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Dear Alan

**West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board consultation
Statement of Licensing Policy and Assessment of Overprovision**

Paul Smith, Chairman of the West Dunbartonshire Local Licensing Forum (the Forum), has instructed that I write to you in relation to the above and I should be grateful if you could treat this letter as the Forum's response to the Licensing Board's consultation on its new Statement of Licensing Policy and Assessment of Overprovision.

As you will be aware, the Forum submitted a detailed response in relation to the Licensing Board's pre-consultation exercise. This response contained a number of recommendations relating to the development of the Policy and also the Assessment of Overprovision. The Forum at its meeting on 29 August 2023 was pleased to note that the Licensing Board had carefully considered the response and its recommendations as part of its pre-consultation exercise.

Accordingly, in respect of this current consultation, the Forum simply wishes to first, commend the Licensing Board's detailed and evidence-based consultation process and second, to ask that the Licensing Board consider whether it is appropriate to adopt the outstanding Forum recommendations from the foregoing report.

Paul is happy to discuss matters further if required.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M McDougall".

Michael McDougall
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