

Cumulative Impact Assessment Consultation Responses

Huddersfield Town Centre

Question 1

To what extent do you agree with the following statement:

There are too many licensed premises selling alcohol (with off-sales only) in Huddersfield Town Centre.

Agree – 82 (64%)
 Disagree – 27 (21%)
 Not sure / Don't know – 19 (15%)

Question 2

To what extent do you agree with the following statement:

There needs to be a Cumulative Impact Assessment in Huddersfield Town Centre relating to licensed premises selling alcohol (with off-sales) only.

Agree – 86 (68%)
 Disagree – 23 (18%)
 Not sure / Don't know – 17 (14%)

Comments and Responses

Comments	Council Response
I would like to see more premises open	Comment noted

Far too many street drinkers with access to cheap alcohol.	Comment noted
Way too many people displaying inappropriate behaviour in Huddersfield town centre. Its bad enough at night time. During the day should feel safe for shoppers and workers.	Comment noted
It's not so much the amount of shops selling alcohol it's the low price of the high % alcohol that's the issue, you can get drunk on a couple of £	Comment noted
Most of these so called off licences are obvious fronts for proceeds of crime large gangs often congregate outside there needs tighter controls on these shops everyone knows where the cheap cigs are if needed but no one seems to care	Comment noted - Issues around illegal activity in licensed premises is taken seriously and the licensing service work closely with the Police and Trading Standards. Any evidence of illegal activity should be report to the licensing service via email to licensing@kirklees.gov.uk or West Yorkshire Police
Too many off licence not needed.	Comment noted
The overall feel of the town centre would benefit from general improvements and whilst the blue print project is ongoing something needs to be done to address poor quality shop fronts selling tat and also those that sell cheap food and alcohol. If Huddersfield is to attract the right clientele then the offer available needs to be reviewed as a priority	The powers to introduce a Cumulative Impact Assessment do not extend to addressing issues relating to shop frontages.
Encourages those with an alcohol problem. Gather in town centre as alcohol easily available	Comment noted
It's not only licensed premises but also under the counter vape shops	The Licensing Act 2003 does not extend to controlling the sale of vapes.

<p>Surely something can be done about the extremely suspicious shops that have been popping up (which all look the same - black plastic sign with blue white or red lettering and many people assume are money laundering fronts). No issue with genuine retailers but these shops are everywhere and given that very few people are seen going into them seems very odd.</p>	<p>Comment noted - Issues around illegal activity in licensed premises is taken seriously and the licensing service work closely with the Police and Trading Standards. Any evidence of illegal activity should be reported to the licensing service via email to licensing@kirklees.gov.uk or West Yorkshire Police</p>
<p>Alcohol is available in a multitude of outlets. Closing the off license shops will have little impact. From what I'm hearing it would seem that certain groups object to Alcohol being sold anywhere. I have not heard of other towns considering this. Please be honest.</p>	<p>Comment noted</p>
<p>Too many people sitting about drunk and then all the cans and bottles are discarded or left without being put in bins. Just makes the town look even more run down than it already is becoming</p>	<p>Comment noted</p>
<p>Too many drunks round in the day round the town centre</p>	<p>Comment noted</p>
<p>Stop granting licenses if you guys are worried, and when you do, put restrictions regarding the tacky neon shops</p>	<p>The purpose of the survey is to ascertain whether there is evidence and need to introduce a cumulative impact assessment which will result in new applicants for premises licences for off sales only having to evidence they can uphold the licensing objectives. The only way a licensing authority can refuse an application is for the matter to go to a hearing for a decision currently is due to representations being received when applications are submitted.</p>
<p>They are too many in the town centre and it's where the local drunks will go to and then sit around and leave</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>

