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Meeting	LICENSING COMMITTEE
Time/Day/Date	6.30 pm on Wednesday, 6 November 2024
Location	Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN
Officer to contact	Democratic Services (01530 454512)

AGENDA

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
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Under the Code of Conduct members are reminded that in declaring interests you should make clear the nature of that interest and whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest, registerable interest or other interest.	
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Councillor M Burke
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Councillor P Lees
Councillor J Legrys
Councillor G Rogers
Councillor J Windram
Councillor A Wilson
Councillor C Beck
Councillor P Moulton

MINUTES of a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2024

Present: Councillor N Smith (Chair)

Councillors J G Simmons, M Ball, M Burke, M French, R Johnson, P Lees, J Legrys, G Rogers, J Windram, A Wilson, C Beck and P Moulton

Officers: Mr L Mansfield, Mr A Cooper, Ms T Cooper, Ms M Lee and Mrs R Wallace

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Barker and M French.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Prior to the start of business, the Chair announced that it was the last meeting for the Environmental Health Team Manager, as he was leaving the authority. Members thanked him for his support over the many years of service.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2023.

It was moved by Councillor J Simmons, seconded by Councillor A Wilson and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15 September 2023 be approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

4. LICENSING ACT 2003 AND GAMBLING ACT 2005 DELEGATIONS

The Environmental Health Team Manager presented the report to Members.

During discussions it was suggested that the vote on the delegations in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005, as detailed in appendices A and B be taken individually. Following legal advice, the Chair agreed.

The recommendation to approve the delegations at appendix A was moved by Councillor J Legrys and seconded by Councillor R Johnson.

RESOLVED THAT:

The delegations to the Licensing Sub Committee and officers as set out in appendix A be approved.

The recommendation to approve the delegations at appendix B was moved by Councillor J Simmons and seconded by Councillor P Moulton.

RESOLVED THAT:

The delegations to the Licensing Sub Committee and officers as set out in appendix B be approved.

5. REVIEW OF GAMBLING ACT STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Prior to discussion, it was brought to attention by a Councillor that the Association of British Bookmakers had been changed to the British Gaming Council. This was acknowledged by the Licensing Team Leader who confirmed that it did not affect the report.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to Members.

In response to a question, the Licensing Team Leader explained that the purpose of the interactive Map at appendix C was to provide a map referring to the frequency of gambling severity in each Local Authority. It was noted that the summarised information could be found at appendix C.

A further question was asked in relation to how gambling problems were being dealt with locally. It was noted that the Leicestershire County Council Public Health Service planned to tackle gambling harms, plus the district had made improvements with ID checks, risk assessments, safeguarding, as well as implementing the reduction of gambling stakes.

A discussion was had on illegal gambling and officers were asked if information in this area was available, a particular concern was the impact on vulnerable people. The Licensing Team Leader reported that generally this was dealt with by the Gambling Commission. It was noted that there was no information currently available on this matter, but it was something officers intended to investigate further.

The subject of Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) and stock trading was raised by a Member, expressing the gamification of websites which attracted people with gambling addictions. Officers were asked if anything was being done by the Gambling Commission, Financial Services Authority or the Council to address this. The Licensing Team Leader explained that this was not under the licensing remit but would be happy to supply appropriate links and support in contacting the relevant associations about it. There was further discussion on the matter and how the industry was regulation. Members shared concerns on this and online gambling in general.

It was moved by Councillor J Legrys, seconded by Councillor P Moulton and

RECOMMENDED THAT:

- 1) Council approves the proposed statement of licensing policy as attached at appendix 1 at its meeting on 5 November 2024.
- 2) Council continue with the delegation to the Head of Community Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for the updating of the Local Area Profile.

6. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY EMISSIONS STANDARDS

The Environmental Health Team Manager presented the report to Members.

During discussions, questions were raised regarding how emissions would be reduced and whether the Council could influence the government to change its policy on buying external licence plates. Reference was made to the recent operations by Wolverhampton City Council and the money they are investing in external licence plates, this has led to an influx of drivers licensed by this area, and unfortunately smaller authorities could not compete. The Licensing Team

Leader explained it was important to find balance between supporting the trade and being realistic with emission standards.

In addition to the Team Leader's comments, the Environmental Health Team Manager contributed by adding that the committee agreed to the Vehicle Emissions policy and has since reduced emissions standards overall.

The discussion moved towards air quality and cross border problems, and the idea of joint enforcement operations with other Local Authorities was introduced by a Member. At this point it was suggested that a recommendation be added for the Chief Executive to write to the Member of Parliament to offer their support with joint enforcement operations. A debate ensued both for and against the proposed recommendation and it was not supported. However, Members did agree to the following recommendation:

'That officers prepare a briefing note and arrange a briefing with the Member of Parliament to discuss a way forward nationally in addressing the external licence plate issue and joint enforcement.'

Members continued discussions on the matter and felt that the authority could potentially lead on the matter nationally with the Member of Parliament Support.

