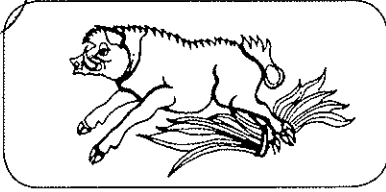


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Dear Mr Richardson

CONSULTATION ON REVISED GUIDANCE MADE UNDER S. 182 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

The Association welcomes the opportunity to input into the Review of Guidance.

In particular, it fully supports the main aim of the Review in producing a user-friendly, concise and navigable document. Replies to the questions asked are set out underneath:

Q.1. The Association strongly agrees that the current Guidance on vicinity should remain unchanged. The aim of giving Licensing Authorities latitude in determining local factors is much welcomed. Too much prescription is not always a useful aspect of law or regulation. The Association also welcomes the guidance from the Minister for Culture on 13th December 2006; recognising that parish councils are interested parties able to make a representation.

Q.2. N/A

Q.3. The Association supports the amendment to enable clarity of usage.

Q.4. N/A

Q.5. The Association strongly supports the concept of 'Cumulative Impact' and agrees that current Guidance should remain unchanged.

Q.6. N/A

Q.7. The Association supports Option 2 as outlined in the Consultation document.

Q.8. No comment to make.

Q.9. The Association would hope that this is not the case.

Q.10. The Association does think that there is value in promoting consistency.

Q.11. The Association feels that the current Guidance on the role of ward Councillors should be clarified. It feels most strongly though, that elected representatives must have the opportunity to represent their electors. Anything else makes a mockery of their fundamental role in supporting communities.

Q.12. N/A

Q.13. The Association supports the proposed amendments to the guidance on authorisation of sale.

Q.14 N/A

Q.15. Agreed.

Q.16. N/A

Q. 17. Agreed.

Q.18. N/A

Q.19. Agreed.

Q.20. N/A

Q.21 Agreed.

Q.22. N/A

Q.23. Agreed.

Q.24. N/A

Q.25. Agreed.

Q.26. N/A

Q.27. Agreed.

Q.28. N/A

Q.29. The Association believes that the proposed revision is a step in the right direction, but no more. Continued efforts must be made in structuring the document, to allow easy access and reading by all stakeholders.

Q.30. N/A

Q.31. The Association believes that clarification of 'interested party' in the Guidance would be useful. See also the answer to Q.1. with relation to this.

HAPTC looks forward to the release of the revised Guidance.

Yours sincerely,



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