

**LICENSING COMMITTEE  
(LICENSING ACT 2003  
FUNCTIONS )**

**Agenda Item 27 (c)**

Brighton and Hove City Council

Licensing Act Committee  
Brighton & Hove City Council  
Hove Town Hall,  
Norton Road,  
Hove  
BN3 4AH

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

Dear Chairman,

Formal request to include Central Hove Ward in the Special Stress Area as set out in the Brighton and Hove Statement of Licensing Policy 2016

Please add Central Hove Ward to the Special Stress Area as set out in the Brighton & Hove Statement of Licensing policy 2016 (as defined in paragraph 3.2 of the Statement of Licensing Policy).

In considering this request, please note;

1. Crime mapping and alcohol related health statistics show there is significant alcohol related harm in the ward (Public Health Framework for Assessing Alcohol Licensing, Public Health Intelligence, October 2017)
  - a. Central Hove ranks 5<sup>th</sup> worst in the city for alcohol suspected ambulance call-outs (page 6)
  - b. Central Hove ranks 4<sup>th</sup> worst in the city for A&E attendances with a record of alcohol (page 6)
  - c. Central Hove ranks 4<sup>th</sup> worst in the city for alcohol related mortality (page 6)
  - d. Central Hove ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> worst in the city for alcohol specific admissions,
  - e. Central Hove ranks 5<sup>th</sup> worst in the city for Police recorded alcohol related issues.
  - f. Neighbouring Brunswick & Adelaide Ward, much of which sits in the Cumulative Impact Area fares better (ie less badly) against all of these metrics.
2. The maps set out in the Public Health Framework for Assessing Alcohol Licensing, Public Health Intelligence, October 2017 shows;
  - a. More than half of Central Hove is a medium ranking hotspot for police recorded alcohol related incidents
  - b. Much of the ward shows the same concentration of police recorded violence against the person offences as Brunswick & Adelaide Ward which sits in the CIA.
  - c. Nearly all of the ward shows a medium level of police recorded criminal damage offences, the same as much of the existing SSA.

- d. Much of the ward is blighted by noise complaints regarding licenced premises
3. There is a concentration of anti-social behaviour and alcohol and substance misuse related disturbance is a number of roads in Central Hove. There are emergency accommodation premises (some of which are entirely unsupported), a children's home, two Equinox run homes for women recovering from alcohol and substance misuse, two hostels for stag/hen-dos and people needing emergency (self-supported) accommodation.
  4. George St, the twitten to Tesco car park and the churchyard of St Andrew's Church are blighted by aggressive begging and street drinking. There are two primary schools in close proximity; St Andrew's CE Primary and West Hove Connaught Rd site.
  5. I refer members to the Annual Licensing Committee Report 2016 showed that Central Hove has a total of 82 licensed premises, which made it the 4<sup>th</sup> highest number in the city. With 16 'pubs bars and nightclubs' the ward is 5<sup>th</sup> highest in number and has 2 more than Brunswick & Adelaide which sits in the CIA.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you in advance.

Yours Faithfully,

Councillor Andrew Wealls