It was moved by Councillor J Legrys, seconded by Councillor P Lees and

RESOLVED THAT:

The implementation of the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy Euro emissions standard be delayed by twelve months to 1 January 2026

The meeting commenced at 6.40 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.48 pm

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NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LICENSING COMMITTEE – Wednesday, 6 November 2024



Title of Report	REVIEW OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF LICENSED PREMISES IN ASHBY DE-LA-ZOUCH TOWN CENTRE	
Presented by	Andrew Cooper Environmental Health and Community Safety Team Manager	
Background Papers	Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (publishing.service.gov.uk) Statement of Licensing Policy 2024-2029 Licensing Act - Cumulative Impact Assessment 2022 to 2025	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	The risk of incurring costs arising from any challenge against the assessment via judicial review	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	Cumulative impact assessments are open to challenge where the relevant grounds are met. Legal advice has been sought in the review of the Council's Cumulative Impact Assessment in order to mitigate the risk of any such challenge.	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	The workload associated with the review of the assessment shall be undertaken within existing resources.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	For members to consider the review of the Cumulative Impact Assessment for Ashby De La Zouch town centre.	
Recommendations	THAT LICENSING COMMITTEE: 1) CONSIDERS THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT ATTACHED AT APPENDIX 1; AND 2) RECOMMENDS TO FULL COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON 20 FEBRUARY 2025 THAT THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT BE RETAINED SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE TIMES BEING AMENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THIS REPORT.	

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Licensing Act 2003 (the "Act") made local authorities, as licensing authorities, responsible for the administration of licences and certificates for:

- The sale/supply of alcohol;
- The provision of regulated entertainment; and

- The provision of late-night refreshment.

There are four licensing objectives, which underpin the Act, and these are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- The prevention of public nuisance;
- Public safety; and
- The protection of children from harm.

All decisions under the Act must be taken with a view to promoting these licensing objectives.

- 1.2 In addition to processing applications, the Act requires each licensing authority to determine and publish a policy setting out how it will exercise its functions under the Act, its Statement of Licensing Policy. The Act requires the Council to review and re publish its Statement of Licensing Policy (SOLP) every five years. The review period was changed from three to five years in 2017.
- 1.3 Since the Act was enacted, the Government has produced statutory guidance to accompany it and the concept of 'cumulative impact' has always been detailed in this statutory guidance. The statutory guidance was updated in April 2018 to reflect an amendment to the Act, which placed cumulative impact assessments on a statutory footing. Cumulative impact is the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives (listed at 1.1 above) of a number of licensed premises concentrated in one area. If a licensing authority is of the view that the number of licensed premises in an area is such that, granting licences to any further premises in that area, would undermine the licensing objectives, it is required to publish a Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA).
- 1.4 A cumulative impact zone in Ashby De La Zouch town centre was approved and included within the original Statement of Licensing Policy in 2005. The Policy was reviewed every three years between 2005 and 2014. In 2017 the review period for the policy changed from three to five years resulting in the Council's 2014 policy remaining in place until 2019. The current Statement of Licensing Policy (issue 8) was approved by Full Council on 14 November 2023, came into force on 26 March 2024, and remains valid until 25 March 2029 unless amendments are necessary before this date.
- 1.5 Whilst the review period for the Statement of Licensing Policy changed from three to five years the requirement to review a cumulative impact assessment remains every 3 years. The CIA was approved by Full Council on 24 February 2022, came into force on 26 March 2022 and remains valid until 25 March 2025.
- 1.6 A CIA may be published by a licensing authority to help it to limit the number or types of licence applications granted in areas where there is evidence to show that the number or density of licensed premises in the area is having a cumulative impact and leading to problems which are undermining the licensing objectives. CIAs relate to applications for new premises licences and club premises certificates, as well as applications to vary existing premises licences and club premises certificates in a specified area.
- 1.7 If, having consulted, the licensing authority decides that it remains of the opinion set out in the CIA, it must revise the CIA to include a statement to that effect and set out the evidence as to why it remains of that opinion.

2. CUMULATIVE IMPACT – ASHBY DE LA ZOUCHE TOWN CENTRE

- 2.1 As explained above, a cumulative impact zone was contained within the Statement of Licensing Policy adopted by the Council in November 2005 because of the impact on the

prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective. A policy relating to cumulative impact in respect of Ashby de la Zouch town centre has been retained following reviews of the Statement of Licensing policy in 2008, 2011, 2014, 2019 and 2022.

2.2 The Council considers that, in a specified part of Ashby de la Zouch town centre, known as the Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ), the number of premises licences and club premises certificates are such that it is likely that granting further licences or variations to existing premises licences and/or club premises certificates would be inconsistent with our duty to promote the licensing objectives. The map outlining the CIZ is as follows.



3.0 Crime and Disorder in Ashby De La Zouch Town Centre

3.1 Leicestershire Police has continued to monitor crime data in relation to the late-night economy for Ashby De La Zouch since the implementation of the CIA. Crime data relating to the night-time economy in Ashby De La Zouch town centre from 2002 to present is detailed within the CIA attached as **Appendix 1**.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 The Council, as a licensing authority, is required by the Act to consult on the review of the CIA. The consultation commenced on 7 June 2024 and ended on 30 September 2024. The following groups were consulted.

- Chief Officer of police for the area;
- Chief Officer of fire & rescue service for the area;

- The Local Health Board (each local authority in England whose public health functions within the meaning of the National Health Service Act 2006 are exercisable in respect of an area any part of which is in the licensing authority's area),
- Persons/bodies representative of local holders of premises licenses;
- Persons/bodies representative of local holders of club premises certificates;
- Persons/bodies representative of local holders of personal licenses;
- Persons/bodies representative of local holders of businesses and residents in its area.

