

**Council Information Session/Workshop**  
**MINUTES ATTACHMENTS**

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**Date:** Tuesday 8 April 2025  
**Time:** 12.00 pm -2.30 pm  
**Venue:** Council Chambers, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch  
**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8305479561>  
**Meeting ID:** 830 547 9561

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# Local Alcohol Policy

## Engagement and Draft Policy

Council Information Session  
8 April 2025

## Recap

- Council, 5 February 2025

### 20. Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) - Update and Next Steps

Council Resolved CNCL/2025/00165

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

That the Council:

1. Receives the information in the Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) - Update and Next Steps Report and attachments.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as high significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Directs staff to continue work on the development of a draft Local Alcohol Policy to enable the Council to consider adopting a final version before the local elections in October 2025.
4. Directs staff to undertake pre-consultation engagement to inform the development of a draft Local Alcohol Policy.

Councillor McLellan/Councillor Peters

**Carried**

### COUNCIL DIRECTION

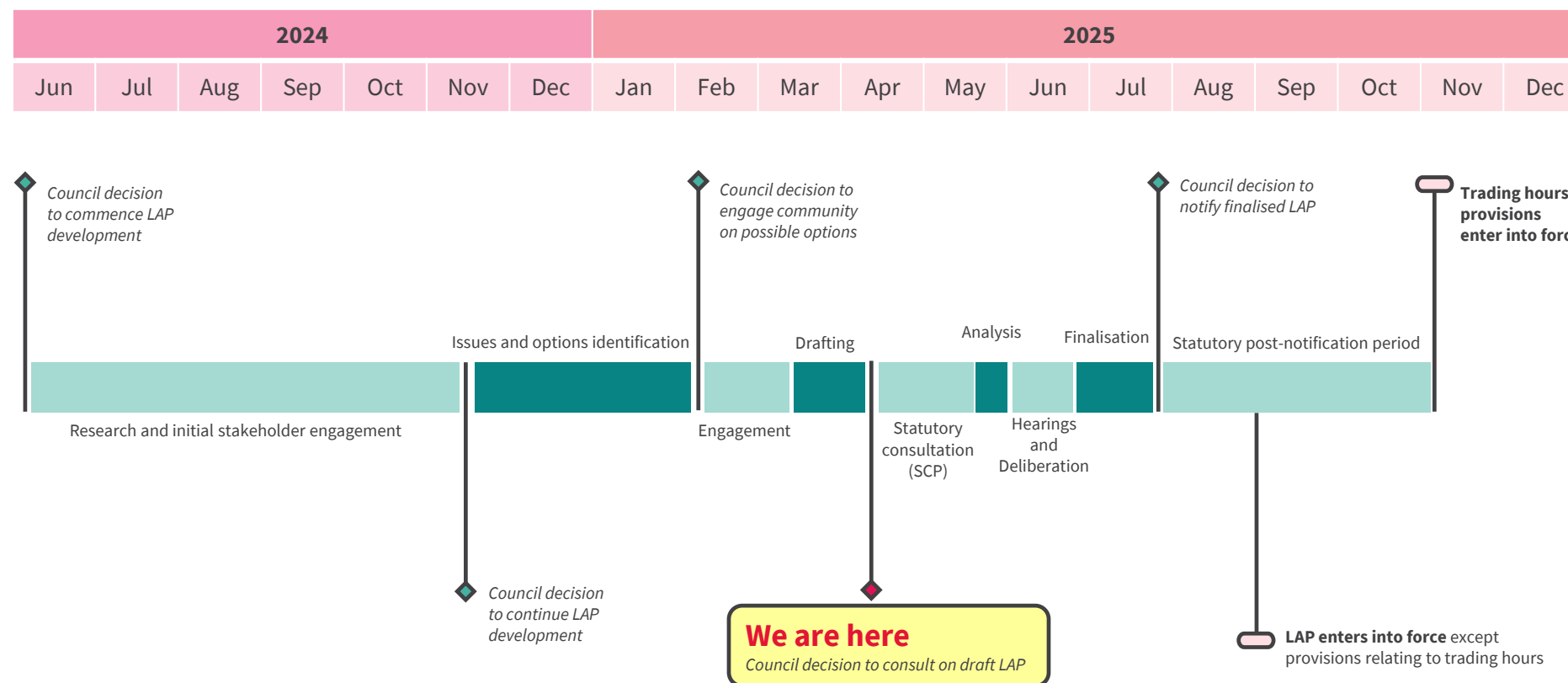


**Engage community**  
on possible policy options



**Produce draft LAP**  
for consultation

# Timeline



## How LAPs work

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- When considering a licence application, the District Licensing Committee:
  - **Must** have regard to “any relevant local alcohol policy” (among other things)
  - **May** refuse to issue a licence if inconsistent with the LAP
- The District Licensing Committee:
  - Considers each application on a case-by-case basis
  - Has some discretion
- LAP can provide greater clarity for applicants, the community, and the District Licensing Committee.

