

Appendix 4

UPDATE REPORT FROM LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

1.0 Introduction

Additional information was received from Leicestershire police on 10 January 2014 in the form of an email from Insp Helena Bhakta – NW Leicestershire LPU Commander. Using the content of the email, Officers have worked with the police to agree the wording on this update report.

2.0 Retention of Special Policy

The report makes the following comments in relation to supporting the continuation of a special policy in Ashby town centre. This matter was dealt with by Licensing Committee in November with Committee recommending to Council that the special policy in Ashby town centre be retained.

“Non domestic related violet crime in North West Leicestershire has increased 20%, this compares to a force-wide increase of 5.4%. It is not suggested that this rise is solely associated with licensed premises as research has demonstrated part of the increase is linked with the summer good weather and social gathering at homes, however it has contributed to this significant increase. This has resulted in increased joint license activity to ensure licensees are fully sighted on their duties and responsibilities in relation to the licensing objectives.”

“Alcohol fuelled violent crime in Ashby since 20th November 2013 to New years day 2014 has gone up, where it has dropped significantly in Coalville 60% down and Whitwick 50% down. Year on year data as follows:”

| | 20/11/12 to 1/1/13 | 21/11/13 to 1/1/14 |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Public Order | 0 | 1 |
| Assault/Harrassment | 5 | 10 |

“The figures for Ashby are open to interpretation. We could conclude that the presence of the RBV,(Rural Beat Vehicle)acted as a point for reporting and did its job, resulting in more reporting. I saw a willingness of DPS/door staff and members of the public to attend and report incidents readily. So this should be seen as a positive.” (Ps531 Mark Watson)

3.0 Extension of area to include the Shoulder of Mutton Public House

The additional information received from the police on 10 January also makes the following comments in relation to the Shoulder of Mutton:

“There are no direct crime reports specifically related to the Shoulder of Mutton premises. This is in part due to the fact that it was closed from September 2010 and did not re-open until mid October 2013.”

“Since it has been reopened it is a pub that is used to pre-load. Other licensees and observations of police officers are that the opening of the premises has brought a change in drinking habits as customers commencing drinking early at the Shoulder of Mutton and then move onto other premises in Bath Street/Market Street. Further drinking ensues. Thus the Shoulder of Mutton is contributing to the overall increase in violent crime.”

“It is the Police view that the spirit of the CIZ or any policy is not about a specific premise, it is with

regard to a concentration of premises that may have a potential to impact on the promotion of these objectives.”

“Practically if you look at its location it is a contingent part of Ashby’s night time economy. You can see the Shoulder of Mutton from almost the top of Market street. Thus the police maintain that the Shoulder of Mutton is part of the concentration of public houses that make up the town centre of Ashby De La Zouch that collectively are impacting on the promotion of the objectives.”

“We would also suggest in the interest of fairness and being equitable to other licensees that the Shoulder of Mutton is included.”