

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 9

meeting date: TUESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2019
 title: WHALLEY CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT – APPROVAL OF DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION
 submitted by: MARSHAL SCOTT – CHIEF EXECUTIVE
 principal author: DIANE RICE – HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek Committee's approval of the attached draft Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) for Whalley prior to formal consultation. If approved the assessment would form part of the Council's Licensing Policy.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives }
 - Corporate Priorities }
 - Other Considerations }
- The Council has formulated a Cumulative Impact Assessment in response to concerns expressed by local residents.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 In response to the concerns expressed by local residents in Whalley via their borough and parish representatives, this matter was considered by Committee at meetings which took place on 10 April 2018 , to consider whether informal soundings should be taken as to the local support for a cumulative impact policy. On 18 September 2018 Committee considered the responses received and decided to progress the CIA, the legislative position having altered in the interim to replace cumulative impact policies with cumulative impact assessments.

2.2 Detailed background can be found in the respective reports to Committee which are attached at Appendix 1.

3 ISSUES

Evidence to support the CIA

3.1 Following on from the decision of Committee to progress a CIA for Whalley, information was sought to form the evidence base necessary to justify the assessment.

3.2 Attached at Appendix 2 is a draft CIA

3.3 Members will note that the evidence relating to crime and disorder shows a relatively low number of recorded incidents and in certain areas show a trend of decreasing numbers of recorded incidents. This evidence relates to the crime and disorder element of the licensing objectives.

Members should also take into account the clear response from local residents, both in terms of the number of responses and expressions of support, together with the evidence provided from the records of the Environmental Health and Enforcement Officers, all of which relates to the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of public nuisance.

Effect of the CIA

- 3.4 It is important that the effect of a CIA is understood at the outset. The introduction of a CIA would not be retrospective, would not automatically have effect in that responsible authorities would still have to make representations in relation to each application, and would create a rebuttable presumption but would still require each application to be considered on its merits.

Scope of the CIA

- 3.5 Following a decision at Committee in April 2018, it was decided to limit the area of the CIA to the new Whalley and Painterwood boundary.
- 3.6 The streets included within the CIA are set out in the draft.
- 3.7 It was also apparent from the responses received from local residents, that whilst there are considered to be sufficient premises which operate until 1800 hours, the majority of problems in relation to crime and disorder and public nuisance related to premises which opened after 1800 hours and were primarily aimed at serving the night-time economy.
- 3.8 The CIA would therefore not have effect in relation to licensed premises which only open up until 1800 hours. Apart from this exception the CIA would apply to all other licensed premises whether on or off licence, club or premises licences.

Other considerations

- 3.9 Members should note that the introduction of a CIA in a village environment is unusual, they are more typically used in town centres and city districts. It is therefore not possible to advise Members about the effectiveness of the CIA which may be challenged by applicants for a licence.

Process

- 3.10 Members are asked to approve the attached CIA which will then be the subject of formal consultation. It is proposed that the consultation period should be for a period of 6 weeks in order to enable a report to be prepared compiling the responses and enabling any modification of the draft to be presented to the next meeting of Committee.
- 3.11 If the CIA is accepted, this will be referred to Full Council for inclusion within the Council's Licensing Policy.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
- Resources – N/A
 - Technical, Environmental and Legal – N/A save as above

- Political – N/A
- Reputation – N/A
- Equality & Diversity – N/A

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Consider and approve the draft CIA attached at Appendix 2 to form the basis of consultation as set out at 1.4 in the CIA.

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APPENDIX 1

Agenda Item No. 6

meeting date: TUESDAY, 10 APRIL 2018
title: CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF A CUMULATIVE IMPACT
POLICY
submitted by: MARSHAL SCOTT - CHIEF EXECUTIVE
principal author: MAIR HILL - SOLICITOR

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek Committee's views on whether consideration should be given to inclusion of a cumulative impact policy (CIP) within the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives - } The Council aims to be a well-managed
 - Corporate Priorities - } Council providing efficient services based on
 - Other Considerations - } identified customer needs, consideration of this
- issue will enhance this.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 ("Act") provides that a Licensing Authority must determine a statement of policy for each 5 year period with respect to the exercise of its licensing functions and publish that statement before the beginning of that period. The Council's policy has been set for the period 2016-2021. A licensing statement of policy can be altered during the 5 year period provided the necessary procedure is followed.
- 2.2 The Statutory Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act provides that the cumulative impact of licensed premises on the promotion of the licensing objectives is a proper matter for a licensing authority to consider in developing its licensing policy statement.
- 2.3 A CIP may be appropriate where the number, type or density of premises selling alcohol or providing late night refreshment is high or exceptional, serious problems of nuisance and disorder exist or have begun to arise outside or some distance from those premises.
- 2.4 The Council's current Statement of Licensing Policy does not contain any such policy. Concern has however been expressed by members of the public and a Ward Councillor about the recent proliferation of premises licensed to sell alcohol in Whalley and the effect which this is having upon the area. Committee is therefore asked to consider whether investigatory work should be carried out to establish whether there is sufficient evidence to warrant consideration of a CIP for this area. It should be noted that the implementation of a CIP would not act retrospectively and would not lead to removal of existing licences or a reduction in the hours authorised by existing premises licences, the CIP could affect the terms of a licence if an application was made to vary the licence.
- 2.5 Attached as Appendix 1 is a list of the premises in the Whalley Ward, categorised by type. As can be seen from the information provided the ward boundary extends to Barrow and Edisford, it would not therefore serve as the appropriate 'footprint' for the

CIP. One of the matters the Licensing Authority will need to consider before carrying out a formal consultation is where the boundaries of the CIP should lie.

3 ISSUES

3.1 In order to introduce a CIP the Licensing Authority would need to have evidence of an impact upon the licensing objectives such as:

- local crime and disorder statistics, including statistics on specific types of crime and crime hotspots;
- statistics on local anti-social behaviour offences;
- health-related statistics such as alcohol – related emergency attendances and hospital admissions;
- environmental health complaints, particularly in relation to litter and noise;
- complaints recorded by the local authority, which may include complaints raised by local residents or resident associations;
- residents' questionnaires;
- evidence from local Councillors; and
- evidence obtained through local consultation.

3.2 Where existing information is insufficient or not readily available, but the licensing authority believes there are problems in its areas resulting from the cumulative impact of licensed premises, it can consider conducting or commissioning a specific study to assess the position. This may involve conducting observations of the night-time economy to assess the extent of incidents relating to the promotion of the licensing objectives, such as incidents of criminal activity and anti-social behaviour, examples of public nuisance, specific issues such as underage drinking and the key times and locations at which these problems are occurring.

3.3 The steps to be followed in considering whether to adopt a special policy within the statement of licensing policy are summarised in the Guidance as:

- Identify concern about crime and disorder; public safety; public nuisance; or protection of children from harm.
- Consider whether there is good evidence that crime and disorder or nuisance are occurring or whether there are activities which pose a threat to public safety or the protection of children from harm.
- If such problems are occurring, identify whether these problems are being caused by the customers of licensed premises, or that the risk of cumulative impact is imminent.
- Identify the boundaries of the area where problems are occurring (this can involve mapping where the problems occur and identifying specific streets or localities where such problems arise).
- Consult those specified in Section 5(3) of the Act, and subject to the outcome of the consultation, include and publish details of the special policy in the licensing policy statement.

3.4 The effect of adopting a special policy of this kind is to create a rebuttable presumption that applications for the grant or variation of premises licences or club premises certificates, which are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact, will normally be refused or subject to certain limitations, following relevant representations, unless the applicant can demonstrate in the operating schedule that there will be no negative cumulative impact on one or more of the licensing objectives. Applicants should give consideration to potential cumulative impact issues when setting out the steps they will take to promote the licensing objectives in their application.

3.5 However, the policy would need to stress that this presumption does not relieve responsible authorities (or any other persons) of the need to make a relevant representation, referring to information which had been before the licensing authority when it developed its statement of licensing policy, before a licensing authority may lawfully consider giving effect to its special policy. If there are no representations, the licensing authority must grant the application in terms that are consistent with the operating schedule submitted.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – No implications identified, save that if a study was commissioned funding would need to be identified.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – No implications identified.
- Political – No implications identified.
- Reputation – No implications identified.
- Equality and Diversity – No implications identified.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make enquiries of the responsible authorities to assess whether there is sufficient evidence to support a cumulative impact policy for the Whalley Ward and the area to which the policy would relate.