rubbish everywhere, fight, swear in front of young kids and just cause havoc in the town centre	
There are far too many, in most they are renowned for selling other stuff illegal or otherwise they tend to attract gatherings around their shops. Drinkers etc congregating in town centre parks etc. It then attracts shoplifters, drug users and young people. in	Comment noted
too many drunks about ruining the town	Comment noted
The sooner the council gets rid of them the better	Comment noted
If you consider the number of off licences in the town centre and also in the immediate area to the town centre , places like fartown, Marsh, aspley, Lockwood.. You have to ask the question, how is it possible for all these to function and make a profit legally.??.....they all seem to be able to achieve profit margins even tho there are far cheaper option in the immediate area to them.... Seem a little	Comment noted
The evidence is visible enough as you travel through the town centre	Comment noted
It's actually quite limited due to the minority shops We need more restaurants as we only really have nandos if a pizza express could join that would be a real boost. Not everyone likes to deal with Wetherspoons/lloyds	Comment noted
Don't mind premises selling alcohol it's the state of the frontage of these shops thats needs sorting.	The powers to introduce a Cumulative Impact Assessment do not extend to addressing issues relating to shop frontages.

<p>Sort out the frontage of these shops. No problem with selling alcohol .</p>	<p>The powers to introduce a Cumulative Impact Assessment do not extend to addressing issues relating to shop frontages.</p>
<p>Shop keepers.need to show the same responsibility as landlords and bar owners, stop the selling of very small bottles of liqueur. Stop shops selling glass bottles as this can be a form of antisocial behavior by smashing bottles.stop shops having cheap tacky signage and dont allow posters showing alcohol and remove all pictures from shop windows promoting the selling of alcoholic drinks.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>Too many sell to anyone. Whether they are clearly intoxicated already or underage</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>The issue is not the number of premises selling alcohol, it's the fact that the police do nothing to combat antisocial behaviour of any kind in Huddersfield and Kirklees. The priority should be to have a robust and effective policing system and response to any form of antisocial behaviour and not blame and punish the shop keepers for trying to make a living and driving cash into the economy!!!</p>	<p>Comment noted – Comment noted - Issues around illegal activity in licensed premises is taken seriously and the licensing service work closely with the Police and Trading Standards. Any evidence of illegal activity should be report to the licensing service via email to licensing@kirklees.gov.uk or West Yorkshire Police</p>
<p>Well it depends on the times???</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>Huddersfield town centre after 6pm is rowdy and behaviour frequently uncouth and slightly (and sometimes) threatening. I strongly suspect the behaviour to be alcohol-fuelled. So I stay away after 5pm. I have been to 2 concerts at the Town Hall, and got out of town as soon as the concerts finished. Alcohol sellers are only supplying a demand but the consumers have so little self-control etc</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>

Far too many seedy booze shops and selling cheap alcohol and snide tobacco	Comment noted.
Increases anti social behaviour	Comment noted.
I have seen children who are obviously still at school ealking round the town centre drunk. The supermarkets are very hot on verifying under age attempts to buy alcohol and I suspect that they are obtaining alcohol from the independent small shops.	Comment noted - Issues regarding shops selling alcohol to underage persons are taken seriously, and the licensing service work closely with the Police and Trading Standards. Members of the public should report their concerns to licensing via email to licensing@kirklees.gov.uk Or West Yorkshire Police
Stop selling alcohol to under 18s	Issues regarding shops selling alcohol to underage persons are taken seriously, and the licensing service work closely with the Police and Trading Standards. Members of the public should report their concerns to licensing via email to licensing@kirklees.gov.uk Or West Yorkshire Police
The selling of underaged customer and intoxicated persons is not challenged	Issues regarding shops selling alcohol to underage persons are taken seriously, and the licensing service work closely with the Police and Trading Standards. Members of the public should report their concerns to licensing via email to licensing@kirklees.gov.uk Or West Yorkshire Police
I agree with proposals.i also think u should look at the amount of poor takeaways in the town centre.vape shops also.not much more than vape shops chicken shops and poor asian shops that arnt run properly.alcohol related crime should b looked at too	Comment noted – The Licensing Authority can only regulate those premises which hold a premises licence.

