

# Alcohol in public places

CONSULTATION

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# OVERVIEW

This consultation is being carried out to help inform the Council in considering if there are areas in the Scottish Borders where drinking alcohol in a public place should not be allowed.

## WHY ARE WE CONSULTING?

**Scottish Borders Council works with the Local Licensing Board to meet the 5 licensing objectives as set out in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. The 5 licensing objectives are:**

- **Preventing Crime and Disorder**
- **Securing Public Safety**
- **Protecting and Improving Public Health**
- **Preventing Public Nuisance**
- **Protecting Children and Young Persons from Harm**

**We would like your help to identify if there are any areas in the Scottish Borders where drinking alcohol in a public place should not be allowed.**

**More information about the licensing objectives and some frequently asked questions are available at <https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/> or by contacting the Legal Services Team.**

**Please return your completed response, by 26 May 2019, to:**

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# ABOUT YOU

**Q1. Are you an individual or an organisation/group?** (Tick one)

Individual

Organisation/ Group (Please specify below)

Organisation/Group Name

**Q2. Are there any public places in the Scottish Borders where you think drinking alcohol is causing a problem?** (Tick one)

Yes

Go to Q3

No

Go to Q6

Don't Know

Go to Q6

# Where is the problem?

## Q3. Where do you think drinking alcohol in a public place is causing a problem?

(Tick all that apply).

Ayton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Innerleithen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cardrona	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jedburgh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chirnside	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelso	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clovenfords	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lauder	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cockburnspath	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melrose	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coldingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newcastleton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coldstream	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newtown St Boswells	<input type="checkbox"/>
Denholm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peebles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duns	<input type="checkbox"/>	Selkirk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earlston	<input type="checkbox"/>	St Boswells	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eddleston	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stow	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eyemouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tweedbank	<input type="checkbox"/>
Galashiels	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walkerburn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greenlaw	<input type="checkbox"/>	West Linton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hawick	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yetholm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other area(s) in Scottish Borders	<input type="checkbox"/>		

## Q4. Please specify the other areas(s) e.g. small village or open space away from populated areas

# What is the problem?

**Q5. Please tell us about the alcohol related problem(s) in the place(s) you have identified.**

## Meeting the Licensing Objectives

The main piece of legislation controlling the sale of alcohol in Scotland is the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. This Act balances the rights of the majority of people who drink responsibly against the need to protect local communities from nuisance and crime associated with misuse of alcohol. It is intended to provide a clear and consistent underpinning for the alcohol licensing regime in Scotland based upon the five licensing objectives:

- preventing crime and disorder
- securing public safety
- preventing public nuisance
- protecting and improving public health, and
- protecting children and young persons from harm

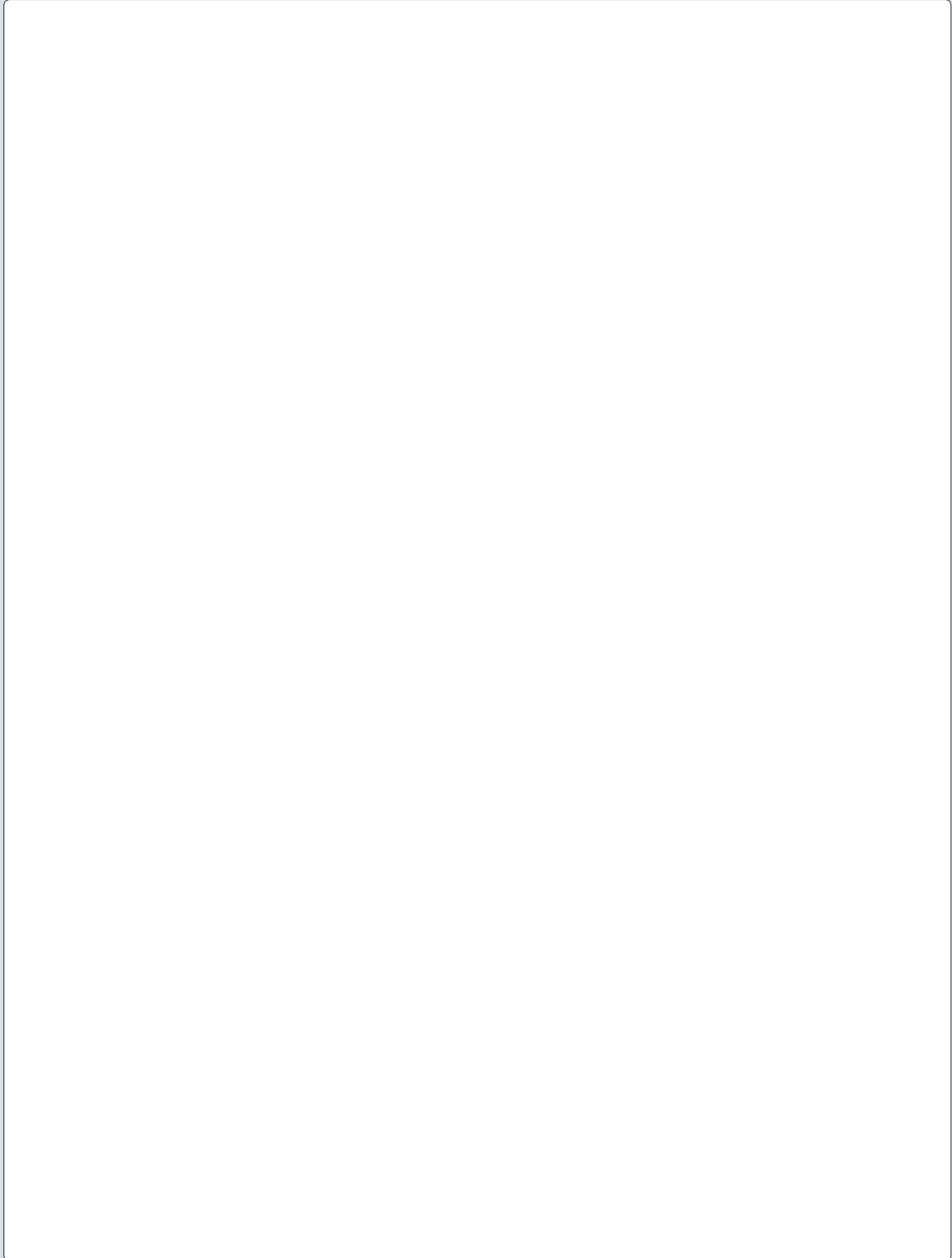
**Q6. Do you think that not allowing people to drink alcohol in some public places will help to meet the 5 licensing objectives?** (Tick one per row).

	Yes	No	Don't know/unsure
Preventing crime and disorder			
Securing public safety			
Protecting or improving public health			
Preventing public nuisance			
Protecting children and young persons from harm			

**Q7. Would you like to explain your answer?**

# Final Comments

**Q8. Do you have any final comments about drinking alcohol in public places?**

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the respondent to provide their final comments on the topic of drinking alcohol in public places.

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