5.2 Consult informally with licensees in the Whalley Ward, the Parish Council and community groups.

5.3 Report back to Committee with recommendations based on the responses received.

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REF: MJH/Licensing/10 April 2018

**Licensed Premises situated within the Whalley Ward
of Ribble Valley Borough Council**

Premises Name	Address	Type
Abbey Club	12 Accrington Road, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9TD	Club
Amico Mio	49 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9SP	Restaurant
Autisan Café	The National Autistic Society, Whalley Abbey, The Sands, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9SS	Café & Gift Shop
Benedicts of Whalley	1 George Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9TH	Café Bar
Brady's	Queen Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9TA	Wine Bar
Co-op	King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9SN – Under Construction	Off Licence
Cucina Seventy Three	73 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9SW	Restaurant
De Lacy Arms	61 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9SP	Public House
Dog Inn	55 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9SP	Public House
Eagle at Barrow	Clitheroe Road, Barrow, Clitheroe BB7 9AQ	Bar & Restaurant
Edisford Bridge Hotel	Edisford Road, Clitheroe BB7 3LJ	Bar & Restaurant
Food by Breda Murphy	Station Road, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9RH	Restaurant
Forum	41 & 41a King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9SP	Bar & Restaurant
H2O Bar	3 Accrington Road, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9TD	Bar
Jack's of Whalley	59 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9SP	Bar & Restaurant
Mitton Hall	Mitton Road, Mitton, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9PQ	Hotel/Wedding Venue
Oakhill Academy	Wiswell Lane, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9AF	School and Leisure Centre
Rendezvous	16 Accrington Road, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9TD	Nightclub

**Licensed Premises situated within the Whalley Ward
of Ribble Valley Borough Council**

Premises Name	Address	Type
Romeros	37 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9SP	Takeaway
Spar Store	9 George Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9TH	Shop/off licence
Swan Hotel	62 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9SN	Hotel/Bar
The Aspinall Arms	Mitton Road, Mitton, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9PQ	Bar & Restaurant
Three Fishes	Mitton Road, Great Mitton, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9PQ	Restaurant
Trishna	25 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9SP	Restaurant
Whalley Abbey	The Sands, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9TN	Hotel & Conference Centre
Whalley Golf Club	Long Leese Barn, Clerk Hill Road, Whalley BB7 9DR	Club
Whalley Sports Club	Station Road, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9RT	Club
Whalley Village Hall	Accrington Road, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9TD	Village Hall
Whalley Wine Shop	63 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe BB7 9SW	Bar & Off Licence

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

DECISION

Agenda Item No.11

meeting date: TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2018
title: REVIEW OF RESPONSE TO CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT SURVEY
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
principal author: MAIR HILL, SOLICITOR

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the results of the Cumulative Impact Assessment Survey.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives - }
 - Corporate Priorities - }
 - Other Considerations - }
- The Council aims to be a well-managed Council these proposals support that objective.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Committee will recall that a report was submitted to it in April 2018 requesting they give consideration to the implementation of a Cumulative Impact Policy in Whalley. Committee resolved to authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to: make enquiries of the responsible authorities to assess whether there is sufficient evidence to support a cumulative impact policy for Whalley and the area to which the policy would relate; consult informally with licensees in Whalley, the Parish Council and community groups and to report back with the recommendations based on responses received.

2.2 As a result the Council set up a cumulative impact survey both online and in paper format. A link to the survey was published on the Council's website and publicised through press releases, social media and by letters sent to the Parish Council, all licensed premises, ward Councillors and Whalley Chamber of trade on 2 July 2018. The survey closed on 29 July 2018. The survey related to the area of Whalley and Painter Wood to reflect the new ward boundaries. A map showing this area outlined in blue accompanied the survey as did a list of all premises within that area and a map showing their location. Copies of these documents are enclosed as Appendix 1.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The Council received 194 responses. The results of those responses have been collated into a report which is enclosed as Appendix 2. Committee should note the contents and in particular the responses to questions 5-8 and decide whether this evidences sufficient concern about crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance or protection of children from harm in the Whalley and Painter Wood area to progress to the next stage of the process.

3.2 Should Committee decide that it should be progressed then further evidence must be collated to allow the Council to assess whether there is a sound evidential basis to any decision to publish a cumulative impact assessment. This may include:

- Local crime and disorder statistics including statistics on specific types of crime and

- Statistics on local anti-social behaviour offences
- Health related statistics such as alcohol related emergency attendances and hospital admissions.
- Environmental health complaints, particularly in relation to litter and noise;
- Complaints recorded by the Local Authority, which may include complaint raised by the local residents or resident's associations.

3.3 The Council would then consider this evidence alongside its own evidence of the impact of licensable activities within its area, and consider in particular the times at which licensable activities are carried on. Information which may inform consideration of these issues includes:

- Trends in licence applications, particularly trends in applications by types of premises and terminal hours;
- Changes in terminal hours of premises;
- Premises' capacities at different times of night and the expected concentrations of drinkers who will be expected to be leaving premises at different times.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources –
- Technical, Environmental and Legal –
- Political – N/A
- Reputation – See above
- Equality and Diversity – N/A

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to seek and collate the evidence necessary to create an evidence base and to formally consult upon the proposed cumulative impact assessment for Whalley and Painter Wood as required by the Licensing Act 2003.

