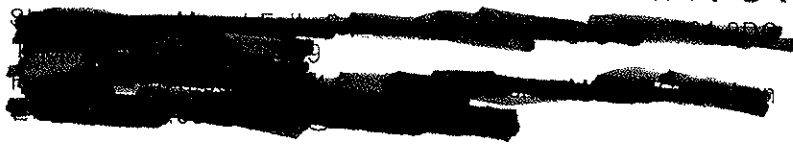


Bodmin Town Council



Mr N Wakelin
Licensing Team
Sport and Leisure Directorate
Department for Culture, Media and Sport
2 – 4 Cockspur Street
LONDON
SW1Y 5DH

Date: 27 August 2008

Our Ref: PO/CAP/LIC/2008

Your Ref:

Dear Mr. Wakelin,

LICENSING ACT 2003 : CONSULTATION

I acknowledge and thank you for your letter dated 4 August 2008 together with a copy of the second stage consultation on proposals to amend the Licensing Act 2003.

This matter was considered by my Council when it met recently and I have been instructed to respond making the following representation:

Bodmin Town Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed reforms to the Licensing Act 2003, in particular the proposal to introduce a new process for making minor variations to Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates. These comments are made from the perspective that Bodmin Town Council is one of the larger and more proactive Town Councils in Cornwall. The Town Council provides a range of high quality services and facilities throughout the Town and achieved Quality Town Council Status in November 2004.

The Council would wish to make the following observations in respect of variations to Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates, being particularly mindful that minor variations to Licences can sometimes have a major impact on the quality of life of nearby residents.

Given the move to Unitary Principal Councils in a number of the Shire Counties throughout the Country, Bodmin Town Council feels that it is important that Town and Parish Councils are consulted where Licensing Authorities are considering variations to Premises Licences and/or Club Premises Certificates. In these areas, where the District Councils are disappearing, Town and Parish Councils have vital local knowledge about the effects, or likely effects, that any Amendment or Licence Variation will have on the local community in general and the residents of neighbouring properties in particular.

Bodmin Town Council would therefore ask that Town and Parish Councils are included as Statutory Consultees for Licensing matters because of their vital local knowledge, this being considered particularly important in those areas moving to a unitary system of principal Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you require further information or clarification on any of the points raised.

Your kind assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A large, dark, irregularly shaped redacted area covering the signature.A long, dark, horizontal redacted line spanning across the page.