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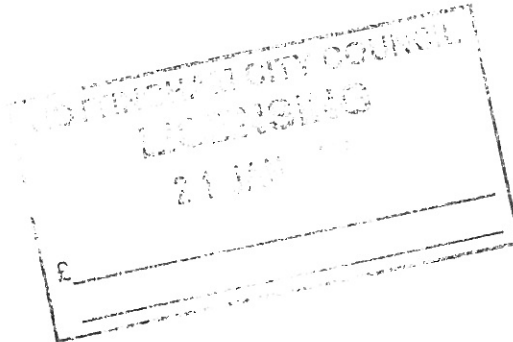
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Dear Sir or Madam

Proposals for amending the boundary of the City Centre Saturation Zone

As the representative of the local planning authority, a Responsible Authority in licensing terms, I write to ask you to formally consider changes to boundary of the City Centre Saturation Zone.

The changes requested are in two parts (see attached plan for details of areas):

1. To delete the proposed Canal Quarter as delineated and described in the draft City Centre Time and Place Plan from the saturation zone. This would mean moving the boundary of the saturation zone northwards from the canal and Tinkers Lean to Canal Street. The justification for this request is that the City Centre Time and Place Plan allocates the Canal Quarter as suitable for properly designed and managed licensed premises because this area offers numerous development sites that can facilitate changes as well as close proximity to the transport hubs of the rail station, tram and bus stops for ease of access and dispersal.
2. To add a small extension to the saturation zone within the proposed Castle Quarter to protect the environs of the Castle which is intended to be developed as a major tourist attraction. It will be necessary to ensure that the surrounding area, particularly the main access routes from the City Centre, are developed with complementary uses such as restaurants and appropriate bars and cafes. I have proposed two areas – the key one is around Friar Lane and the top part of Castle Road, which is already under pressure for more intensive licensed premise uses. It is most important to include this area. The second area (shown in the plan as a dotted line) also includes the whole of Castle Road and the likely development site between Castle Road and Maid Marian Way, which is proposed to be a tourism related development with pedestrian access through from the Broadmarsh area. Ideally both areas would be included in the saturation zone.

Both of these requests are in relation to the implementation of the City Centre Time and Place Plan, which has now been through a consultation stage and will be reported back to the Council with amendments probably in March or April. These proposals have also been endorsed by City Centre Sub Committee and were included in a previous letter from Councillor McDonald, also attached here for information.

I hope that this is enough information for you to start a review of the saturation zone but please let me know if you need anything else.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Flack". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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