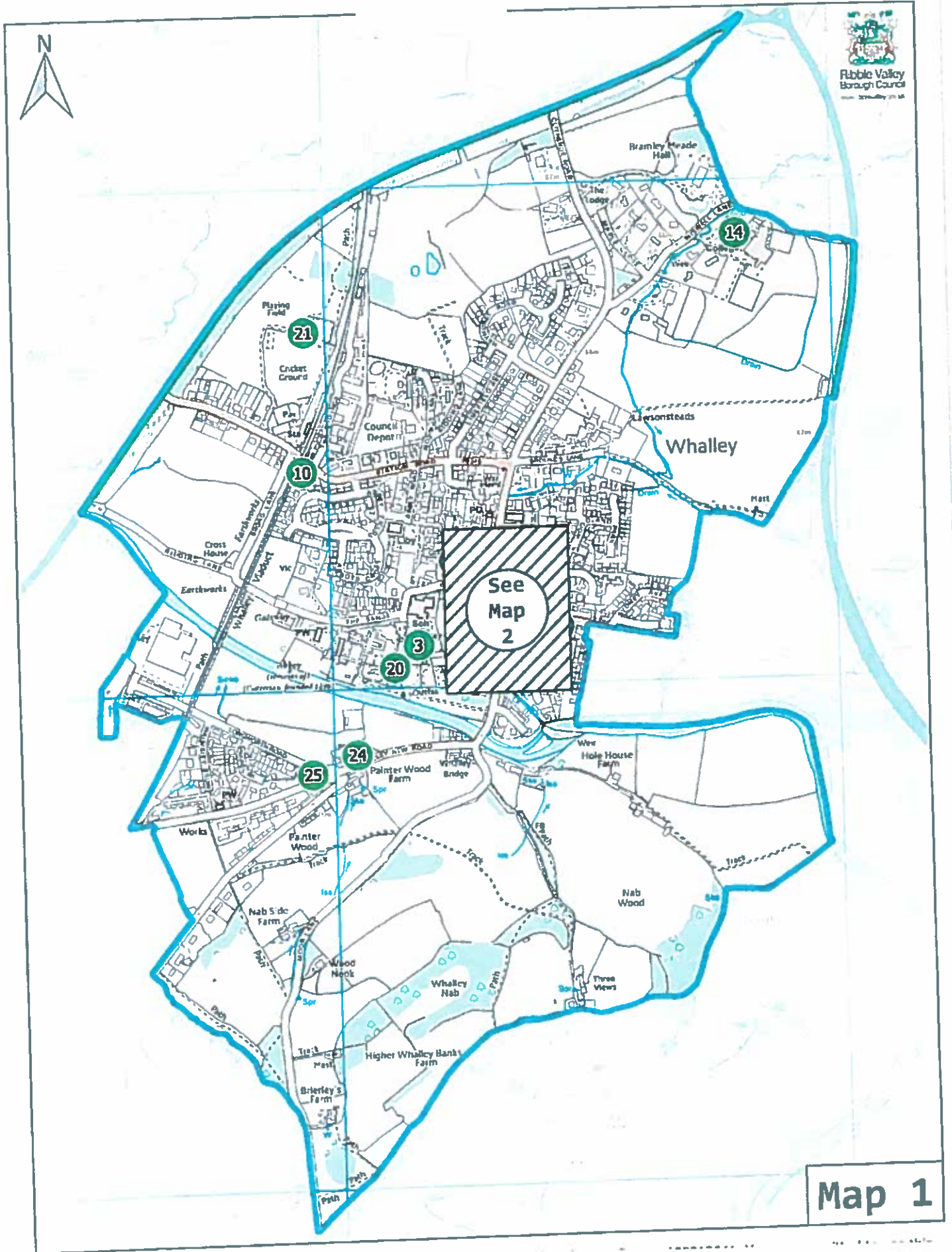

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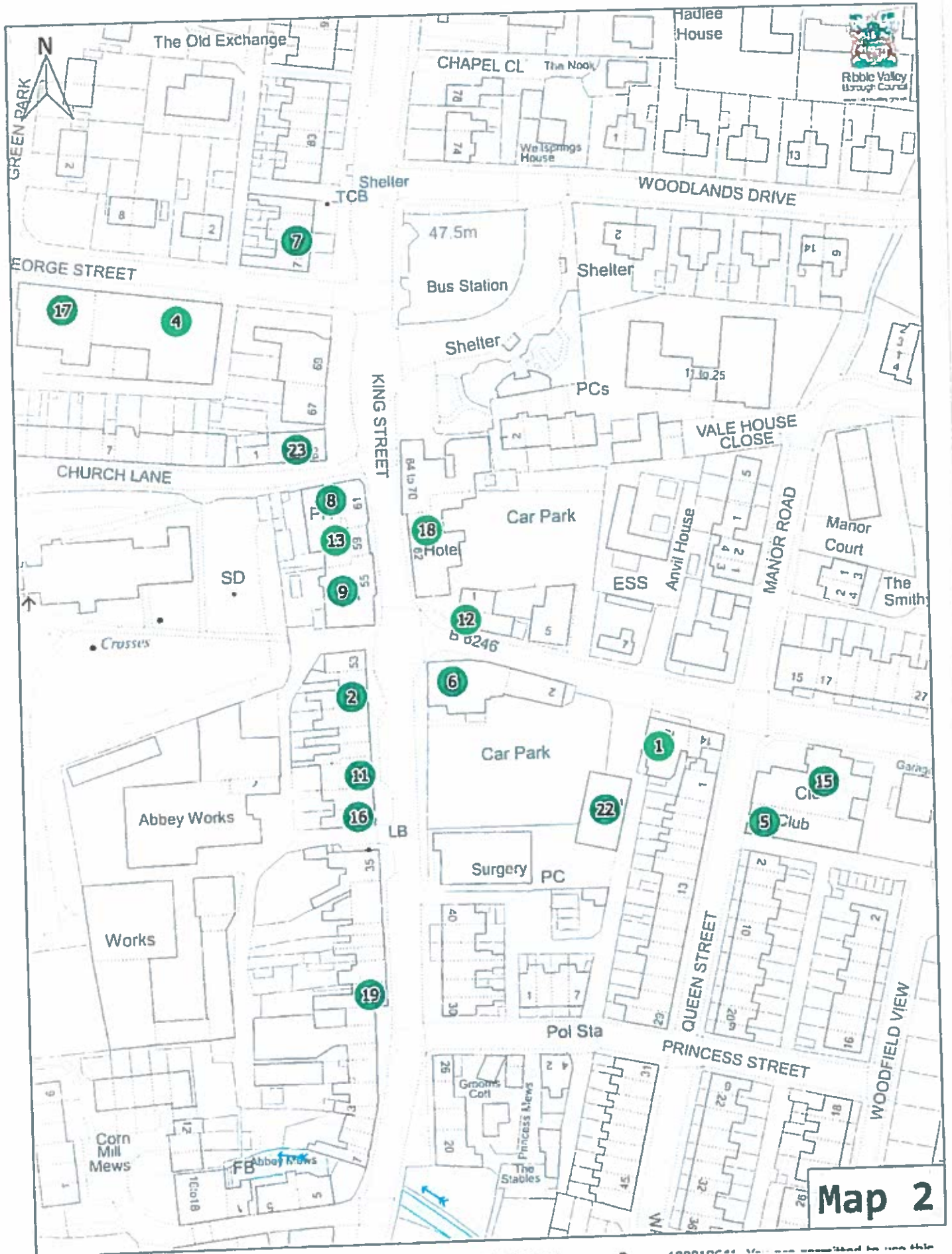
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APPENDIX 1



Map 1



Map 2

Business Name	Address	Type	Map Reference	Map
Abbeys Club	12 Accrington Road, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9TD	Club	1	2
Amico Mio	Amico Mio, 49 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SP	Restaurant	2	2
Artisan Café	Café Artisan, The Studio, North Range, Whalley Abbey, The Sands, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SS	Café & Gift Shop	3	1
Benedicts of Whalley	Benedicts of Whalley, 1 George Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9TH	Café Bar	4	2
Brady's	Brady's Wine Bar, Queen Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9TA	Wine Bar	5	2
Co-op	60 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SL	Off Licence	6	2
Cucina Seventy Three	Cucina Seventy Three, 73 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SW	Restaurant	7	2
De Lacy Arms	De Lacy Arms, 61 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SP	Public House	8	2
Dog Inn	Dog Inn, 55 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SP	Public House	9	2
Food by Breda Murphy	Food by Breda Murphy, 41 Station Road, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9RH	Restaurant	10	2
Forum	Forum Whalley Limited, 41 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SP	Bar & Restaurant	11	2
H2O Bar	3 Accrington Road, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9TD	Bar	12	2
Jack's of Whalley	Jack's of Whalley, 59 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SP	Bar & Restaurant	13	2
Khill Academy	Oakhill College, Wiswell Lane, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9AF	School and Leisure Centre	14	1
Rendezvous	Rendezvous, 16 Accrington Road, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9TD	Nightclub	15	2
Romeros	Romero Pizza and Kebabs, 37 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SP	Takeaway	16	2
Spar Store	Spar, 9a George Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9TH	Shop/ Off Licence	17	2
Swan Hotel	Swan Hotel, 62 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SN	Hotel/ Bar	18	2
Trishna	25 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SP	Restaurant	19	2
Whalley Abbey	Whalley Abbey, The Sands, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SS	Hotel & Conference Centre	20	1
Whalley Sports Club	Whalley Cricket Club, Milton Road, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9RX	Club	21	1
Whalley Village Hall	Whalley Village Hall, Accrington Road, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9TD	Village Hall	22	2
Whalley Wine Shop	The Whalley Wine Shop, 63 King Street, Whalley, Clitheroe, BB7 9SW	Bar & Off Licence	23	2
White Walmesley	The Judge Walmesley, Whalley Road, Billington, Clitheroe, BB7 9NT	Public House	24	1
White Walmesley Club	Brass Band Club, Whalley Road, Billington, Clitheroe	Club	25	1



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**CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT
LICENSING ACT 2003**

2019-2022

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Part 1

Introduction

- 1.1 Cumulative impact is the potential negative effect on the promotion of the licensing objectives of a significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area. The licensing objectives are set out in the Licensing Act 2003 ('the Act') and cover four key areas:
- The prevention of crime and disorder.
 - Public safety.
 - The prevention of public nuisance.
 - The protection of children from harm.
- 1.2 A Cumulative Impact Assessment ('CIA') helps to inform the Statement of Licensing Policy ('the Policy') with the aim of limiting the number of licence applications granted where there is evidence to show that the number of licensed premises in a particular area is having a cumulative impact and leading to problems which are undermining the licensing objectives.
- 1.3 To avoid duplication this Assessment should be read in conjunction with the Council's Licensing Policy, the Act, its regulations and the latest edition of the Home Office Revised guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Consultation on the Assessment

- 1.4 The Council is required by the Act to consult the following groups of people:
- a) The Chief Officer of Police
 - b) The Fire Authority
 - c) The Director of Public Health
 - d) Representatives of holders of existing premises licences, personal licences and club premises certificates in the Whalley & Painter Wood Ward
 - e) Such other persons considered to be representatives of business and residents in the area, including:
 - relevant Council Departments;
 - Responsible Authorities;
 - Ward Councillors;
 - Parish Councils.
- 1.5 In preparing this assessment an informal consultation took place between 2 July 2018 and 29 July 2018 to gauge public support. A copy of the initial study is attached at Part 5.

Part 2

The Assessment

- 2.1 The Parish of Whalley is home to a number of popular restaurants, bars, entertainment and late night refreshment venues, which operate in an ever changing and dynamic environment.
- 2.2 The Council encourages the development of a variety of premises providing a range of licensed activities catering for a wide range of users. As such this Assessment of the cumulative impact of licensed premises imposes restrictions only to the extent that they are justified by the available evidence having particular regard to the guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- 2.3 This Assessment has considered all types of licensed premises carrying on licensable activities within Whalley, including the sale of alcohol for consumption on or off the premises (or both), the provision of late night refreshment and regulated entertainment, but will apply only in relation to premises which operate as set out at 2.4 below. The Assessment does not apply to Temporary Event Notices ('TENs'); however the evidence upon which the Assessment is based may be used by the relevant responsible authorities when submitting objections to TENs.
- 2.4 The Council considers that, in a specified part of the Borough known as Whalley and Painter Wood Ward, a CIA has identified that the number of premises licences and/or club premises certificates are such that it is likely that granting further licences or variations to existing relevant authorisations, with the exception of premises which operate solely during the daytime e.g. cafes, and which do not supply alcohol after 6pm, would be inconsistent with our duty to promote the licensing objectives.
- 2.5 Although this Assessment provides an evidential basis for applications within a CIA to be refused; it does not relieve responsible authorities or any other persons of the need to make a relevant representation. Each application will be considered on a case by case basis and applicants are expected to demonstrate why the operation of the premises would not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced. The Assessment will never be used as a ground for revoking an existing licence or certificate.
- 2.6 The evidential basis for the Assessment is set out in Part 3 below; Part 4 includes a map of the area identified by this Assessment.
- 2.7 This Assessment shall be kept under review and changes may be made in relation to local circumstances, the Licensing Act, associated regulations or statutory guidance and national legislation.

