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Dear Ann,

**Licensing Act 2003 – Consultation on the review of the Licensing Policy under the Licensing act 2003**

Thank you for your letter received on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010.

The District Council has powers under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 2001 to designate public places where alcohol may not be consumed. Before designating any area, the Council must be satisfied that nuisance or annoyance to members of the public, or disorder, has been associated with the consumption of alcohol in that area.

Once designated, the Police may require any person consuming alcohol (or intending to consume) in that area to cease the consumption, and may also require the surrender of the alcohol. Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with the requirements of a Constable under these provisions is guilty of an offence.

I should add that no areas have been designated by Sevenoaks District Council under the powers contained in the 2001 Act.

I trust this answers your query.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Claire Perry  
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