you have clubs open until 5 or 6 am then other places should be able to have the same option to open until the same times . I t is not a fair marketplace if businesses are not allowed to have the same trading opportunities."</p>	<p>Maintaining the level playing field at the cost of public safety, crime and disorder cannot be justified.</p>