Part 3

Evidential Basis

- 3.1 The evidential basis for the Assessment has been supplied by Lancashire Police, which also incorporates data from other partner agencies. The statistical data below focusses on three key areas:

- Alcohol related crime.
- Anti-Social behaviour.
- Matters relating to public, safety and welfare.

3.2 The data relates to occurrences reported within the existing Whalley CIA area and covers the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017.

Statistical Data

- 3.3 The highest concentration of occurrences has been identified within areas of high footfall. These zones encompass a higher concentration of bars, off-licences, late night takeaways as well as hotel and retail premises. In addition, the highest levels of activity are recorded at weekends, between 18:00 and 02:00, with levels at their highest between 23:00 and 01:00.
- 3.4 In terms of seasonal variations, occurrences were most prevalent during the summer months (June to September) peaking in August. Increases were also identified in December as a likely result of the Christmas and New Year period.
- 3.5 The following tables provide an additional breakdown of the data focussing on types of occurrences compared against the previous year:

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)

In the defined area there has been a marked reduction in the number of ASB incidents recorded in 2017/18 compared to the previous two years. Down 39% on 2016/17 a reduction of 38 incidents, and down 34% on 2015/16.

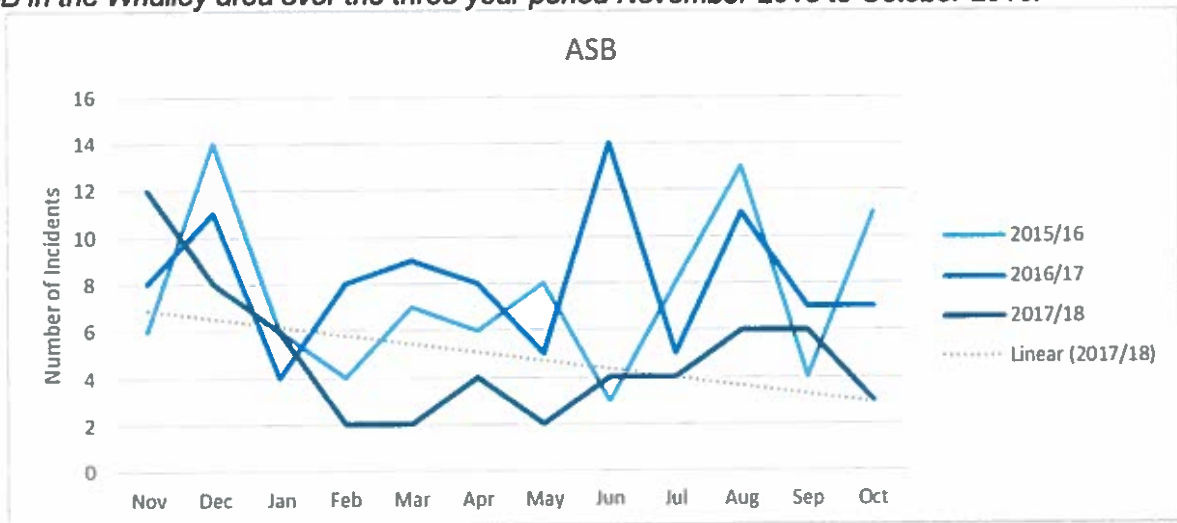
Across Lancashire ASB incidents have reduced by 27% comparing Nov 2017 to Oct 2018 and the previous year, and down 30% on 2015/16. In the Ribble Valley the reduction is 36% on 2016/17 and down 38% on 2015/16.

There is usually an element of seasonality in the recording of

ASB incidents with an increase over the spring and summer months and reductions over the winter months, however this area of Whalley does not appear to conform to this trend, this could be as a result of a small data set over a limited time period. There are apparent increases in December, eight of these incidents were related to the night time economy with several occurring on New Year's Eve over the three year period.

Area / Year	ASB			% change
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18 v 2016/17
Defined area in Whalley	88	97	59	-39
Ribble Valley	1578	1509	973	-36
East	28718	26668	19620	-26
Lancashire	77134	74376	54348	-27

ASB in the Whalley area over the three year period November 2015 to October 2018.



In the most recent 12 month period 15% of the ASB incidents were alcohol related (9), this has remained relatively stable over the three years.

Over the three year period Saturdays and Sunday are the peak days for the recording of ASB incidents.

Day/Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Grand Total
Monday	10	12	5	27
Tuesday	9	11	8	28
Wednesday	18	4	5	27
Thursday	11	10	6	27
Friday	11	17	7	35
Saturday	14	21	15	50
Sunday	15	22	13	50
Grand Total	88	97	59	244

Peak streets for ASB – sorted by the most recent 12 month period.

Street/Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
QUEEN STREET	5	9	9
KING STREET	24	23	8
ACCRINGTON ROAD	6	2	7
THE CLOISTERS	3	2	6
WHALLEY ROAD	2	1	5
THE SANDS	2	2	3
WOODLANDS DRIVE	0	3	3
GEORGE STREET	2	5	2

Repeat locations of ASB in 2017/18 associated with the night time economy are:

Siam Palace Whalley Rd	5 (3 x incidents in one evening)
Bradys Wine Bar Queen St	4
Rendezvous Accrington Rd	4
Dog Inn King St	2
De Lacy Arms King St	2

All Crime

In the defined area there have been annual increases in the number of crimes recorded in 2017/18 compared to the previous two years. Up 19% on 2016/17 an increase of 23 crimes, and up 39% on 2015/16.

Across Lancashire All Crime has increased by 34% comparing Nov 2017 to Oct 2018 to the previous year, and up 51% on 2015/16. In the Ribble Valley the increase in 2017/18 on 2016/17 is 30% and there is a 47% increase on 2015/16.

All Crime				% change
Area / Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18 v 2016/17
Defined area in Whalley	104	122	145	19
Ribble Valley	2057	2328	3021	30
East	39458	43467	59592	37
Lancashire	105487	119489	159533	34

The increases in All Crime are greater in each of the comparison areas than in the defined Whalley area.

The following table identifies the crime groupings that make up All Crime

Crime Group / Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Grand Total
Violence against the person	28	47	38	113
Other Acquisitive Offence	28	34	45	107
Criminal Damage and Arson	27	11	17	55
Vehicle Crime	9	17	12	38
Other Crimes against Society	4	9	12	25
High Impact Acquisitive Crime	6	3	12	21
Fraud	1	1	4	6
Sexual Offence	1		4	5
Diversity Incident			1	1
Grand Total	104	122	145	371

Violence against the person is the volume crime grouping recorded across the total of the three year period (113, including 38 offences in 2017/18).

In the most recent 12 month period 2017/18 the crime group recording the greatest volume is Other acquisitive offence (45). 38% of the Other acquisitive crime offences are shoplifting (17), 71% of these occurred at the Coop King St (12).

The crime group Violence against the person has reduced by 19% on the previous year in the defined Whalley area but has increased on the 2015/16 period by 36%.

Violence Against the Person				% change	% change
Area / Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18 v 2016/17	2017/18 v 2015/16
Defined area in Whalley	28	47	38	-19	36
Ribble Valley	532	592	983	66	85
East	10057	12448	21270	71	111
Lancashire	28,920	35,030	58,595	67	103

This area of Whalley has recorded increases in violence against the person when compared to the 12 month period 2015/16, but they are of a much smaller percentage increase when compared to the Ribble Valley, East and pan-

Lancashire.

Violence against the person (VAP) is broken down into the following categories shown in the table. The number of assault with and without injuries has reduced on the previous year. The offence of Harassment and Malicious Communication was included into this crime grouping in 2017 and have therefore shown an increase.

Violence Against the Person				
Crime Class / Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Grand Total
Assault With Injury	16	24	12	52
Assault without Injury	8	16	9	33
Harassment	1	5	8	14
Malicious Communications			6	6
Threats to Murder		1	1	2
Wounding	2			2
Racially Aggravated Assault Without Injury			1	1
Cruelty to Children/Young Pers	1			1
Stalking			1	1
Kidnapping		1		1
Grand Total	28	47	38	113

45% of the VAP crime in 2017/18 was alcohol related (17) in 2016/17 60% of the VAP crime was alcohol related (28) and in 2015/16 it accounted for 54% (15).

47% of the VAP crime was connected to licenced premises (18) and 72% were alcohol related offences (13).

There were 12 Assault with Injury crimes in the 12 month period 2017/18. In addition to those listed below, two occurred on town centre streets and an additional two in licensed premises and one in a rest home.