<p>They can't all be running at a profit unless income is coming from another source</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>Many new ones have opened but vape shops are the worst has many sell to under 16yo girls over boys, we only need to look at the ring near natwest to see how many are drunk at 8am</p>	<p>Issues regarding shops selling alcohol to underage persons are taken seriously, and the licensing service work closely with the Police and Trading Standards. Members of the public should report their concerns to licensing via email to licensing@kirklees.gov.uk Or West Yorkshire Police</p>
<p>People visibly drunk makes Huddersfield town centre feel threatening and it puts us off going into town for shopping and leisure</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>There has been at least 4 off licences opened in the vicinity of market place... where all the drunks hang out. Why was this allowed</p>	<p>When applications for premises licences are received, they are granted unless representations are received, which are relevant, at which time the application would be taken to a licensing hearing for a decision to be made about whether an application is refused or granted. There is no facility in law to just refuse an application.</p>
<p>Far too many off-licence premises selling Cheap alcohol to the Town Centre drinkers.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>Far too many little shops popping up selling alcohol along side newspapers sweets and heaps of other spurious products including drugs paraphernalia</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>There is no published definition on the content/structure/measurements of a CIA other than vague 'council-speak' phrases</p>	<p>The survey is to gain evidence / comments from stakeholders to establish whether there is a need for a CIA to be introduced in relation to premises with off sales only in both Huddersfield and Dewsbury Town Centres. There is no definitive definition of what</p>

	<p>evidence is required to implement a CIA, however, the police statistics and the responses to this survey will provide the authority with the evidence it feels is required to make a decision about whether a CIA is required or not.</p>
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Dewsbury Town Centre

Question 1

To what extent do you agree with the following statement:

There are too many licensed premises selling alcohol (with off-sales only) in Dewsbury Town Centre.

Agree – 52 (42%)
 Disagree – 14 (11%)
 Not sure / Don't know – 57 (46%)

Question 2

To what extent do you agree with the following statement:

There needs to be a Cumulative Impact Assessment in Dewsbury Town Centre relating to licensed premises selling alcohol (with off-sales) only.

Agree – 56 (45%)
 Disagree – 14 (11%)
 Not sure / Don't know – 54 (44%)

Comments and Responses

Comments	Council Response
Too easy to buy. Son lives in Belfast & large areas you can not buy it, especially in family areas	Comment noted
Too many in the area, the people sat drinking day/night in certain areas of the town makes the town a no go area. The	Comment noted

shops selling are eastern European shops who sell to anyone at anytime.	
Why especially in dewsbury town centre do we need approximately 5 off locences selling alcohol its just not needed shouldnt be snymore then 1	Comment noted
The sale of alcohol in Dewsbury Town Centre is causing the problem with street drinkng during the day. I think that If alcohol was not so readily available, there would not be as many drinkers and people would feel safe to shop in the town.	Comment noted
Again under the counter shops	Comment noted
Criminality, asb fear to use town.	Comment noted
Sorry I can not comment here fairly as I have not been to the town centre in Dewsbury for many years - but have been to Huddersfield centre weekly	Comment noted
Dewsbury town has died not a safe place day or night	Comment noted
Not familiar with the area	Comment noted
It attracts congregation, other illegal activities, young people. It puts off people going around shopping , dsy to day business, it puts people off makes you feel unsafe.	Comment noted
Worse than huddersfield. Needs to be a serious shake up as they are too many licence premises selling alcohol and creating these groups of drunks who have no place in	Comment noted

society	
Can't comment on Dewsbury	Comment noted
I don't live in Dewsbury but have not noticed lots of alcohol selling shops.	Comment noted
Stop the shops promoting the selling of alcohol, stop shops selling small bottles of liqueur and selling beer in glass bottles. Scrutinising shop keepers with the same rules as landlords and bar owners. Dont allow posters and signage that promotes alcohol.	Comment noted – regulation of licensed premises is carried out in accordance with the law, the licensing service cannot place additional conditions onto premises unless representations are received to applications which results in the matter being heard at a Licensing Hearing.
Far too many in the Town Center. Kirklees seem to licenses to anyone	Comment noted – Licences are issued to those to apply and when there are no representations received from responsible authorities or interested parties stating that the application would undermine one or more of the licensing objectives.
There are not too many premises in either area they are just not policed well enough in terms of underage drinking and there is little to no police presence for anti social behaviour whilst drinking. Also kirklees consists of more than just Dewsbury and Huddersfield would be good to gain feedback on other areas too	Comment noted.
The trouble in the town centres caused by alcohol is nothing to do with number of premises selling it. It's cultural. The town centres are dying on their feet. The last thing we need is small businesses who rely on alcohol sales from responsible residents being unable to operate their businesses, whilst alcohol sales then move to the multinational monopolies that are Tesco's and Sainsburys!!	Comment noted.