5.0 Consultation feedback

- 5.1 The Chief Officer of Leicestershire Police continues to support the retention of the CIA based on the level of crime identified within the night-time economy.

The Licensing Authority have not received any requests from the police to change the geographical area covered by the CIA or the times to which it relates.

- 5.2 Three consultee responses were received from Ashby Town Council, Ashby Civic Society and a resident that uses Ashby Town Centre via the Council's consultation portal.

Level of concern

All three consultees stated they currently have a concern relating to Ashby De La Zouch town centre and the number and density of premises licensed to sell alcohol by retail. The main concerns related to crime and disorder and public safety, however one of the consultees also expressed a concern about public nuisance levels and protection of children from harm.

- 5.3 Location

All consultee concerns related to the geographical area detailed within the existing CIZ.

- 5.4 Times

Consultee responses commented that the following time periods contribute to the problems being experienced.

- 10pm until 12am – one response
- 12am until 4am – two responses

- 5.5 Types of premises

Consultees identified the following types of premises that contribute to the problems being experienced.

- Night clubs – two responses
- Public houses – three responses
- Off-licences – one response
- Late night refreshment houses – two responses
- Public entertainment events (open spaces) – no responses

6.0 Summary of data analysis

The vast majority of crimes in Ashby De La Zouch town centre continue to take place during the night-time economy.

In summary, in the last three years (1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023), there were 397 public place offences in Ashby de la Zouch town centre.

65% of the offences were classified as actual bodily harm, followed by 14% as public order offences.

Offences peaked in 2023 with 153 offences, compared to 133 in 2022 and 111 in 2021.

Offences peak on Saturday, with 111 offences and Sunday with 94 offences.

Levels were higher from 11pm – 3am, peaking at 1am with 52 offences, followed by 12am with 36 and 2am with 35.

It is considered that the statistical data together with a written statement from Leicestershire Police supports the retention of the CIA in Ashby De La Zouch town centre.

7.0 Conclusions

1. The number and density of premises licensed to sell alcohol by retail remains an issue that continues to require control.
2. The level of crime and disorder continues to be the primary concern.
3. The geographical area requiring control remains unchanged.
4. All premises types licensed to sell alcohol by retail to remain within the scope of the CIA; and
5. CIA to apply between 10pm and 6am.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	Communities and Housing, Planning and Regeneration
Policy Considerations:	Cumulative Impact Assessment
Safeguarding:	Not applicable
Equalities/Diversity:	An Initial Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA) has been carried out (25 October 2021) and no negative impacts have been identified.
Customer Impact:	Businesses may be impacted by any decision made.
Economic and Social Impact:	Any proposals to change the number and operating times of licensed premises within Ashby De La Zouch town centre may be impacted by the decision made.
Environment and Climate Change:	Not applicable.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Statutory consultation process has been undertaken.
Risks:	Cumulative impact assessments are open to challenge where the relevant grounds are met. Legal advice has been sought in the review of the Council's CIA in order to mitigate the risk of any

	such challenge.
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**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Licensing Act 2003
Cumulative Impact Assessment**

**Effective Period:
2025-2028**

Approved by Full Council (INSERT DATE)

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 an 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 helps to inform the statement of licensing 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 This assessment has been documented following the introduction of the Policing and Crime Act 2017 which took effect from 6 April 2018. The assessment will be formally reviewed every three years, however may also be reviewed during this period so that amendments can be made as necessary.
- 1.4 To avoid duplication the assessment should be read in conjunction with the policy, the Act, its regulations and the current edition of the Home Office revised guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Consultation

- 1.5 The Council is required by the Act to consult the following groups of people:
- Chief Officer of police for the area;
 - Chief Officer of fire & rescue service for the area;
 - each Local Health Board for an area any part of which is within the district of North West Leicestershire;
 - each local authority in England whose public health functions within the meaning of the National Health Service Act 2006 are exercisable in respect of an area any part of which is within the district of North West Leicestershire;
 - Persons/bodies representative of local holders of premises licences;
 - Persons/bodies representative of local holders of club premises certificates;
 - Persons/bodies representative of local holders of personal licences;
 - Persons/bodies representative of local holders of businesses and residents in its area.
- 1.6 In preparing the assessment an initial consultation was carried out with Leicestershire Police followed by a wider consultation process which included those bodies/groups listed at paragraph 1.5. Comments received during that consultation were then considered and used to form this assessment and paragraph 10 of the statement of licensing policy.

Part 2

The Assessment

- 2.1 The district of North West Leicestershire is home to a number of popular restaurants, bars, night clubs and late-night refreshment venues.
- 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. This is reflected in Ashby de la Zouch town centre having received a purple flag award.
- 2.3 The assessment relates to all types of licensed premises carrying on licensable activities within a specified part of Ashby de la Zouch town centre known as the cumulative impact zone (CIZ), including the sale of alcohol for consumption on or off the premises (or both), the provision of late-night refreshment and regulated entertainment. 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 within the CIZ, the number of premises licences and/or club premises certificates are such that it is likely that granting further premises licences and/or club premises certificates or variations to existing premises licences and/or club premises certificates would be inconsistent with its duty to promote the licensing objectives.
- 2.5 Although this assessment provides an evidential basis for applications within the CIZ 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 CIZ identified by the assessment.
- 2.7 This assessment shall be kept under review and changes may be made in relation to local circumstances, the Licensing Act 2003, associated regulations or statutory guidance and national legislation.
- 2.8 Below is a list of licensed premises within the CIZ. The list identifies the premises type and the terminal hour.