Violence Against the person offences in licensed premises

Bradys Wine Bar	6 – includes 5 x assault with injury offences
Rendezvous Accrington Road	3 – includes 2 x assault with injury offences
De Lacy Arms 61 King Street	2
Dog Inn 55 King Street	2
Swan Hotel 62 King Street	2
Judge Walmsley Hotel Whalley Road	1
Romero Pizza & Kebabs 37 King Street	1
Whalley Cricket Club Mitton Road	1

Due to the relatively small amount of data for VAP crime in the Whalley area, the following table only provides an indication of the time and day VAP crime occurs i.e. Friday through to Monday from 7pm to 3am.

Day / Hour	0	1	3	9	12	15	19	20	23	Unknown	Total
Monday						1	1			3	5
Tuesday										4	4
Wednesday										1	1
Thursday					2					3	5
Friday				1				1		2	4
Saturday		1	1				1	1		3	7
Sunday	2	3	1	1						4	11
Grand Total	2	4	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	20	37

In relation to All Crime classes (145) the volume repeat premises are shown below:

Bradys Wine Bar	9
Rendezvous Accrington Road	9
De Lacy Arms 61 King Street	8
The Co-Op 60 King Street	7

Spar Stores 9 George Street	5
Whalley Arms 60 King Street	4
The Croft Rest Home 84 King Street	3
Whalley Newsagents 77 King Street	3
Dog Inn 55 King Street	2
Swan Hotel 62 King Street	2
Whalley Cricket Club Mitton Road	2

Other acquisitive offences (45) as mentioned earlier the largest grouping of these offences was shoplifting accounting for 38% of the offences (17). There was no peak day or hour for offences in this grouping. This grouping also includes theft of mobiles, stones and garden ornaments.

Criminal Damage and Arson (17). The small data set does not facilitate accurate temporal analysis but it does indicate that there may be a slight increase in damage reported on Saturday (7)
Vehicle Crime (12). No temporal pattern.

Other Crimes against Society (12). 7 of these offence were connected to licensed premises and were classed as Public Fear Alarm or Distress. The majority of the offences occurred in the afternoon or early hours.

High Impact Acquisitive crime (12) included 11 residential burglaries and 1 attempt burglary.

Sexual Offences (4) Three of these offences are linked to one incident in one evening at a nightclub, where offender has 'grabbed' / sexually touched three female victims. The remaining offence also occurred at a licensed premise and also included sexual touching of a female victim. Alcohol was a factor in each of these crimes.

Alcohol related crime over the three year period

Crime group / Year	2015/16			% alcohol related	2016/17			% alcohol related	2017/18			% alcohol related	Grand Total
	Non Alcohol	Alcohol related	Total		Non Alcohol	Alcohol related	Total		Non Alcohol	Alcohol related	Total		
Violence against the person	13	15	28	54	19	28	47	60	21	17	38	45	113
Other Acquisitive Offence	26	2	28	7	33	1	34	3	41	4	45	9	107
Criminal Damage and Arson	24	3	27	11	11		11	0	14	3	17	18	55
Vehicle Crime	7	2	9	22	16	1	17	6	12		12	0	38
Other Crimes against Society	3	1	4	25	5	4	9	44	4	8	12	67	25
High Impact Acquisitive Crime	6		6	0	3		3	0	12		12	0	21
Fraud	1	1	2	0	1		1	0	4		4	0	6
Sexual Offence	1		1	0					4		4	100	5
Diversity Incident									1		1	100	1
Grand Total	81	23	104	22	88	34	122	28	108	37	145	26	371

There is a higher percentage of alcohol related crime in relation to VAP offences and Other crimes against society in comparison to other crime groupings. These crimes are often reported at the time of offence and the victim and or suspect are usually present, providing a more accurate recording if alcohol is a factor.

There is little difference in the percentage of alcohol related crimes across the three year period i.e. 22% in 2015/16, 28% in 2016/17 and 26% in 2017/18.

In addition to data provided by the Police, which addresses the extent to which the operation of the Whalley CIA area is contrary to the licensing objective relating to crime and disorder, the Council also has evidence relating to nuisance which is set out below:

Evidence from the Council's Licensing Enforcement logs shows the following:

Environmental Health Service Requests linked to Licensed Premises in Whalley

Environmental Health Service Requests linked to Licensed Premises in Whalley

2015		Total Requests
A	Atmospheric Pollution	3
E	Environmental Land/Water	14
F	Food	4
L	Licensing	4
O	Odour Complaints	1
S	Health, Safety & Welfare	2
Y	Consultations	2
Total:	2015	30

2016		Total Requests
C	CDRP/NSIR LOGS	1
E	Environmental Land/Water	8
F	Food	8
H	Housing	1
L	Licensing	4
M	Miscellaneous	1
W	Water Supply	1
Y	Consultations	2
Total:	2016	26

2017		Total Requests
C	CDRP/NSIR LOGS	1
E	Environmental Land/Water	9
F	Food	3
H	Housing	2
L	Licensing	7
M	Miscellaneous	1
P	Public Health/Pests/Dogs	1
Y	Consultations	1
Total:	2017	25

2018		Total Requests
A	Atmospheric Pollution	1
C	CDRP/NSIR LOGS	1
E	Environmental Land/Water	9
F	Food	10
L	Licensing	3
P	Public Health/Pests/Dogs	1
S	Health, Safety & Welfare	2
V	Abandoned Vehicles	1
Total:	2018	28

Licensing Enforcement

Table of analysis

Area	ASB specifically stated to be after midnight	Other ASB	Complaints not covered by other 2 ASB categories
Queen St / Accrington Rd	49	32	2
King St	0	1	5
Billington	4	1	2
Other (non Whalley) areas of Borough combined	53	27	1
Totals:	106	61	10

Analysis:

- Overall total number of complaints received since 1.1.17 = 177
- Complaints relating to Queen St / Accrington Rd (ie Brady's / Rendezvous) = 83 or 47% of the overall total
- The complaints relating to ASB after midnight in or around Queen St / Accrington Rd = 49, or 28% of the overall total
- Total number of complaints received from the Whalley area = 96 or 54% of the overall total, non Whalley complaints amounting to 81 or 46%

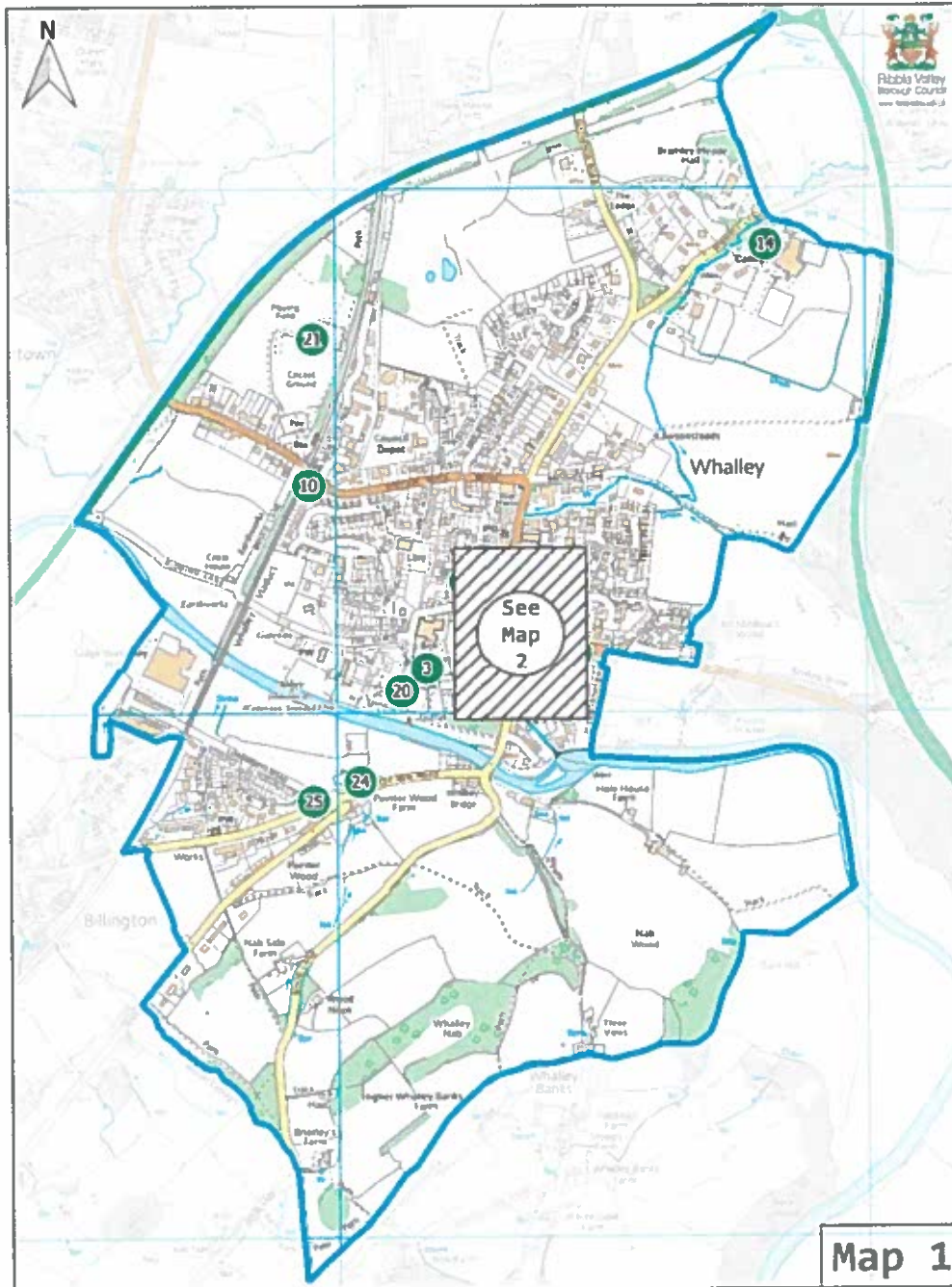
Conclusion

- 3.6 It is considered that the statistical data evidenced above together with that provided by the Environmental Health and Licensing Enforcement Officers, and representations from local residents and those who represent them clearly supports the need for the proposed Whalley CIA area.

