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Dear EBC,

Chandler's Ford Parish welcomes EBC's proposed Statement of Licensing Policy 2024 to 2029. In particular, we welcome "key aim" #5 at para 2.6:

"Encouraging greater community involvement in licensing decisions and giving local residents the opportunity to have their say regarding licensing decisions that may impact upon them."

We believe that Parish and Town Councils can play a major part in assisting achievement of this aim, and would be keen to do so. However, current practice does not appear to support this - and we note that this aim was also present in the previous policy.

Parish and Town Councils only get one mention in the policy: the end of para 5.3 states "Where appropriate, neighbouring authorities, town and parish councils will also be consulted."

We recommend that this wording in para 5.3 is significantly strengthened. We suggest as an example wording -

"Wherever relevant, neighbouring authorities, town and parish councils will also be consulted. This includes consulting the appropriate town or parish council on any application to license currently unlicensed premises within their council area. While each application will be dealt with on its merits, in general the appropriate town or parish council will be consulted over significant applications, but not necessarily over minor amendments or short term temporary licenses."

We thank you for your consideration of our feedback.

Best wishes

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