## Engagement on possible policy options



**Public survey** on possible LAP options.



**Community Board** workshops



Survey in field from **17 February** to **9 March**



**Mass marketing** campaign, on-street surveyors, and stands and flyers at libraries/service centres



Survey link emailed to c.**2,500 stakeholders** and c.**40,000 residents** (research panel)



**16,726 views** of Kōrero mai | Let's Talk during engagement phase

## Who did we hear from?



**3,478** survey responses, *including*



**107** submissions  
from **organisations**



**154** submissions  
from **licence holders**



**9.7%** young people



**26** community  
groups



respondents from  
**across the city**



## Our approach

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- Developed draft LAP having considered:
  - Statutory and other data
  - Community preferences
  - Stakeholder feedback
- Key considerations:
  - Objectives of the Act
  - Proportionality
  - Practicality
- When balancing these considerations, there is no ‘perfect’ policy.

## Post-engagement policy options

### OPTION A



Reduce trading  
hours for  
off-licences

### OPTION B



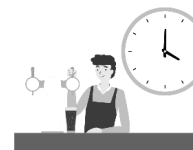
Freeze on new off-  
licences in high  
deprivation areas

### OPTION C



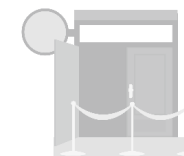
Restrict new bottle  
stores, taverns,  
and nightclubs  
locating near  
sensitive sites

### OPTION D



Reduce trading  
hours for on-  
licences in  
suburban areas

### OPTION E



Introduce one-  
way door  
restrictions

## Option A Reduce trading hours for off-licences

### OPTION A



Reduce trading  
hours for  
off-licences

### Option overview

#### Who?

- All off-licences.

#### What?

- **Reduce** maximum trading hours for off-licences:
  - from 7am to 11pm (current)
  - to 7am to **9pm**

#### Where?

- District wide.

#### When?

- Three months after the LAP is notified.

#### Why?

- To reduce alcohol-related harm by restricting the accessibility of alcohol that can be purchased at night (after 9pm) for consumption in unsupervised drinking environments.

## Option A Reduce trading hours for off-licences

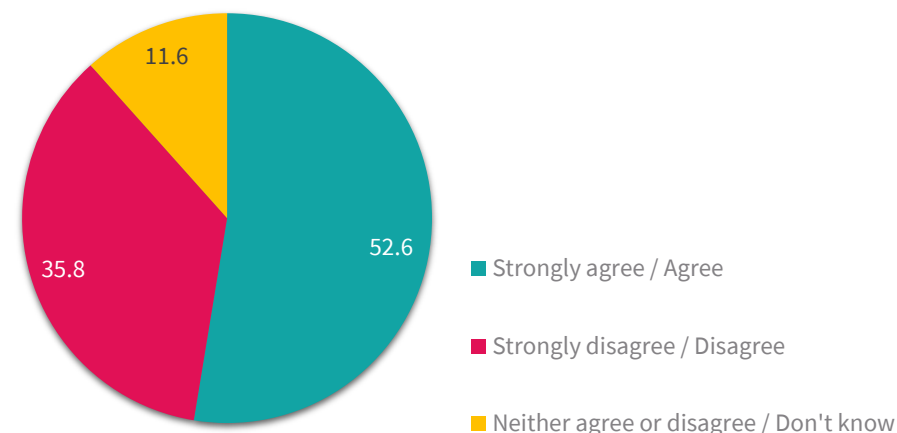
### Analysis overview

- Some general community support for this option (small majority).
- Clear split of support before/after 9pm (c.50%).
- Many thought 10pm or no change.
- Simple and straightforward to apply.
- Key risks relate to potential impact on businesses.

