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JD Wetherspoon Plc

Sir/Madam

Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy Premises: Shoulder of Mutton Public House, Ashby De La Zouch

Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 requires a licensing authority to determine and publish a statement of its licensing policy at least once every five years. Contained within the current policy is a special policy relating to cumulative impact in Ashby De La Zouch town centre. The JD Wetherspoon premises trading as the Shoulder of Mutton is situated outside the area covered by the current special policy.

You may already be aware this licensing authority is in the process of reviewing its statement of licensing policy and has consulted on the proposed new policy. The consultation period took place from 11 July 2013 to 7 October 2013. We are aware that the Shoulder of Mutton public house did not begin trading until after the consultation period had closed.

At a meeting of Licensing Committee on 27 November Members considered and commented on the Officers report, evidence and consultation responses. One of those was from Leicestershire police. The evidence submitted included amongst other points crime statistics relating to Ashby town centre. The police recommended that the area covered by the special policy (cumulative impact zone) is extended to include the Shoulder of Mutton public house. A copy of the report and supporting information can be found at: [Licensing Committee Report](#) The draft minutes can be found at [Draft minutes](#)

Licensing Committee considered the evidence to be sufficient to recommend to Council the continuation of a policy on cumulative impact in Ashby town centre. However Licensing Committee members considered that the consultation response did not contain sufficient information to support the recommendation to extend the area to include the Shoulder of Mutton public house. However, the Committee asked for the police to be given an opportunity to provide further information on the issue of extending the cumulative impact zone.

Leicestershire police have been invited to provide additional information to a meeting of Licensing Committee on 26 February. The Committee will be considering whether to increase the area of the cumulative impact zone to include the Shoulder of Mutton public house. The outcomes and recommendations of this meeting together with those from the Licensing Committee on 27 November will be considered at Council on 25 March. Council will make the final decision on the statement of licensing policy at this meeting.



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The Council considers that, as the premises is now open and trading, it would be reasonable to seek your views on extending the special policy area to include the Shoulder of Mutton public house. Should you have any objections or views that you wish to make in respect of extending the special policy area to include the Shoulder of Mutton you should make those representations in writing and send them to the Licensing Team Leader, North West Leicestershire District Council, Council Offices, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 3FJ or by email to lee.mansfield@nwleicestershire.gov.uk Any representation must be received by 10 February.

Should you choose to make a representation I will ensure that this information is considered by Licensing Committee on 26 February. You will also be provided with a copy of the report once it has been published on 18 February. The Licensing Committee is a public meeting and you can attend as an observer if you wish.

Yours sincerely



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