

Appendix Four - Environmental Protection

The policy as it stands at present allows a great deal of flexibility as to whether a licence is granted in the CIZ and the conditions attached particularly in relation to hours of operation.

Despite the introduction of the policy licences have been granted with times of operation outside of those permitted by the CIZ contrary to Environmental Protection recommendations concerning the cumulative impact in terms of noise and public disturbance.

It is fully understood that each application is and has to be fully considered on its merits and if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Licencing Sub – Committee that operating outside of the hours prescribed in the CIZ will not add to the cumulative impact in Environmental Protection terms – noise and public order they may grant the licence.

I understand that the policy cannot be seen as prohibitive to granting or varying licences but in order to ensure that in granting applications in future a high standard and a more rigorous examination of the operating schedule and supporting evidence provided by the applicant should be applied in order that the integrity of the CIZ is maintained.