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26th June 2006

Dear Janet,

Re: Curbing increase in Stourbridge nightspots

I was happy to see that the Council is set to use powers available through the Licensing Act 2003 to counter the problem of an excess of nightspots in Stourbridge by working in line with the 'accumulative impact policy'.

Basically, the Government has recognised that certain areas may suffer due to a surfeit of licensed premises in a concentrated area. It is in such areas, that the Government has laid down provision in statute to cater for the potential impact on crime and disorder or public nuisance on a town or city centre of a large concentration of licensed premises in that part of the local licensing authority area. Overcrowding, or too high a density of premises in an area is now a matter for a licensing authority to consider in developing its licensing policy statement and I trust the Council will utilise the powers in place.

I share the concerns of both the Council and my constituents at large at the prospect of Stourbridge's police and Council services being stretched by our burgeoning nightlife and hope that this can be avoided by using the available instruments and working together constructively with the Emergency Services, Environmental Health and community representatives.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience should you wish to discuss any of the points in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Lynda Waltho MP
Labour Member for Stourbridge

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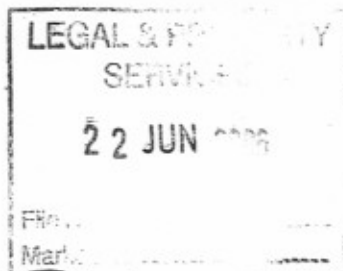
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Dear Mr Cant.

As a lifelong resident of Stourbridge
I want to support the "Accumulative
impact Policy" Restricting even more
Fun Pubs opening in Stourbridge.

Stourbridge used to be a shopping
Centre you could buy most Goods
Now more and more people are being
forced to go to Merry Hill.

At the same time increasing
Pollution and congestion

The town Centre should be for
all the community not just 18-25
year olds.

I hope D.M.B.C will bring in
these new Powers.

NO MORE FUN PUBS PLEASE

Yours Sincerely

C. Hill.

23 June 2006

The Licensing Officer
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Dear Sir

Re: Licensing Act 2003 – Public Consultation regarding the possible introduction of a Special Licensing Policy Area in Stourbridge Town Centre

I acknowledge receipt of your invitation to participate in the consultation with reference to initial proposals for an area of cumulative effect in Stourbridge.

Luminar Leisure Limited operates Chicago Rock Cafe, High Street, Stourbridge.

I wrote to the council in early 2005, when you were considering your Licensing Policy, urging you to include such an area, in line with the Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 in clauses 3.13 to 3.28. Whilst we are opposed to quotas we support special policies about limiting the creation of future premises licences and restricting the extending of hours in the town centre when potential for problems already exist.

Luminar supports the view of the Home Office, DCMS, Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), Local Government Association and Local Authorities Coordinating Office on Regulatory Services (LACORS) that you consider establishing a Special Policy Area on cumulative effect.

In Stourbridge we are moving towards an position where supply greatly outstrips demand: this is prone to generate discounting and lowering of standards which will inevitably create subsequent disorder and disturbance.

We request an introduction of this policy.

Yours sincerely


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Director

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