South Lanarkshire Council

Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice)(Scotland) Bill

1. Do you support the Bill as a whole?
   
   In general South Lanarkshire Licensing Board would support the proposals relating to Alcohol Licensing.

2. Do you support particular provisions in the Bill?
   
   Yes – container marking for off sales.

3. Do you have concerns about particular provisions in the Bill?
   
   We would suggest extending the neighbour notifications from 4 metres to 50 metres for all relevant applications.

4. How will the particular provisions in the Bill fit with your work, or the work of your organisation?
   
   The provisions which relate to Alcohol Licensing will form an integral part of any enforcement policy implemented by the Licensing Standards Officers.

5. Will the Bill have financial or resource implications for you or your organisation?
   
   We anticipate there will be minimal increase in enforcement required in relation to policing of packaging and advertising. If numerous requests are received from Police Scotland in connection with container marking this could involve some cost due to the need for consultation and hearings to be held. However it would be anticipated that the volume of requests would be small in number.

6. Do you have any other comments or suggestions relevant to the Bill?
   
   None.

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