PREMISES	TYPE OF PREMISES	TERMINAL HOUR
Bulls Head Market Street	Public House	Monday to Sunday - 07.00am until 01.30 the following morning
White Hart Market Street	Public House	Monday to Thursday - 09.00am until 00.30 the following morning Friday and Saturday - 09.00am until 02.30 the following morning Sunday - 09.00am until 00.30 the following morning
Manhattans Market Street	Club	Monday and Tuesday - 9.00am until 00.00 Wednesday and Thursday - 9.00am until 02.00 the following morning

		Friday and Saturday - 09.00am until 3.30 the following morning
Lamb Inn Market Street	Public House	Monday to Wednesday - 09.00am until 23.30 Thursday and Sunday - 09.00am until 01.30 the following morning Friday and Saturday - 09.00am until 02.30 the following morning
Bowling Green Inn Brook Street	Public House	Sunday to Thursday - 11.00am until 12.30 the following morning Friday and Saturday - 11.00 until 01.30am the following morning
Ashby Grill 78 Market Street	Take-Away/Late Night Refreshment	Sunday to Thursday - 23.00 until 01.00 the following morning Friday and Saturday - 23.00 until 02.30 the following morning
Queens Head Hotel and Ciro's Market Street	Club	Sunday to Thursday - 09.00am until 02.00 the following morning Friday and Saturday - 09.00am until 04.00 the following morning
Tap at 76 Market Street	Public House	Monday to Saturday - 12.00 noon until 00.30 Sundays - 12.00 noon until 23.30
Brew, Market Street	Shop/Bar	Monday to Sunday 10:30hrs - 22:30hrs
XXX Buns Bakery Court/Market Street	Restaurant	Every day - 10:00 hours - midnight
Marranellos Wine Bar Rushtons Yard	Wine Bar/Public House	Monday to Thursday - 10.00am until 00.00 Friday and Saturday - 10.00am until 01.00 the following morning Sunday - 10.00am until 00.00
Hispania Restaurant, Mill Lane Mews, Ashby	Restaurant	Monday to Saturday - 10.00am until 00.00 Sunday - 12.00 to 22.30
Lil Bo's deli	Deli/Cafe	Everyday 08:00 hrs - 22:00 hrs
Cocktail Bar Rushtons Yard	Bar/Public House	Sunday to Thursday - 09.00am until 00.00 Friday and Saturday - 09.00am until 01.00 the following morning

Lounge Café Bar, Market Street	Public House/café bar	Everyday - 08:00 hours - 00:30 hours
Central England Co-operative Market Street	Off sales	Monday to Sunday - 07.00am until 22.30
Supernews Off Licence Market Street	Off sales	Every day - 05.00am until 21.00
Lyric Rooms Lower Church Street	Restaurant/function rooms	Monday to Sunday - 10.00am until 00.00 the following morning
Venture Theatre North Street	Theatre licensed for alcohol sales and entertainment	No time restrictions
Taste Of Thai Cuisine 84/86 Market Street	Restaurant with on/off sales	Monday to Sunday - 10.00am until 00.00 Sunday - 12.00 noon until 23.30
De La Zouch Bangladeshi Cuisine 88 Market Street	Restaurant with on/off sales	Monday to Saturday - 10.00am until 23.00 Sunday - 12.00 noon until 22.30
Zamanis Restaurant and Pizza Base Rushtons Yard Market Street	Restaurant with on/off sales	Monday to Sunday – 11.30am to 12.30am
Little India 77 Market Street	Restaurant with on sales	Monday to Thursday - 11.00am until 00.00 Friday to Sunday - 11.00am until 00.30 the following morning
Wong Kwei Restaurant 9 Bath Street	Restaurant with on/off sales	Monday to Saturday - 10.00am until 00.00 Sunday - 12.00 noon until 23.30
Calypso's, Bath Street	Restaurant with on/off sales	Monday to Saturday 09:00 hours - 00:00 hours Sunday 09:00 hours - 23:00 hours
Rumblin Tums Market Street	Late Night Refreshments	Friday & Saturday 23:00 hrs until 04:00 hrs the following morning Sundays before a Bank Holiday Monday 23:00 hrs until 04:00 hrs the following morning

Historical context and Evidential Basis

- 3.1 The cumulative impact assessment relating to Ashby de la Zouch town centre was introduced in November 2005 following a rise in alcohol related crime in and around Market Street, Ashby de la Zouch.
- 3.2 Statistical information provided by Leicestershire police showed a dramatic rise in assaults in Market Street Ashby de la Zouch prior to November 2005 when the cumulative impact zone was created.

