

**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**  
**BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE**

**02 SEPTEMBER 2008**

**LEGAL & PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

**BYELAW REVIEW : PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL, ROTHESAY**

**1. Summary**

This report follows from the report dated 26<sup>th</sup> May 2008 to the Bute and Cowal Area Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 and advises the Area Committee of the responses to the consultation with interested and relevant parties on the proposed extension of the area covered by the byelaw prohibiting the consumption of alcohol drinks in designated public places in Rothesay.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** That members resolve to promote an extension of the area covered by the existing byelaw to prohibit the consumption of alcoholic drink within Rothesay as shown on Appendix 3.

**3. Background**

- 3.1** The period of consultation with relevant and interested parties on the proposed extension of the area covered by the byelaw prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic drink in designated public places in Rothesay closed on 19 August 2008. The consultation letter was sent to Strathclyde Police, Bute Community Safety Forum, Bute Community Council and the Scottish Licensed Trade Association.

- 3.2** For the purposes of the consultation a proposed area was designated on the map. This is shown as Appendix 1 to this report. A map showing the area covered by the existing byelaws was also sent out with the consultation. This is shown as Appendix 2 to this report. The proposed extension as shown in Appendix 1 was based on information received from Strathclyde Police. Within the consultation letter responses to the following two questions were requested:

- 1. Do you agree with the proposal to extend the area covered by the existing consumption of alcoholic drink within the**

**environs of Rothesay, as detailed in this consultation document, as a solution to the public disorder and anti social behaviour identified?**

**If yes, please specify your reasons why.**

**If not, please specify your reasons why.**

- 2. Do you agree with the proposed scope of the geographical area to be covered by the extension as shown on Map B annexed to this consultation document?**

**If you do not agree, please indicate on the map what area should be designated.**

**Please provide detailed reasons and any evidence available for this.**

- 3.3** Both respondents, namely Strathclyde Police and Bute Community Safety Forum, stated their support for the proposal.

- 3.4** In relation to Question 2 concerning the scope of the geographical area, Strathclyde Police stated that they were aware that a minor extension of the proposed area south from Wellpark Road to Millburn Bridge and following the line of Ascog Burn would cover the area of the former Royal Burgh of Rothesay and they would support this amendment provided it does not delay the review process. A copy of the plan showing the proposed amendment is attached to this report as Appendix 3

Bute Community Safety Forum have stated that they would wish this area included as concerns had been raised that the extended area proposed in the proposed consultation letter specifically excludes some areas in Rothesay where it is known that considerable amounts of drinking in public places takes place.

#### **4. Implications**

Policy	:	None
Financial	:	None
Personal	:	None
Equal Opportunities	:	None

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