Part 4

Cumulative Impact Zone

4.1 Below is a map indicating the extent of the cumulative impact zone together with a list of the streets included:



Scale: 1:9,000
Date: 23 Apr 2018

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Streets Included

Whalley
Abbey Farm View
Abbey Fields
Abbey Mews, King Street
Abbey Road
Abbots Croft
Accrington Road
Back Clitheroe Road
Back King Street
Barley Close
Broad Lane
Brookes Lane
Brookside Close
Calder Vale
Calderstones NHS Trust
Chapel Close
Cherry Tree Road
Chew Mill Way
Church Lane
Clitheroe Road
Corn Mill Mews
Cornfield Close
Cottam Close
Deer Park Crescent
Fountain Way
George Street
Grasscroft Way
Green Bank
Green Park

Hayhurst Close
Hayhurst Road
Jubilee Drive
King Street
Limefield Avenue
Manor Fields
Manor Road
Maple Close
Meadow Close
Mitton Road
Monks Court
Nab View
Poole End
Princess Mews
Princess Street
Queen Street
Riddings Lane
River Close
Springfield Close
Springfield Drive
Station Road
Sydney Avenue
The Arches
The Cloisters
The Grove
The Sands
The Square
Vale House Close
Vihiers Close
Waters Edge
Whalley Abbey

Wiswell Lane
Woodfield View
Woodlands Drive
Woodlands Park
Painter Wood
Abbey View
Bank Cottages
Bridge End
Chapel Rise
Ebenezer Terrace
Longworth Road
Moor Lane
Nap Rise
Painter Crescent
Painterwood
Pleasant View
Sunnyside Avenue
Terrace Row
Walmsley Brow
Whalley Nab
Whalley Road

Part 5

CIA Initial Study

Cumulative Impact Assessment – an initial study relating to licensed premises in Whalley - copy report attached.

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Cumulative Impact Assessment - an initial
study relating to licensed premises in
Whalley**

REPORT



**Ribble Valley
Borough Council**

www.ribblevalley.gov.uk

Methodology

The Cumulative Impact Assessment Survey was set up online and paper copies were made available on the main reception. Electronic responses and paper copies were received.

The link to the survey was published on the Council's website and publicised through press releases, social media and by letters sent to the Parish Council, all licensed premises, ward councillors and Whalley Chamber of Trade on 2 July and the survey closed on 29 July 2018.

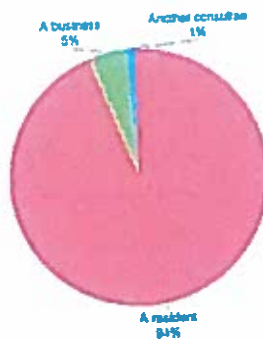
In total 194 responses were received.

The Results

Q1 – Are you...?

186 people responded to this question. 94% replied that they are a resident and 5% replied that they are a business.

Are you ?



Q2 – Do you...?

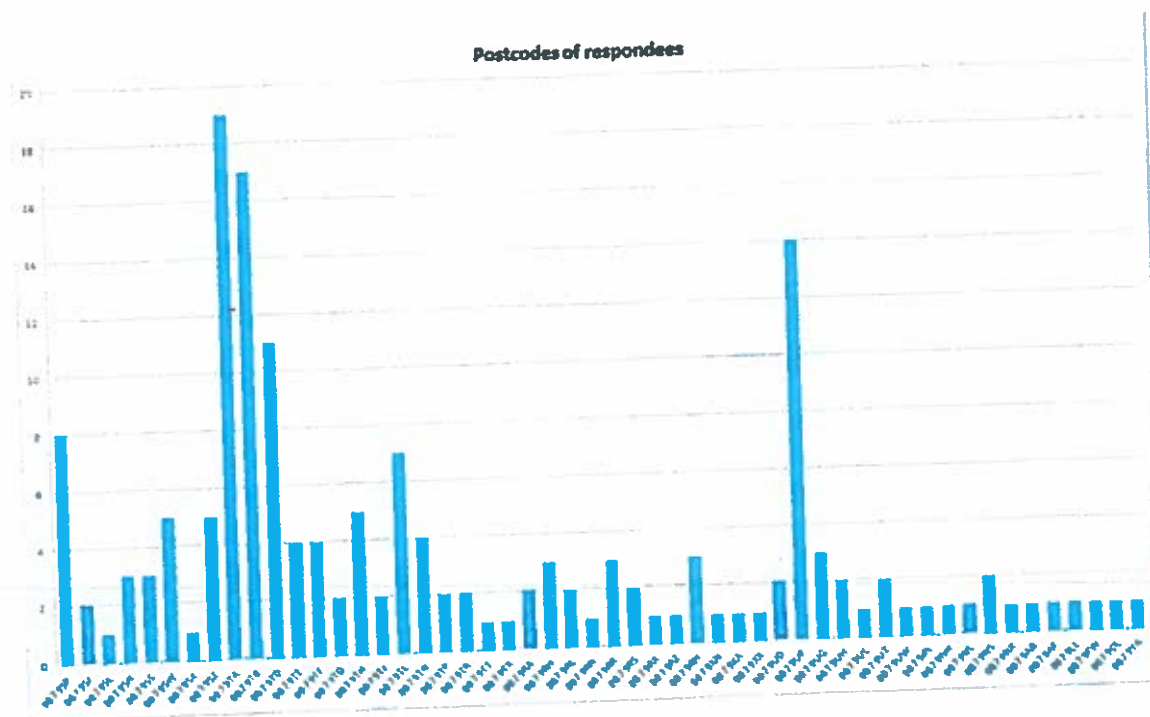
The majority of respondents (169) live in the ward. 67 respondents also spend leisure time in the ward.

Do you ?



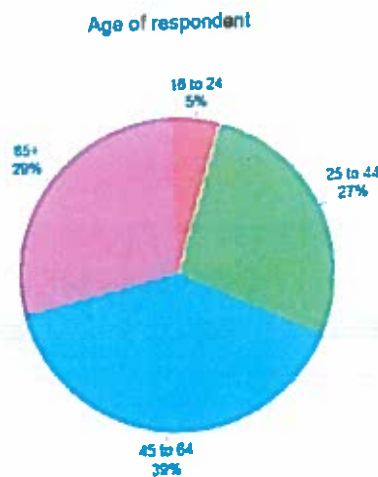
Q3 – If you live, work or operate a business in the ward please can you tell us your postcode?

162 people responded to this question. Unsurprisingly there is a high response rate from the postcode areas covering the streets around Rendezvous and Brady's and also from the streets including and branching off from King Street, the main street, where many of the licensed premises are located.



Q4 – What is your age?

191 people provided an answer to this question. There was a good response across all age groups with 39% of respondents aged 45 to 64.



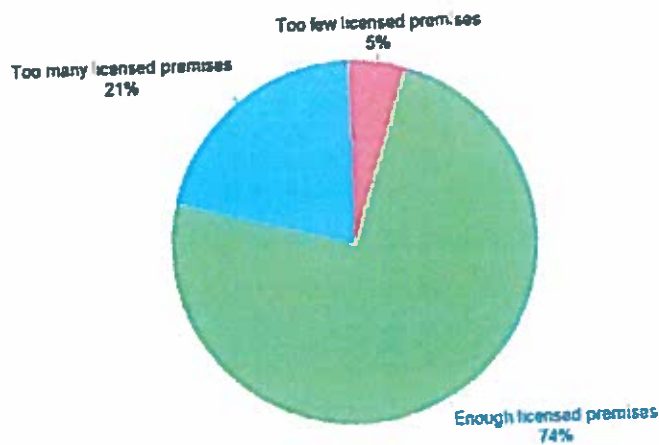
Q5 – How do you feel about the number of licensed premises in the Whalley and Painter Wood ward area at the moment?