3.3 Historic Evidential Basis

Crime data relating to the night-time economy (20:00 to 08:00) in Ashby De La Zouch town centre 2002 to 2012

Crime / Year	8Nov02 to 7Nov03	8Nov03 to 7Nov04	8Nov04 to 7Nov05	8Nov 05 to 7Nov 06	8Nov06 to 7Nov07	8Nov07 to 7Nov08	8Nov08 to 7Nov09	8Nov09 to 7Nov10	8Nov10 to 7Nov11	8Nov11 to 7Nov12
Assault	56	81	87	78	77	61	55	45	68	44
Public order	4	6	9	4	6	8	4	0	5	3
Criminal damage	22	12	10	18	18	17	8	12	11	9
Total	82	99	106	100	101	86	67	57	84	56

Crime data relating to the night-time economy (20:00 to 08:00) in Ashby De La Zouch town centre 2012 to 2021

Crime / Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	<u>2021 (to 30 September)</u>
Assault	31	35	22	38	41	44	47	13	42
Public order	21	14	14	17	10	17	12	8	25
Criminal damage	3	9	3	4	5	4	2	0	11
Drunk and disorderly	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0
Offensive weapon	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Sexual offence	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
Robbery	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Drugs	NA	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	5
Total	55	61	43	61	58	66	65	24	87

NA – data not available

Crime Data relating to the day-time economy (05:00 to 20:00) in Ashby de la Zouch town centre

Crime / Year	2018	2019	2020
Assault	5	3	4
Public Order	5	3	6
Criminal Damage	4	2	1
Drunk and disorderly	-	-	-
Offensive Weapon	1	2	-
Sexual offence	1		2
Robbery	-	-	-
Drugs	2	4	3
Total	18	14	16

3.4 Current Evidential Basis

Public Place Serious Violence in Ashby De La Zouch in Licensed premises 2021-2023

Between 2021 and the end of 2023, there have been 114 serious violence offences taking place in licensed premises such as Pubs and Nightclubs in Ashby de la Zouch. Offences in licensed pubs and nightclubs made up 28.7% of public place offences in Ashby de la Zouch during this time period.

Of these offences, 56.1% were classified as ‘Assault – S47 – ABH’, followed by 17.5% as ‘Cause administer poison with intent to injure/aggreive/annoy’.

When looking solely at 2023 data, these percentages increase to 59.5% and 23.8% respectively. As shown in table 1 below, levels are higher in the last two years when compared with 2021, despite levels in the last year falling by 12.5% from 48 to 42.

Table 1 – Serious Violence year by year in licensed premises, Ashby de la Zouch

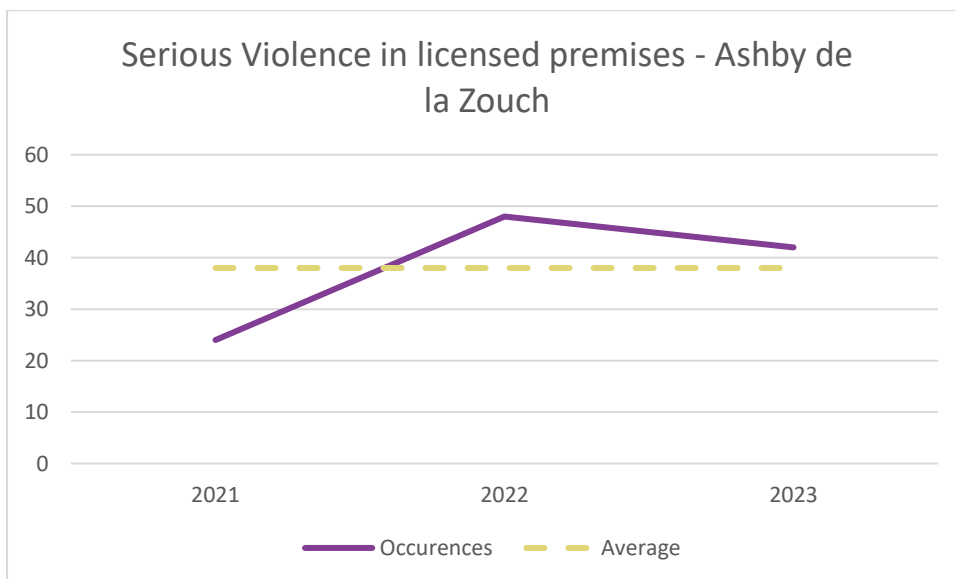
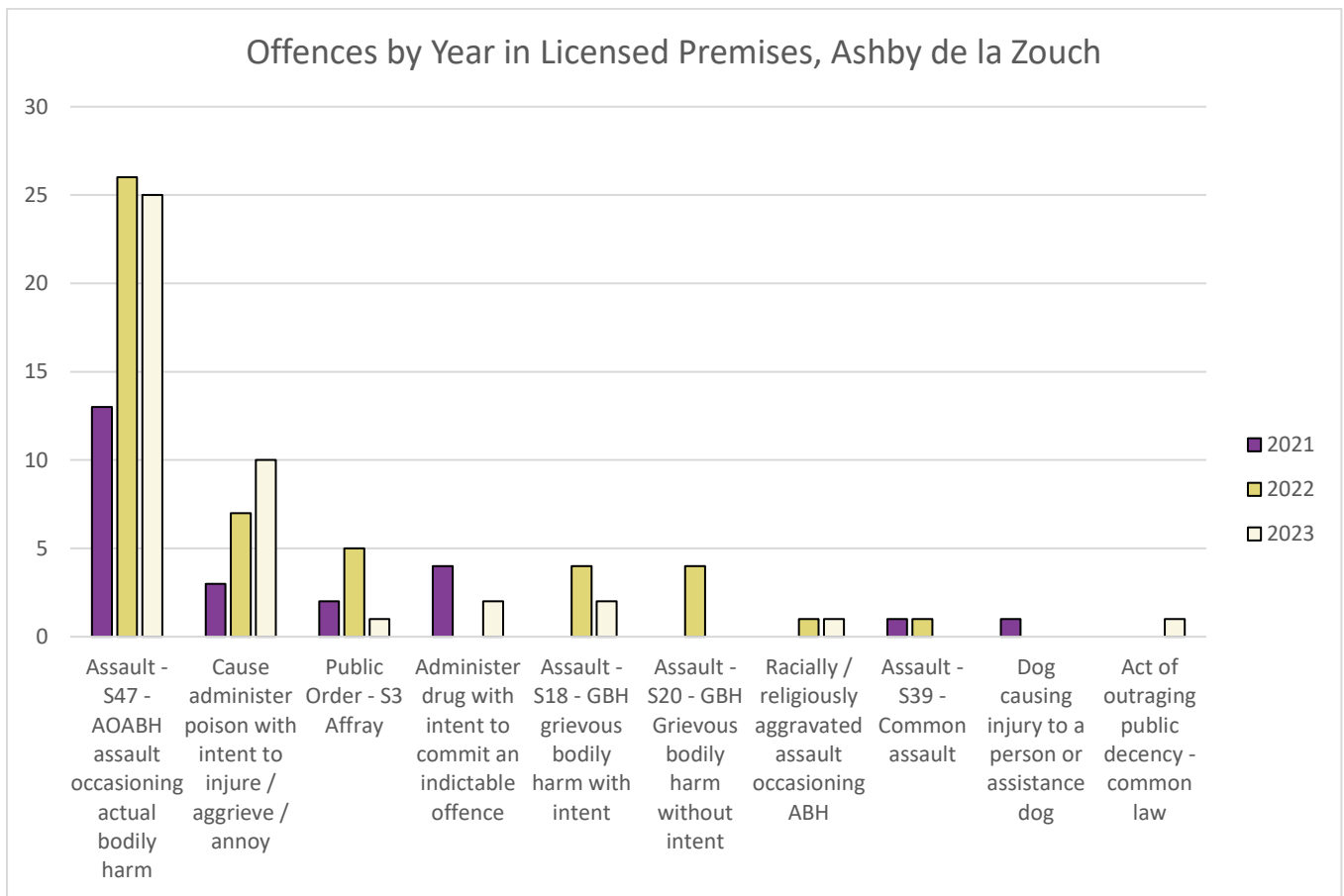


