Q1

Do you agree with the proposed change to extend the footpath trading hours from 12am(midnight) till 1am?

Yes

Q2

Please explain why:

Footpath trading hours: 'Police are to a degree taking an ambivalent position on this but, in principle, support the Council proposal on this. The likely issues arising are primarily around 'noise' – and it is Council who administer, and would receive related complaints regarding, noise compliance. We also acknowledge the different hours for interior and exterior areas could be challenging for licensees as, particularly small premises who rely on footpath areas for smoking / vaping, likely experience conflict from patrons who want to continue to utilise the outside areas to do so.

We encourage a pragmatic approach here and note that it is unlikely additional issues will arise from the extension. Should public order problems arise as a result of extension of hours the Agencies could address those individually at the renewal of the relevant on licences.'

Q3

Do you agree with the proposed change of making the one-way door policy applicable to the whole district?

Yes

Q4

Please explain why:

Police would fully support the extension of this policy to all On-licence premises – albeit this tool is primarily aimed at premises operating as Taverns (rather than restaurants etc). The experience in that regard across Canterbury District is that a consistent policy both reduces public order problems AND positively influences patron behaviour. It also assists licensees and Duty Managers in terms of them having a greater ability for the ongoing monitoring of individual patron or group consumption and reduces conflict arising from patrons being refused entry when moving between venues.

There may be some initial patron resistance to such a change but, especially if it is publicly notified and advertised by licensees, they will come to accept it as standard'.

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Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?

No - I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that my written submission be fully considered.