

Licensing Act 2003 - Consultation on updated policy

Cumulative Impact Policy

Eastbourne Community Safety Partnership Statement

The Eastbourne Community Safety Partnership (ECSP) supports proposals to renew the Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ), first introduced in 2013 to reduce the incidents of overall crime, including, Public Place Violent Crime (PPVC) and Criminal damage (CD) across the town centre.

It can be seen from the recent *Eastbourne town centre – Review of crime/ASB data* document, part of the review process of the Cumulative Impact Strategy that crime has reduced in Eastbourne by more than three per cent, when comparing the twelve month period to January 2019 (8,549) and the previous twelve months to January 2018 (8,818). It is clear that the crime in the CIZ impacts this reduction capability in view of the fact that 30 per cent of all crime occurs in the CIZ.

The CIZ has also contributed along with other tactics to a reduction in overall crime within the zone of over one per cent, over the past twelve month period. In addition, targeted offences like PPVC and Criminal Damage have seen major reductions within the CIZ, of over five per cent and of almost ten per cent respectively, over the past twelve month period.

It is contended that if the Cumulative Impact Zone was rescinded or if the CIZ was substantially reduced in area, there would be a risk of a crime increase in Eastbourne and an even higher risk of a crime increase in the current CIZ geographical area.

The ECSP also considers that the policy and its effective implementation have a positive effect on the fear of crime within the town centre area.

Yours sincerely



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