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Dear Sirs

Thank you for your letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> March inviting us to comment on Harrow Council's proposal to extend its Controlled Drinking Zone to cover the whole borough.

I recall meeting with a colleague from L.B. Harrow some time ago to discuss the merits of a boroughwide zone, following Hillingdon's decision to designate this borough so, in 2006.

As far as Hillingdon is concerned, there was virtually universal support from the community and local partners, including the Police, for the whole borough to become a Controlled Drinking Zone, following the earlier designation of five smaller zones, and the only real challenge we have encountered in this respect, has been to provide sufficient signage to cover such a large borough! In other respects, the arrangement has been successful and welcomed both by residents and enforcing officers.

(Incidentally, section 155 of the Licensing Act 2003 removes references to 'other than in a sealed container' in previous legislation and adds that alcohol in a sealed container can be confiscated 'providing that the officer reasonably believes that the person is, or has been consuming, or intends to consume, alcohol'.)

Yours sincerely

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