<p>not drinking and hanging about in groups is the bigger issue in Dewsbury, the shops need to be enforcing the dont sell to people under the influence of alcohol and turning away trade, sadly as kirklees have killed off dewsbury the shopkeepers left have no choice but to sell to anyone to make some money</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>The issue is not the number of premises selling alcohol, it's the fact that the police do nothing to combat antisocial behaviour of any kind in Dewsbury and Kirklees. The priority should be to have a robust and effective policing system and response to any form of antisocial behaviour and not blame and punish the shop keepers for trying to make a living and driving cash into the economy!!!</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>There is constanty groups of people in the town centre drinking causing anti social behaviour people arguing fighting urinating deficating and been sick in turn this causes people to be scared to walk around town or even just visit for that matter I don't think the amount of shops selling alcohol is the problem in a whole it's more that there isn't enough police in town to move them on</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>The purchasing of alcohol isnt the problem. Its always going to be available. The problem in dewsbury is a lack of policing.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>Myself and many others have stopped entering the town due to the number of people found drinking on the streets. Many social issues have arisen due to this. More needs to be done to support these vulnerable individuals.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>

<p>I'm disappointed that there is no more reflection on the hours... times etc of course these matter???? If alcohol is not available late night/early morning.... I'd expect less offences....but so few questions in this survey.... With so few answers.... I feel I've missed a few buttons?????</p>	<p>Comment noted – The consultation does not relate to specific times licensed premises are open, when each premises applies for a licence, it is at this point they apply for the hours for which they wish to trade and if no representations against those applications are received the application is granted as applied for.</p>
<p>Some of the councillors in Leeds have limited the number of gambling shops and offlicences due to the social challenges that were occurring. Unfortunately the same has happened in Dewsbury. We all do not want younger generations to do the same. A lot of addiction related mental health issues are on the rise. We all demand you to cancel all the licensed premises selling alcohol in Dewsbury.</p>	<p>Comment noted – there is no legal way for the Council to cancel all licensed premises in an area. This consultation is about whether there is a need for a Cumulative Impact Assessment due to there being a significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area.</p>
<p>Groups of men are standing or sitting just outside these licensed shops and drinking resulting in an intimidating atmosphere for shoppers. The police are rarely seen.</p>	<p>Comment noted – the Council has no control over policing.</p>
<p>I own a shop in Dewsbury and I am losing customers due to them being put off by street drinkers they see in town on a daily basis. Particularly on market place and bottom of Daisy hill</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>To many shops in dewsbury sell alcohol already leading to anti social behaviour</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>Increases anti social behaviour</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>I suspect that their are the same issues in Dewsbury being</p>	<p>Comment noted – Issues regarding shops selling alcohol to</p>

<p>caused by independent shops selling alcohol to people under the age of 18.</p>	<p>underage persons are taken seriously, and the licensing service work closely with the Police and Trading Standards. Members of the public should report their concerns to licensing via email to licensing@kirklees.gov.uk Or West Yorkshire Police</p>
<p>Stop selling to under 18s</p>	<p>Comment noted – Issues regarding shops selling alcohol to underage persons are taken seriously, and the licensing service work closely with the Police and Trading Standards. Members of the public should report their concerns to licensing via email to licensing@kirklees.gov.uk Or West Yorkshire Police</p>
<p>Refer to the Huddersfield comment - also I anecdotally don't believe there are that many off-premise shops in Dewsbury centre</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>Too many people drinking Alcohol on the streets and making it unsafe for those visiting the town.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>