This question was broken down to:

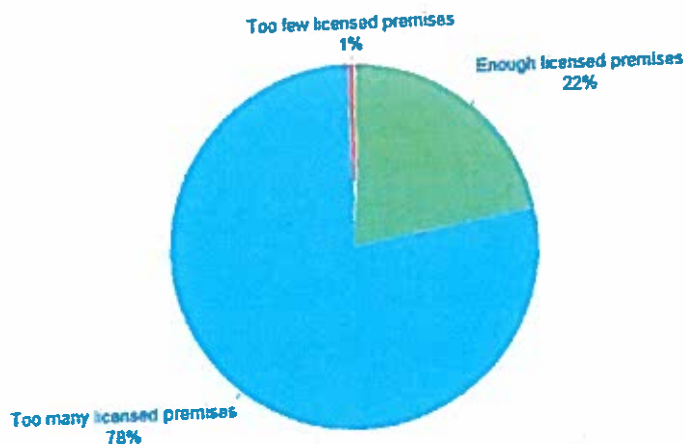
- Those that operate during the day (e.g tea rooms) - 182 people answered this question - and
- Those that operate at night – 188 people answered this question.

74% of respondents feel that there are enough licensed premises that operate during the day and 78% of respondents feel that there are too many licensed premises that operate at night.

Those that operate during the day (e.g tea rooms) ...



Those that operate at night...



Q6 – Do you think the Council's Licensing Committee should in future consider restricting...

The question was broken down to:

- The number of new premises given a license to operate in the Whalley and Painter Wood ward area – 189 people responded to this question
- The hours that a new premise is licensed to operate – 184 people responded to this question.

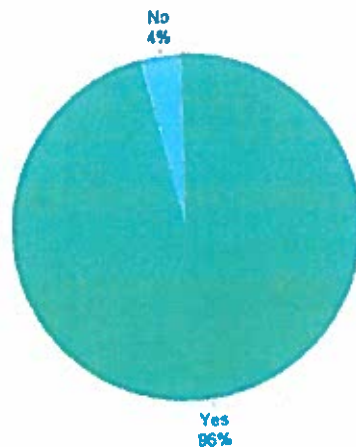
95% of respondents feel that the Council's Licensing Committee should in future consider restricting the number of new premises given a license to operate in the Whalley and Painter Wood ward area.

96% of respondents feel that the Council's Licensing Committee should in future consider restricting the hours that a new premises is licensed to operate.

The number of new premises given a license to operate in the Whalley and Painter Wood ward area



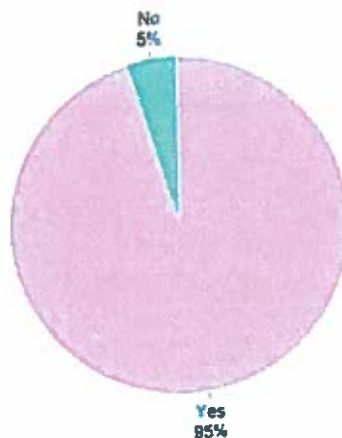
The hours that a new premise is licensed to operate



Q7 – Would you support increased controls on the way new premises in the Whalley and Painter Wood ward area operate?

190 people responded to this question. 95% of respondents would support increased controls on the way new premises in the Whalley and Painter Wood ward area operate.

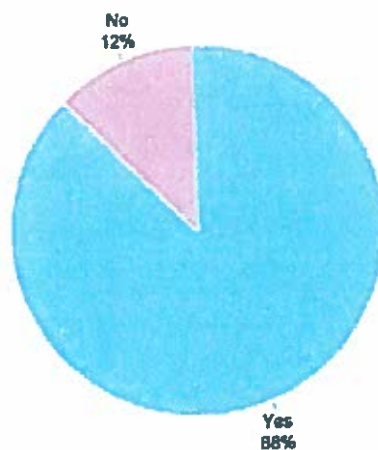
Would you support increased controls on the way new premises in the Whalley and Painter Wood ward area operate?



Q8 – Have you been affected by the cumulative impact of the number of licensed premises in the Whalley and Painter Wood ward area?

180 people responded to this question. 88% of respondents answered that they had been affected by the cumulative impact of the number of licensed premises in the ward area.

Have you been affected by the cumulative impact of the number of licensed premises in the Whalley and Painter Wood ward area?



Those that answered yes were asked to provide further information of how they had been affected (this could include details of public nuisance, damage or harm to themselves or their property.) 171 comments were received.

Below are some examples that represent the comments received.

1. I live above taste buds. I see fights, glass smashing, people peeing in the back alley, where I access my property. Also sick in the back alley. It's very loud, cars racing round with loud exhausts, music playing very loud. It affects me and my family because I have to be up early for work.
2. It is very difficult trying to drive through the village, especially on a Friday night because of the amount of intoxicated people. They can be quite rowdy and I feel for the residents of the centre of Whalley.
3. Excessive noise as people leave premises late at night and early in the morning. People, maybe because they are under the influence of excessive alcohol, treating the roads (King Street and Accrington Road) as if they are pedestrianised. People wander out into the road causing danger to themselves and road users. Too often there are fights in the centre of the village caused by people under the influence, which makes us reluctant to be out in the village later in the evenings. Businesses such as the Wine Shop operate in a responsible and considerate way, others let them down. Needing bouncers on the doors of pubs and clubs is a sad reflection on the night life in Whalley at present.
4. The noise from King Street has increased massively in the late evening and early hours of the morning at the weekends. We frequently hear lots of shouting between 11pm and 2am. The streets are extremely dirty on Saturday and Sunday mornings littered with wrappers, take away boxes and cigarette butts outside of premises. Frequently I have passed with my dog in the mornings and had to avoid piles of sick on the pavement.
5. Every weekend morning there is litter around the village centre from various bars. Bottles and glasses left on walls, pavements etc. It's also not unusual for vomit to be around the village centre in the mornings at the weekends.
6. Damage to vehicle, feeling unsafe in own village at night. Dog walking issues due to glass and sick.
7. Queen Street has changed. Every weekend my life is hell. I can't sleep to the front of the house due to the very loud noise. From my front window I regularly witness urinating, vomiting screaming and shouting. I don't feel safe. The security do nothing, I've witnessed fights. In the morning, the street is carnage, we have to go out and wash away the sick etc and clear away all the cans, bottles and glasses. I can't go out at night as it's too intimidating coming home. I've been shouted at too many times. My mental health has suffered, I'm now on medication. I'm at the point of asking to stay with family/friends at the weekend as I can't take any more.
8. We enjoy a full, rich and varied social scene without any downsides, we hear very little noise and enjoy what the village has to offer.
9. Sometimes shouting, singing, arguing, laughing loudly late at night and in the early hours of the morning. Rubbish from takeaways in the street. Abandoned glasses and bottles from the pubs. Sick on the pavement. Occasional vandalism. All of the above mainly confined to Fridays and Saturdays.
10. For me personally it's the litter from the take away after a night out and also beer bottles being dumped in flower beds or on the floor. It affects the look and feel of the village. The community groups work hard to ensure the area looks lovely and I feel it could be outsiders coming in for a night out who don't consider the work they put in and obviously don't care. Also I feel there aren't enough bins on the way out of the village which doesn't help with the litter issue.
11. It is loud very late on in the night and early morning when places are closing which keeps people awake.
12. Bradys Wine bar and night club, it's a disgrace to grant a licence for drink and music to a night club in a residential area (as an ex licensee I cannot think of another one in East Lancashire). There are people being sick and urinating in the street, the residents

and there children can't sleep for the noise, and also its bringing disreputable people to the village with drug dealing around the premises, the council must do something to bring this beautiful village back to what it was before Bradys opened.