#### AT A GLANCE...

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Meets object of the Act?     | Yes.            |
| Aligns with community views? | Yes, generally. |
| Proportionate?               | Yes.            |
| Feasible?                    | Yes.            |

Total response



## Option B Freeze on new off-licences in high deprivation areas

### OPTION B



Freeze on new off-licences in high deprivation areas

### Option overview

#### Who?

- All **new** off-licences. However, an applicant can apply for an **exemption** if they can show in their application that the primary purpose of their business is not the sale and supply of alcohol.

#### What?

- Restrict **new** off-licences establishing in areas of high deprivation.

#### Where?

- Areas measured as deprivation level 8-10 using the New Zealand Index of Socioeconomic Deprivation, which uses a scale between 1 (low) and 10 (high). *See map.*

#### When?

- Immediately the LAP is brought into force.

#### Why?

- To minimise alcohol-related harm in high deprivation communities, which are disproportionately affected by alcohol-related harm, by halting further proliferation of off-licences servicing these communities.

## Option B Freeze on new off-licences in high deprivation areas

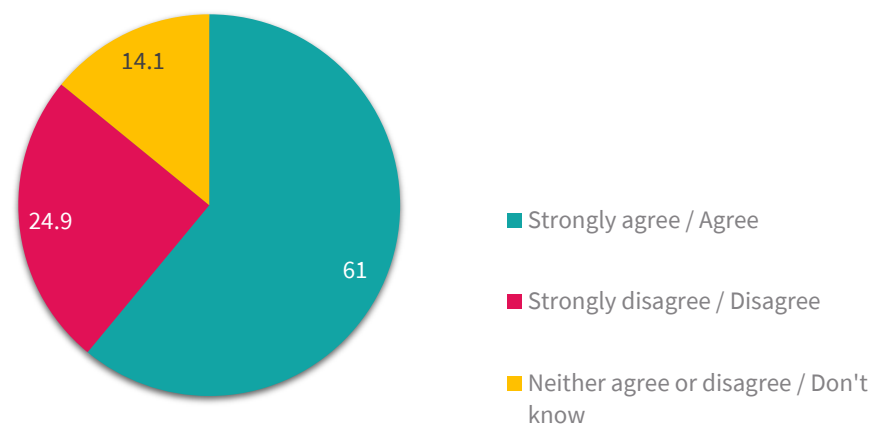
### Analysis overview

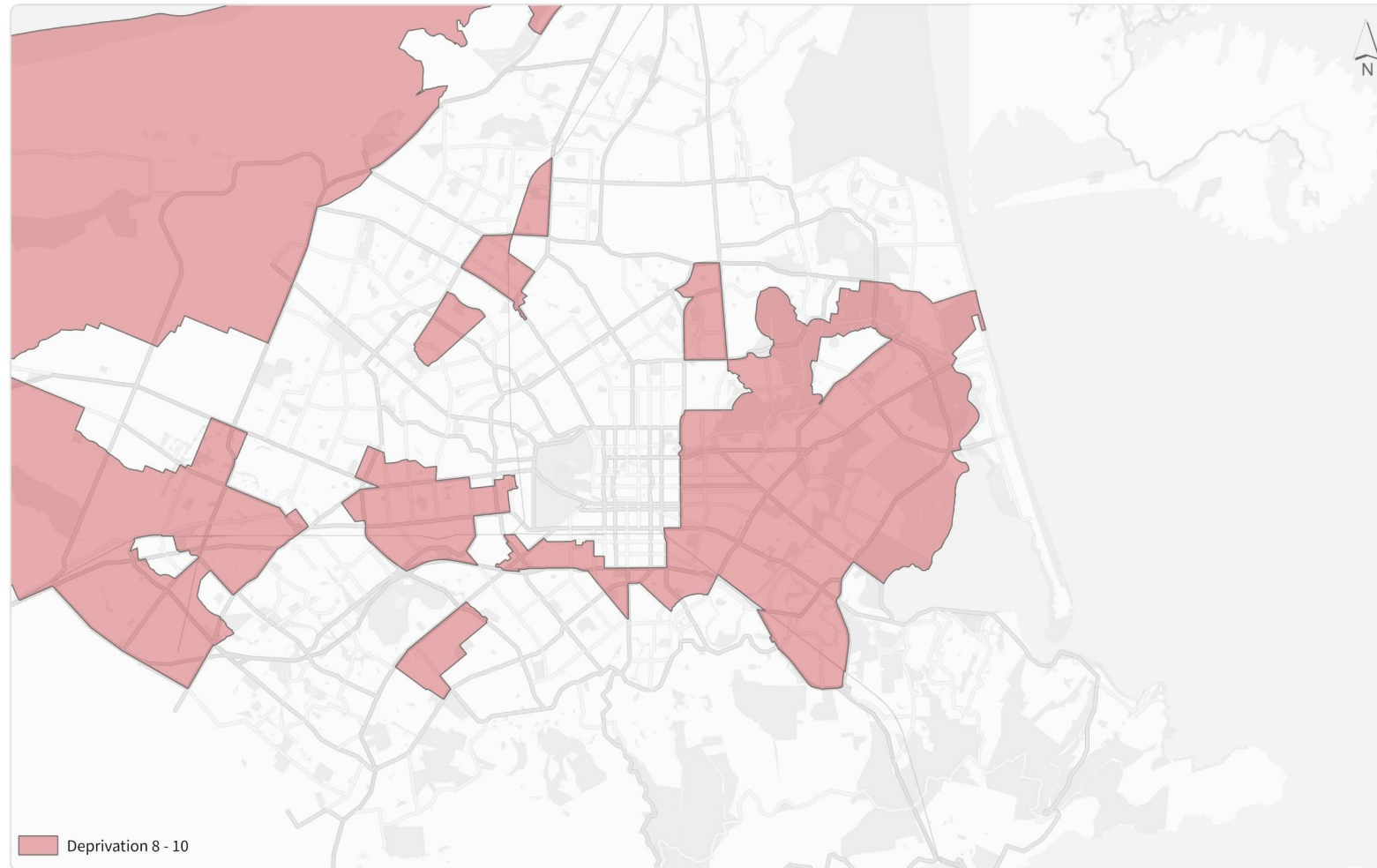
- Strong general community support for this option, including 41% who 'strongly agree'.
- Clear signal from community about which licence types the policy should apply to:
  - 68% bottle store, 52% small grocery, 47% specialty
  - 40% supermarkets, 38% tavern, 24% café, 18% restaurant
- Policy application inherently has some limitations and complexity.
- Key risks relate to potential impact on businesses.

