

Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council

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Dear Sir/ Madam

Licensing of Pavement Cafes Bill

I am writing on behalf of the Council in relation to the introduction of the above Bill to the Assembly.

At a recent meeting of the relevant committee of this Council which deals with licensing matters the Bill was discussed and, in general, Councillors welcomed the introduction of such a scheme that would not only compliment the improvements to Dungannon town currently about to start as part of a Public Realm Scheme, but would also help to encourage entrepreneurialism and help create a vibrant evening economy in the borough. The committee were made aware of the letters already forwarded to the Department written by NILGA and the Licensing Forum and Institute of Licensing (which were produced following direct input from licensing officers, including an officer from this council) in which some practical elements and potential difficulties in the Bill were discussed, comments with which the committee concurred.

The Council welcome any further opportunity it may be afforded to provide assistance and evidence in relation to the Bill's development during its passage through the Assembly.

Yours faithfully

Rodney Gillis
Senior Licensing Officer