Table 2 – Serious violence in licensed premises by offence type, Ashby de la Zouch



The most common offence type in all years was ‘Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm’, with levels having roughly doubled when comparing the last two years with 2021. The second most frequent offence, ‘Administer poison with intent to injure/aggrieve/annoy’, has also increased considerably in the last two years. There were three occurrences in 2021, compared to seven in 2022 and 10 in 2023. Both GBH offences, as well as Public Order – S3 Affray, peaked in 2022.

Location of incidents

When looking into the specific location type over the last three years, 65 incidents took place in a licenced club, and 68 in a pub. The percentages for the main offence types remain relatively similar in both clubs and pubs, with both being slightly higher in clubs (60% of offences being ‘Assault – S47 -ABH’ in clubs vs 55.9 in pubs, and 16.9% of offences being classed as ‘Administer poison with intent..’ in clubs vs 16.2% in pubs).

When mapping the offences in licensed premises over the last three years, a hotspot was identified in central Ashby. As shown in figure 1 on the following page, the area with the highest frequency of offences is Market Street, with surrounding roads also having relatively higher levels of serious violence.

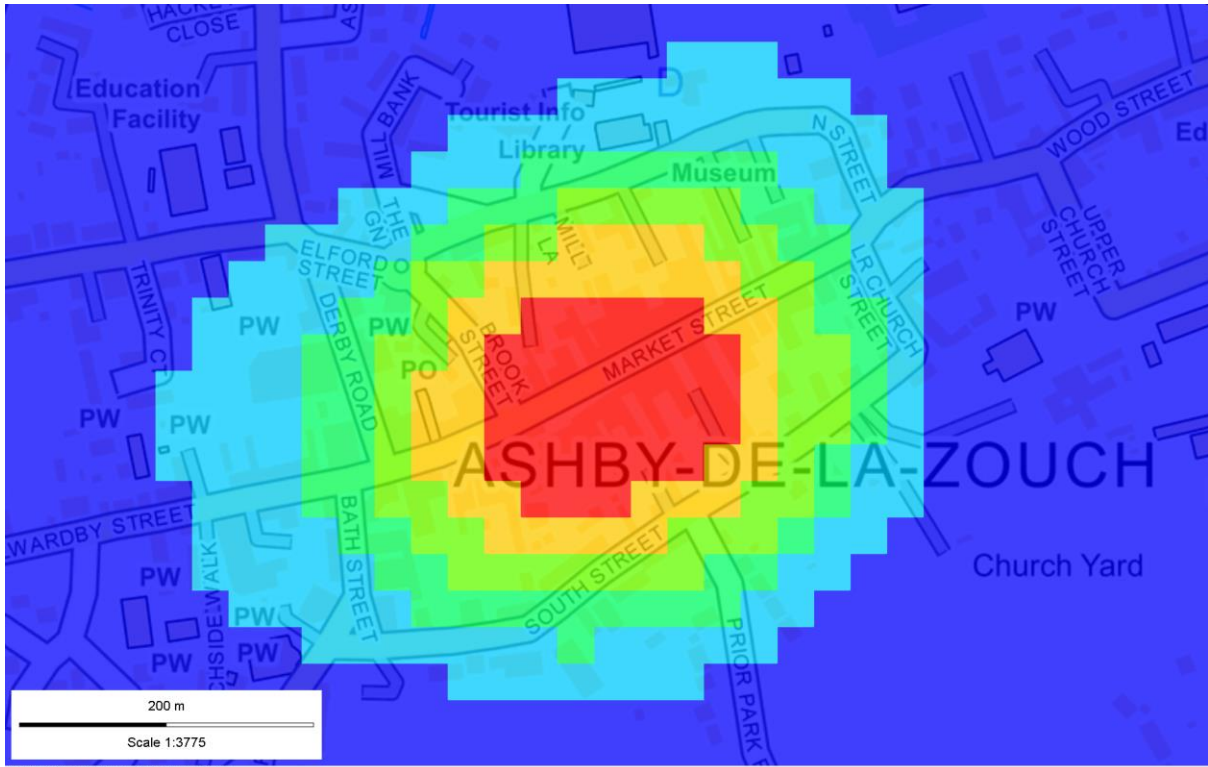


Fig. 1 Serious violence offences in licensed premises, Central Ashby de la Zouch, 2021-2023

Timings of incidents

The peak day of the week was Saturday, followed by Sunday. Friday was the peak day of the week in 2021. Offences on Saturday or Sunday made up 75.4% of all offences in Licensed Premises.

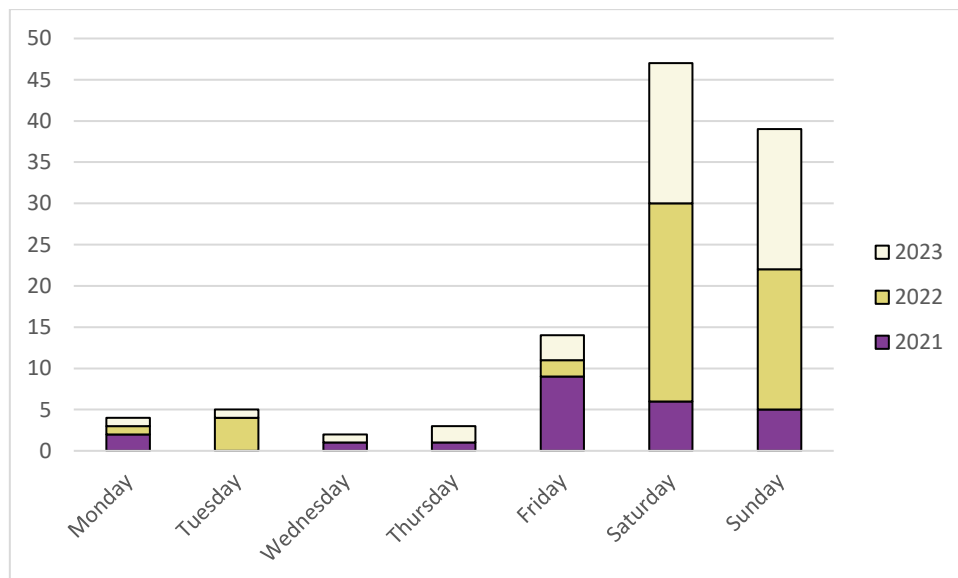


Table 3 – Offences by day in licensed premises, Ashby de la Zouch

As seen in table 4 below, 1am was the peak hour for serious violence, with 27 offences, followed by 11pm, with 21. Hours from 4am-1pm have zero instances, as do 5pm and 8pm, with higher levels seen between 11pm and 3am (23:00 – 02:59).

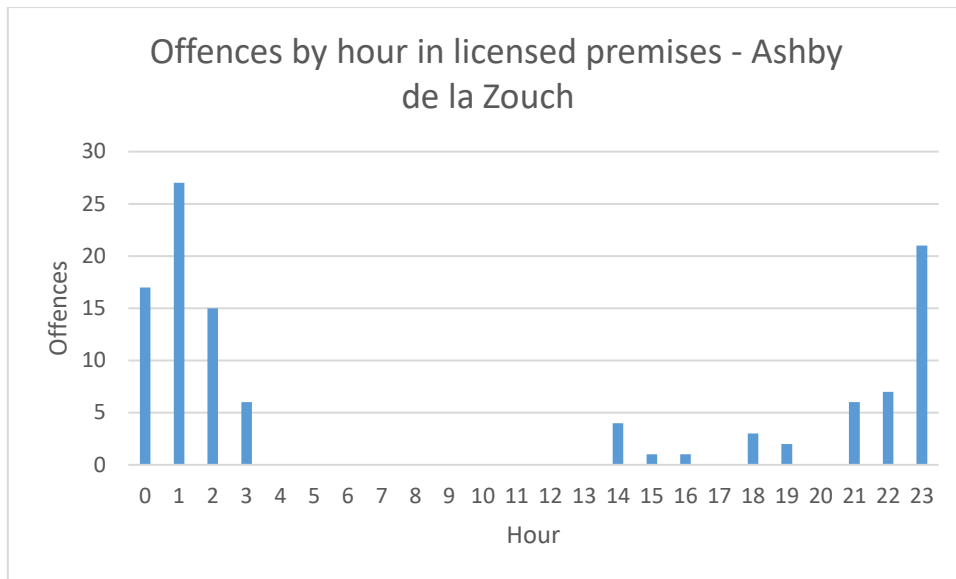


Table 4 – Offences by hour in licensed premises in Ashby de la Zouch

3.5 Summary

In the last three years (1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023, there were 397 public place offences in Ashby de la Zouch town centre.

