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To Whom it May Concern,

RE: Supporting statement for amendments to Statement of Licensing Policy

We are writing to you regarding the recent changes we have proposed to the Statement of Licensing Policy, which is due to be renewed in January 2024.

Whilst we understand that Public Health is not a licensing objective in its own right, the department, on behalf of the Director of Public Health (DPH), is keen to exercise the position of the DPH as a responsible authority. There are intrinsic links between the licensing objectives and Public Health, which centre around improving the wellbeing and quality of life of residents across Nottinghamshire.

The proposed changes to the Statement of Licensing Policy in relation to Public Health are few. We recognise the unique position of Public Health in relation to the variety of data we have available and the analytical capabilities within the department. We are currently capitalising on this position to create a matrix which will encompass a range of data relating to health harms of alcohol and data relating to the four licensing objectives. The intention is that the matrix will be used by Public Health and will be available to other responsible authorities to support representations in relation to alcohol licensing applications. It may be perceived as unfair for this matrix to be in operation and be used to make representations without making applicants aware of its existence and purpose. As a result, it is proposed that information about the matrix is included in the Statement of Licensing Policy.

To enable those writing an application for a license within the areas with highest alcohol-related harms to consider and outline mitigating measures, we feel it is important for these areas to be highlighted in the Statement of Licensing Policy. As the matrix is not yet fully operational, the areas with higher harms have been taken from [previous work undertaken in 2018](#). We propose for the list to be included as it is presented within this work to support more accurate targeting of mitigating measures.

We thank the Licensing Team for their invitation and support in relation to the inclusion of Public Health in the Statement of Licensing Policy and would be happy to address any concerns around the proposed changes.

Yours faithfully

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