

## PRESENTATION TO LICENSING COMMITTEE RE CIP

### INTRODUCTION

Madam Chair, and Councillors , thank you for giving me the opportunity to address you on the benefit of CIP to the designated area in Lytham.

The 'recommendation' to the Committee to 'take no further action' appears to be because of the lack of reported crime and anti-social behaviour.

### **WHY DOES THE RECOMMENDATION TAKE NO ACCOUNT OF THE DETAILED AND WELL PREPARED CONSULTATION REPORT FROM PSRESEARCH** which clearly establishes that:

- 1 there is a lack of reporting but NOT an absence of crime or anti-social behaviour(confirmed by Lancashire Police) and
- 2 LYTHAM RESIDENTS SUPPORT A CIP.
- 3 Lancashire Police would support a CIP if established by the Licensing Committee

### **WHY NOT ESTABLISH A CIP?**

**A CIP** would

- 1 ensure licence applications are considered on their own unique merits - benefiting Lytham residents, businesses and visitors alike.
- 2 enable The Licensing Authority to implement their Licensing Policy.  
(There are no legal definitions under the Licensing Acts for eg.'vertical drinking establishments' and under s5A of Licensing Act 2003 only by virtue of a **CIP** can a Licensing Authority restrict their numbers)
- 3 show that FBC is supportive of residents and businesses listening to their concern

### **FACTS IN SUPPORT OF CIP**

There is strong local support for the Introduction of CIP namely:

- 1 On your Committee there is only one Councillor from the Lytham wards and he fully understands and knows what the proposed CIP area is like at the weekends and why a CIP is requested by the Lytham residents
  - 2.1 368 responses to the consultation (a substantial number by any guideline) 91% from the general public of which TWO/THIRDS of RESIDENTS support the introduction of CIP
  - 2.2 ONE/THIRD of respondents have personal experience of anti-social behaviour of which three quarters of the responses were of anti-social behaviour in the last year but less than a quarter of the respondents reported the incidents to the police and fewer than 1 in 14 to FBC
  - 2.3 TWO/THIRDS of business owners do DISAGREE with new 'vertical drinking' applications being granted
- 3 Only by having a CIP can your Committee try to implement the 'key message'(see below) from the Statement of Licensing Policy CIP para 18

### **RECOMMENDATION**

implement a CIP which will:

- 1 enable the FBC Statement of Licensing Policy to be applied and ensure future licence applications are actively considered on their own merit

2 encourage a more diverse Lytham centre and ensure greater control of the area by the Licensing Committee

3 support FBC priorities relating to

The economy—creating a vibrant and healthy economy (with wider cultural offerings)

Environment---- delivering services which customers (residents and visitors ) expect

Efficiency---- spending money in an efficient way (not directing scarce resources to enforcement action)

Tourism---- creating a great place to live and visit (broad cultural, leisure and shopping experience)

#### “Key Message”

We encourage applications for restaurants and other predominantly seated venues which do not adversely impact upon the licensing objectives in contrast to those that predominantly offer vertical drinking. Applications should demonstrate how the licensing objectives are to be promoted.