13. Noise levels on Accrington rd on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday and sometimes Sunday evenings has got worse and worse over the past few years. Taxis idling outside my house until the very early hours. Beer bottles and glass left on the pavements and in my garden. There had always been some noise from rendezvous but since Bradys and now h20 have opened it can be unbearable. Due to amount of taxis waiting for fares I suspect most of the clientele are from out of town and not actual locals.
14. The increased number of venues in village centre had seen an influx of people at weekends causing trouble and disruption. I have been disturbed many times by noise carrying from Bradys/rendezvous on the weekend and when previous living on king st in whalley was disturbed every weekend by people making their way home towards Billington when rendezvous closed. The amount of broken glass in the village in a weekend is unacceptable and I no longer walk my dog through the village on weekends.
15. As a long term member of Whalley in Bloom, who incidentally, are all volunteers just trying to make Whalley a lovely place for residents and visitors, I have been disgusted by the amount of rubbish, beer bottles/glasses/cans/takeaway cartons, not to mention vomit and discarded drugs, which I have found both on the streets and in the flower beds. I would also like to mention the rowdy behaviour, shouting, swearing etc., which we can here from our house between midnight and 4.00 am. We moved to Whalley 17 years ago. This is not what we moved here for. The problem is, no-one listens to what the residents have to say!!!!!!!
16. Noise and damage to cars. Being sick in the garden and urinating.
17. Woken regularly in the early hours of Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings by screaming, fighting, arguing, swearing, singing, urinating outside my sitting room window, hooting of vehicle horns, excessive revving of private vehicles, taxi doors, taxi engines revving. A drunken girl lying on the pavement outside my door. 2. Vomit, faeces, drug paraphernalia, condoms, empty bottles and glasses on pavements, windowsills and back lanes. 3. The reticence to leave my property by the front door as crowds of drunken people have congregated. I have talked to elderly people on the street who no longer go out after teatime. They are using their back doors and back bedrooms. 4. Moving bedroom in my house at the weekends so that I can sleep without being wakened. 5. Purchasing sound dampening curtains. 6. Sheds in back yard have been entered during the night. 7. I have been sworn at and told to live somewhere else. 8. Yellow van left permanently outside Brady is making the street scruffy. 9. Cigarette ends, chewing gum, cigarette packets strewn over street as well as cigarette smoke drifting through windows. 10. Constant noise of bouncers welcoming people, screeching groups who are not asked to be quiet, the door clicking as it closes, chefs and machinery from Brady's. 11. A-boards obstructing the pavements. 12. Screaming from The Dog Inn interrupting Evensong at St. Mary and All Saints Church (8.7.18) 13. My car wing mirror smashed by taxi at 2.30 am 14. Taxis and private vehicles using one-way street incorrectly. 15. Constant dread of the weekend approaching and having to deal with the noise and inappropriate behaviour. In the recent hot weather it has been impossible to have windows open due to the noise. 16. Parking difficulties for residents due to staff and visitors to licensed premises. 17. Children have always played together on this street but now they hear and see all kinds of dreadful behaviour from drinkers. 18. I have heard from younger people that drugs are regularly taken in the pubs and evidence has been found on our street. 19. Finally, friends of mine who used to come and meet me here in Whalley now prefer to go somewhere else as they see Whalley as 'rough'.

18. Wakeful nights up to 4 a.m. b. Litter: bottles, vomit, pizza boxes, chip wrappers, cans, empty alcopop bottles, pools of urine including stains up the wall. c. Fear of using village shops after 9 p.m. due to intimidating behaviour and noise. d. Parking in private areas without permission overnight. e. There are only a couple of licensed premises where my older friends and myself feel safe or comfortable for a meal or drink. (no evidence of police presence day or night)
19. We have been in continual contact over the past few years with Andy Glover RVBC and have sent numerous (some lengthy and detailed) correspondence regarding Whalley night life. The impact upon the quality of life has been nothing short of devastating. In short, I barely sleep at all through the weekend due to all the noise, people shouting and milling about taking drugs and seeing in our garden. Only this weekend, someone has somehow, got into our front garden (which is very private and secure). I was alerted to this on Sunday morning as the gate had been unbolted from the inside. This is how we live ; completely under siege. Unfortunately, it seems that you would have to experience living like this before you can understand how awful it is and, as no one from RVBC has visited central Whalley from 1.30 - 4pm (the critical times) no one has seen a representative picture of what this night life culture has created. We have people/ gangs milling about all the time and they regularly wander in to private gardens without any qualm whatsoever. In the absence of any police presence, I used to go out and confront them, however, after a very frightening incident some months ago when I became surrounded by a group outside Brady's , I no longer do so - which means they are left unchallenged. The whole thing is an abysmal nightmare. The only slight glimmer of improvement is that Bradys is now an Italian which is preferable and actually has the capacity to be quite nice. Mick at Bradys has been an improvement as the noise / loud music under the previous owner nearly drove me to a breakdown. In fact, I had to give up my role as a Head of year and return to be a normal teacher as I was just too exhausted to do the job after sometimes no sleep at all over the week end nights and just a few snatched hours through the day (which resulted in a completely spoilt weekend – no way to live at all. The drugs are a terrible problem with people openly sniffing drugs off bin lids. All of the above has been well documented in my correspondence to RVBC - this is just to reiterate in response to this survey. I cannot complain enough about what has been created although I am complaining about Whalley as a whole, not Bradys. We went to central Manchester recently and got a far more peaceful night's sleep. Moreover, I feel frightened in my own home. I should not have people in my garden. The resulting detritus is also a disgrace, sick, bottles, drug packets, cigarette butts. The music coming from Rendezvous in the early hours is outrageous - I don't know anyone who has to tolerate such conditions. Despite the unprecedented recent heatwave, we have had to sleep with our windows shut due to the noise. There have been many weekends where we have almost left in the night to check in at a hotel somewhere - just to get away from the noise. Central Whalley is absolutely saturated with licensed premises.
20. 'Night economy' (aka sleep poverty!) belongs in towns and cities, not in village settings, particularly in the middle of a residential area. How could it not have a negative impact on the rate payers there. Two nights out of seven every week (three on Bank Holidays) I suffer from sleep deprivation due to decisions made by people who do not suffer the consequences. Shouting, screaming, singing, car door slamming, sometimes fighting right outside my home. This goes on until 3 or 4 in the morning. It is not just the noise. but the unease of drunken people loitering about. People in my garden urinating, being sick, taking drugs - I have even had someone in my enclosed pond-which is quite frightening. I am not a kill joy or a NIMBY but some situations just shouldn't be allowed to happen by the people in charge of our well - being - and this is one of those such situations. The problem is very specifically

located but very damaging to those it affects. I hope the people analysing this survey will take this into account. Fortunately, the recent morphing of Brady's into an Italian restaurant setting rather than an incredibly noisy bar has relieved the situation at the back of my property, particularly the drug taking.

21. It's Saturday 14th July 22.57 pm. If anyone from RVBC was here right now they would in no doubt about how Whalley's night life is affecting us. It's been very hot day. I should imagine, its people have the luxury of sleeping with their windows open to let some air in. Unfortunately, we aren't so lucky. We have had to shut our window in attempt to try and stop the music from Brady's keeping us awake. Sadly, even with the window shut, we can still hear the base line and beat and we will be able to until they shut at 1.30 am. Then we will still be kept awake by people shrieking and shouting, wandering into our garden to urinate, loitering in the street taking drugs. Additionally, the noise music blaring from Rendevous will be sure to keep us awake until 4am then the noise from taxi drivers, more drunken people shouting, screaming, urinating, most likely fighting. That will be our Saturday night, similar to a all the other Friday and Saturday nights that we have to endure. I hope all those at RVBC who were involved in passing the licenses for these premises have a lovely, restful night's sleep themselves.
22. People congregating around Queen Street waiting for nightclub to open. The noise of people smoking / talking loudly from Brady's on the corner of the building on Queen street The impact of taxis and cars parking near to our home in the early hours of the morning dropping off and picking up people. The related noise and disturbance of people leaving at least a couple of licensed premises near our home means we are unable to have any of our grandchildren staying over the weekend much to their dismay. We are unable to sleep with our bedroom window open because of the noise of people on Manor Road /Accrington Road/ Whalley centre as people make their way to and from these premises, which is annoying as we sleep at the back of the house and even more so with the hot weather we have had over the last few weeks. The vomit, rubbish, broken bottles and glasses that are found in the morning. On one occasion there was blood stains and bloody paper towels on the path on our side of the road which remained there all morning until I removed the towels. Damage to hedges where people have been fallen or been pushed into. Luckily nothing too serious.
23. Baby woken every weekend Kept awake by shouting and swearing Broken glass, sick and drug paraphernalia outside my house Taxis using the street outside my house as a taxi rank, even queuing up in the middle of the road and shouting to each other, playing music and pipping their horns Groups gathering and shouting Litter being left and not being swept up
24. Because my property is not central I do not personally suffer from the noise and antisocial behaviour during the weekend, but I am well aware that it exists, particularly in the Queen Street, Accrington Road and King Street areas which are very much residential. I am also aware of the litter generated in the centre of Whalley, particularly outside the H2O bar, and the 'volunteers' who regularly do their best to keep Whalley looking respectable.
25. I operate a hotel business in the village and we have seen a marked increase in the number of complaints made by our hotel guests with regard to the noise in the village in the early hours. This increase in complaints has risen in line with the increase in licensed premises and the number of premises operating beyond "traditional" licensing hours. The village is attracting more footfall for the night-time economy and additional anti-social behaviour. The loss of premises for day-time trading is a

worrying trend as "entrepreneurs" perceive hospitality to be easy profit and smaller premises offer cheaper rates and conversion costs. Investors are by-passing traditional pubs and seeking "pop-up" bars and coffee shops - this has added to the decline of many historic pubs and coaching inns throughout the UK and often the blame has been placed at the door of the pubcos. This is no longer the case as rents are now governed by improved legislation. If local councils keep doling out licenses to inappropriate premises, then our high streets will be filled with cafe bars and gin shops and have no attraction during the day - our pavements will be littered with poseur tables and "smoking solutions" and our children are forced to step into the road to avoid them. In a nutshell - Whalley is most certainly affected by the increase in licensed premises and we should seek a return to the process of "one out, one in" - whereby a new licence cannot be obtained unless a historic licence is surrendered.