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Dear Mr Caundle

I refer to the proposal for the Selective Licensing Scheme within the ward of Melcombe Regis, which was presented at the Melcombe Regis board on 4 October 2018, and subsequently circulated to all board members.

I wish to formally offer, and record, my full support for the scheme, as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset.

As we know, and as is widely documented, Melcombe Regis has higher recorded levels of anti-social behaviour than any other ward in Dorset County Council's authority area and total crime is also very high in the ward.

I remain passionate over the key role of the Melcombe Regis Board, to bring agencies together to understand the complex relationships between the factors affecting health and well-being, to help give direction and remove obstacles, and, to enable change. As such, I consider the Selective Licensing Scheme to sit firmly within the objectives of the Board. The overall ethos of this scheme is that it will work with our communities to seek to protect those people at risk of harm and indeed the potential benefits for the community are overwhelming. The scheme will drive up accommodation conditions and standards, thereby improving wellbeing and health outcomes. This ambition very much works towards my PCC commitments and overall policing objectives arising from the Police and Crime Plan 2017/2021, in particular, *protecting people at risk of harm*, and, *working with our communities*.

As you know, I have already committed resources and support to the area of Melcombe Regis. I am pleased to have co-funded both the Weymouth Community Safety Accreditation Scheme, to be utilised primarily in the Melcombe Regis area of the town, and also to have co-funded the Melcombe Regis Capacity Worker.

I continue to remain supportive of the Melcombe Regis Board, and all that we collectively achieve.

Yours sincerely



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