65% of the offences were classified as actual bodily harm, followed by 14% as public order offences.

Offences peaked in 2023 with 153 offences, compared to 133 in 2022 and 111 in 2021.

Offences peak on Saturday, with 111 offences and Sunday with 94 offences.

Levels were higher from 11pm – 3am, peaking at 1am with 52 offences, followed by 12am with 36 and 2am with 35.

3.6 Conclusion

The vast majority of crimes in Ashby De La Zouch town centre continue to take place during the night-time economy.

The total number of serious offences in Ashby town centre increased year on year since 2021.

It is considered that the statistical data evidenced above together with a written statement from Leicestershire Police supports the retention of the cumulative impact assessment in Ashby De La Zouch town centre.

The statistical data supports the retention of the current geographical area of the CIZ.

The Council considers that the number of relevant authorisations in respect of licensed premises within the defined cumulative impact zone is such that it is likely that it would be inconsistent with the Council’s duty under section 4(1) to grant any further relevant authorisations.

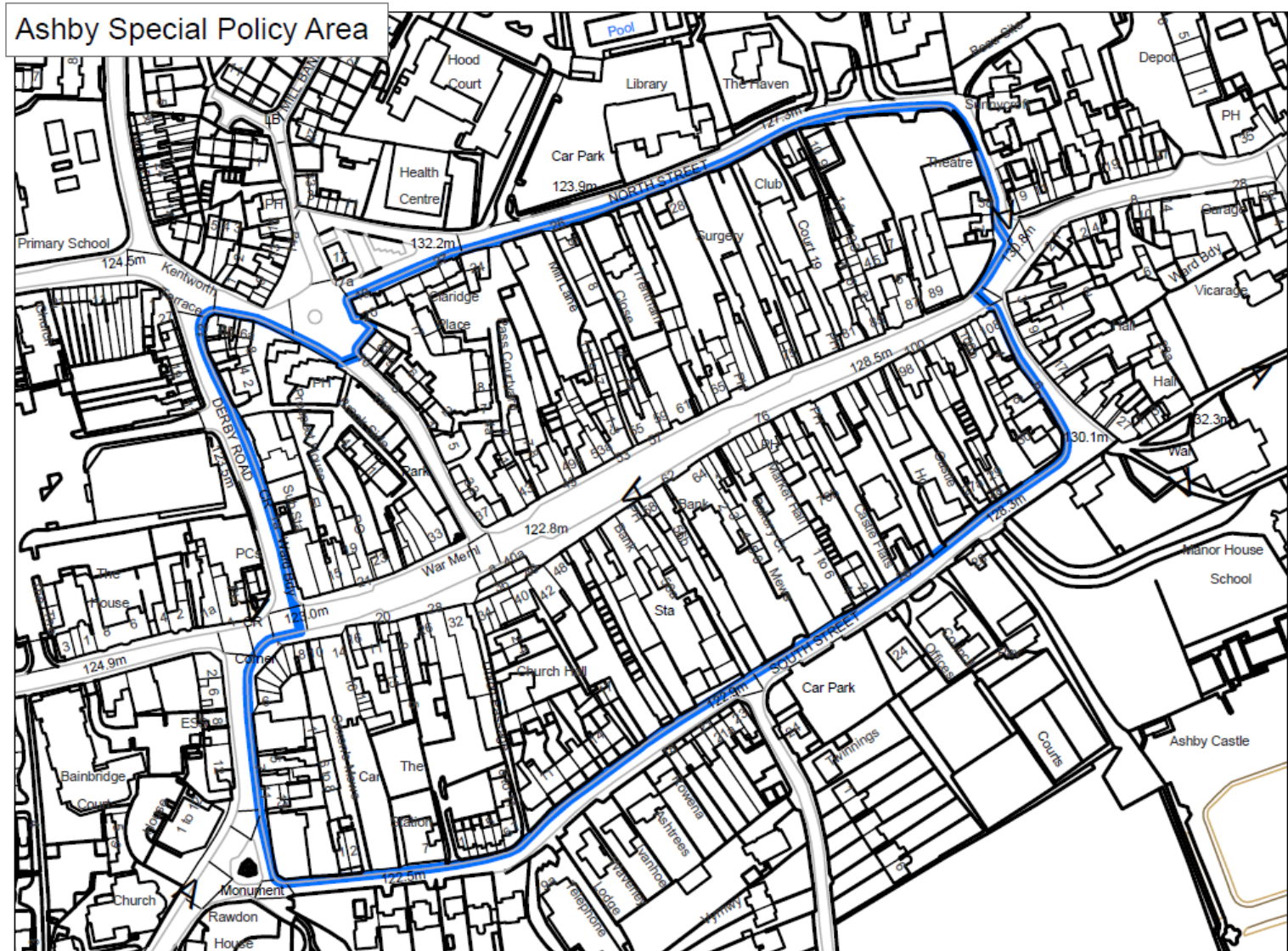
Part 4

Below is a map showing the cumulative impact zone.



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