

Buckinghamshire Council statement of Licensing Policy, Licensing Act 2003

Thames Valley Police proposed control measures – Aylesbury town centre

TVP proposed control measure	BC draft Licensing Policy
Alcohol free zone	The draft Policy contains specific sections on “street drinking” and “Off licences and PSPOs” and sets out measures licensees are expected to adopt in areas where PSPOs have been adopted in relation to the control of alcohol.
<p>Ensure drinking outside and in view of the public is:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enclosed, using robust system that is removed when not in use (7 a.m. to 9 p.m.) 2. Ancillary to a table meal. 3. Served to table. 4. No bottles to be served outside. 5. Stopped by 9 p.m. 6. Fully within view of the Town Centre CCTV system. 	The draft Policy has drawn on the Council’s experience of the temporary pavement licensing scheme which has been introduced nationally to encourage greater use of the public highway for hospitality purposes. The Council has adopted a set of standard conditions which have proved successful in facilitating well managed outside spaces, including many premises in the Aylesbury town centre area which have been granted licences. The scheme has been in operation since July 2020 without any reported incidents of concern. Conditions include an 11pm curfew on Fridays and Saturdays, 10pm at other times; and a requirement to regularly monitor outside areas. Under the crime and disorder section of the draft Policy there is a specific section on “drinking vessels” and applicants are directed to consider the use of safe alternatives to regular glass in high risk environments and outside areas.
Encouragement of complementary activities eg Restaurants, Cafés, Family venues, Jazz Clubs, Comedy Clubs, Theatres.	The draft Policy recognises the importance of encouraging non-alcohol led premises to not only promote the licensing objectives but also to help support more vibrant communities and this is set out in the “Diversity” section
The number and location of food vans	The “Prevention of crime and disorder” section of the draft Policy clearly explains

	that applicants are expected to consider local circumstances, including terminal hour of other licensed premises, local crime and antisocial behaviour “hot spots” and position of taxi ranks.
Expansion of town centre CCTV system. Installation of CCTV in licensed premises. Lighting proposals	The provision of CCTV is addressed in the “Prevention of crime and disorder section” although the “expansion of town centre CCTV system” is outside the scope of the Policy and not something within the control of licence holders. Furthermore under the “Physical measures” section licensed operators are encouraged to adopt a “designing out crime” approach when designing premises, including consideration of lighting.
Street Urination is a concern especially in shop doorways and alleyways. Many areas install temporary urinals or even ones that rise up at night.	Licence holders have a duty to promote the licensing objectives and if there is a reasonable risk of public nuisance arising from street urination then licence holders should address this in their operating schedule. Likewise responsible authorities have the ability to make representation if they believe an operating schedule does not adequately address this risk. All licensed premises must show the location of any toilet facilities on their licence plan, which forms part of any application for a new licence or variation to existing layout. The experience of the licensing service is that in almost all instances this will not be an issue for licensed premises, not least because it is clearly desirable for hospitality venues to provide adequate facilities for their customers. The draft Policy emphasises the overriding theme of the Licensing Act and statutory guidance which is that each application should be considered on a case by case basis. It should also be noted that currently no scheme currently exists to allow businesses to contribute to the costs of running public toilets.
Pub Watch Membership	The importance of Pubwatch membership is emphasised in the draft

	Policy, all licensed premises are encouraged to join a local scheme, or set one up where it does not already exist.
Drugs Policy	The section on “Illegal drugs” sets out policy expectations in terms of preventing the consumption and supply of illegal drugs at licensed premises
Sundays Policy	Presently there is no specific Sunday hours policy in place in for Aylesbury, however the closing hour for most licensed premises in the town centre is midnight or 00:30. Three premises are permitted to close later at 01:00, 02:30 and 03:30 respectively. The draft Policy has a specific section on “Hours” and makes it clear that hours will be set on a case by case basis and a stricter approach will be taken to licensing hours in areas of higher residential density.
Door Supervisors	The “Door supervisor” section of the draft Policy sets out the expectation that licensed operators will employ door supervisors on the basis of a sensible and realistic risk assessment. Furthermore the Council reserves the right to imposes conditions in this regard if deemed necessary to promote the prevention of crime and disorder.
Provision of internal tables and chairs (to prevent domination of ‘vertical drinking’).	The draft Policy sets out expectations in respect of measures to promote “Responsible sale and supply of alcohol” to prevent drunkenness on licensed premises. These measures are expected to be reflected in written policies and procedures.
Standards of management	A dedicated section to “standards of management” sets out the matters to be taken into account when assessing an applicant’s or licence holder’s commitment to high standards of management and consequences of non-compliance.