

SU/DoH Consultation
Room 4.6
Admiralty Arch
The Mall
London
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Dear Sir/Madam

NATIONAL ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION STRATEGY

I respond on behalf of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to the consultation document in respect of the above proposed strategy.

We appreciate the opportunity to make comment and influence the development of the strategy at such an early stage.

We appreciate that, as is stated within the document, this is only a starting point and that a tremendous amount of work is needed in order that a robust and comprehensive is produced. With this acknowledged we welcome the very open approach adopted within the document resulting in a very diverse and extensive list of questions.

We considered that in order to present a coordinated response to this document we should consider a local consultation in order to collate a range of views across those agencies that have a vested interest in the proposed National Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy. Regrettably whilst copies of the consultation document have been widely distributed and this matter has been reported to the Basingstoke and Deane Community Safety Forum limited resources have precluded our conducting a local review to generate a coordinated response.

Clearly this is the beginning of a lengthy process and we anticipate that there will be a number of other opportunities to engage with the process. We therefore wish to register our interest and request that we receive information on further consultation documents and events in order that we can assist in the strategy development and subsequently the action plans that will presumably arise. We will, as directed, keep in touch with this work by visiting the website.

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Yours sincerely

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