

Email Response 01

THE CHAPEL Hairdressers: Wed 23/10/2019 14:36

We as a hair salon offer our guests a complimentary glass of wine or small beer during hair appointments and feel it is an unfair charge for our business.

Given on average we supply approx. 10 glasses of wine per week and perhaps 1 beer for no extra charge to the customer. By far the majority of our guests opt for coffee, herbal tea, tea, water or fruit juice.

The salons are also only open 9 am-6 pm aside late opening on Wednesdays / Thursdays 8 pm.

Therefore we believe Hair Salons should be deregulated from the current Premises Licence requirement.

We hope this will be given consideration during the policy review?

Response

Unfortunately the requirement you have to hold a Premises Licence for the sale/supply of alcohol is a matter of law and not a Local Authority decision/ Policy, therefore we would be unable to make any changes that would exempt you from this requirement.

Action taken

None taken

Email Response 02

Licensing Consultant Chapter Three Consulting: Wed 23/10/2019 17:38

At this time, C3C have no comments on the new policy.

Response

None

Action taken

None taken

Email Response 03

Cllr. George Pender: Sun 27/10/2019 20:42

In my view there is too much CCTV in pubs within the district. In fact, it is rare to find a licensed pub or similar that doesn't have CCTV. This is sad as it impinges on the privacy of customers and employees and, in the vast majority of cases, there is no crime reduction as a result of the CCTV. I would like to see a CCTV requirement become a rarity, very much the exception and not the rule. Currently, the Police's de facto policy seems to be to ask for CCTV for purely precautionary reasons, prospective licensees have a rational view that their path to a license will be easier and more certain (and more likely to be granted under delegated powers) if they offer to put in CCTV as part of the operating schedule. Once CCTV is in the operating schedule it is often (or even usually?) then included as requirement of the license.

I offer, as an example of this, the situation with the new micro-pub in New Ash Green, "The Vault". The licensee priority was, understandably, to get up and running with a valid license as soon as they could. They offered to put in CCTV as part of their operating schedule, and also the police requested CCTV as a condition, even though this is the kind of pub where it is absolutely not required, it is very far from the kind of place where any kind of crime or antisocial behaviour is present, let alone the very limited subset of crime that would be curtailed by CCTV.

I am happy to suggest a form of words for a policy which would lead to much less CCTV (or, at least, much lower propensity to require CCTV as a licensing condition). A key measure could be to insist that no license granted under delegated powers would be allowed to require CCTV as a licensing condition, this would naturally reduce the number of licenses which require cameras.

I am happy to have further discussions on licensing policy with respect to CCTV.

Response

Thank you for your comments Cllr Pender - these will be directed to the Licensing Committee when the comments of the consultation are presented in January 2020.

Action taken

None taken

Email Response 04

Senior Policy Advisor Security Industry Authority: Mon 11/11/2019 09:36

The SIA has no comments to make on the proposed Policy. However, please feel free to contact us if you feel that we can be of assistance with the development of this Policy or in any other matter.

Response

None

Action taken

None taken

Email Response 05

Planning Administration Sevenoaks Town Council

planningassistant@sevenoakstown.gov.uk: Thu 28/11/2019 11:09

Sevenoaks Town Council considered the District Council's Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (1 April 2020 until 31 March 2025) at Planning Committee on 18th November 2019.

Councillors welcomed the opportunity to view the revised document, noting that it was much improved and that it demonstrated greater transparency than previously.

Sevenoaks Town Council wishes to congratulate the District Council accordingly.

Response

None

Action taken

None taken