#### AT A GLANCE...

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Meets object of the Act?     | Yes. |
| Aligns with community views? | Yes. |
| Proportionate?               | Yes. |
| Feasible?                    | Yes. |

Total response





**Local Alcohol Policy 2025**

Option B: Freeze on New Off-Licenses in High Deprivation Areas

## Option C Restrict new bottle stores, taverns, and nightclubs locating near sensitive sites



### Option overview

#### Who?

- **New** bottle stores, taverns, and nightclubs, **except** where an applicant can demonstrate the premises can be managed in a way that addresses community concerns.

#### What?

- Restrict these premises types locating near primary and secondary schools and addiction treatment/ rehabilitation facilities.

#### Where?

- District wide **but** different settings for Central City

| Area             | Restriction <i>Distance from sensitive site boundary</i>  |
|------------------|---|
| Central City     | Schools: 50m<br>Addiction treatment/ rehabilitation facilities: 100m<br>Exemption for the City Centre Zone. |
| Rest of District | Schools: 200m<br>Addiction treatment/rehabilitation facilities: 200m  |

#### When?

- Immediately the LAP is brought into force

#### Why?

- To reduce alcohol-related harm, and respond to community preferences, by minimising exposure to alcohol among possibly vulnerable populations.

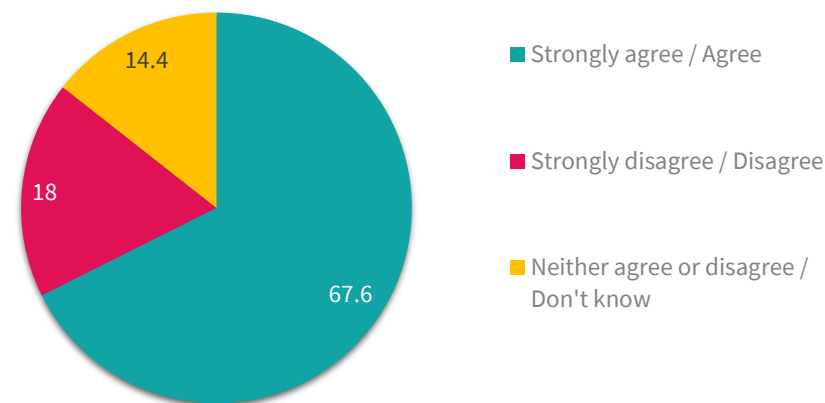


## Option C Restrict new bottle stores, taverns, and nightclubs locating near sensitive sites

### Analysis overview

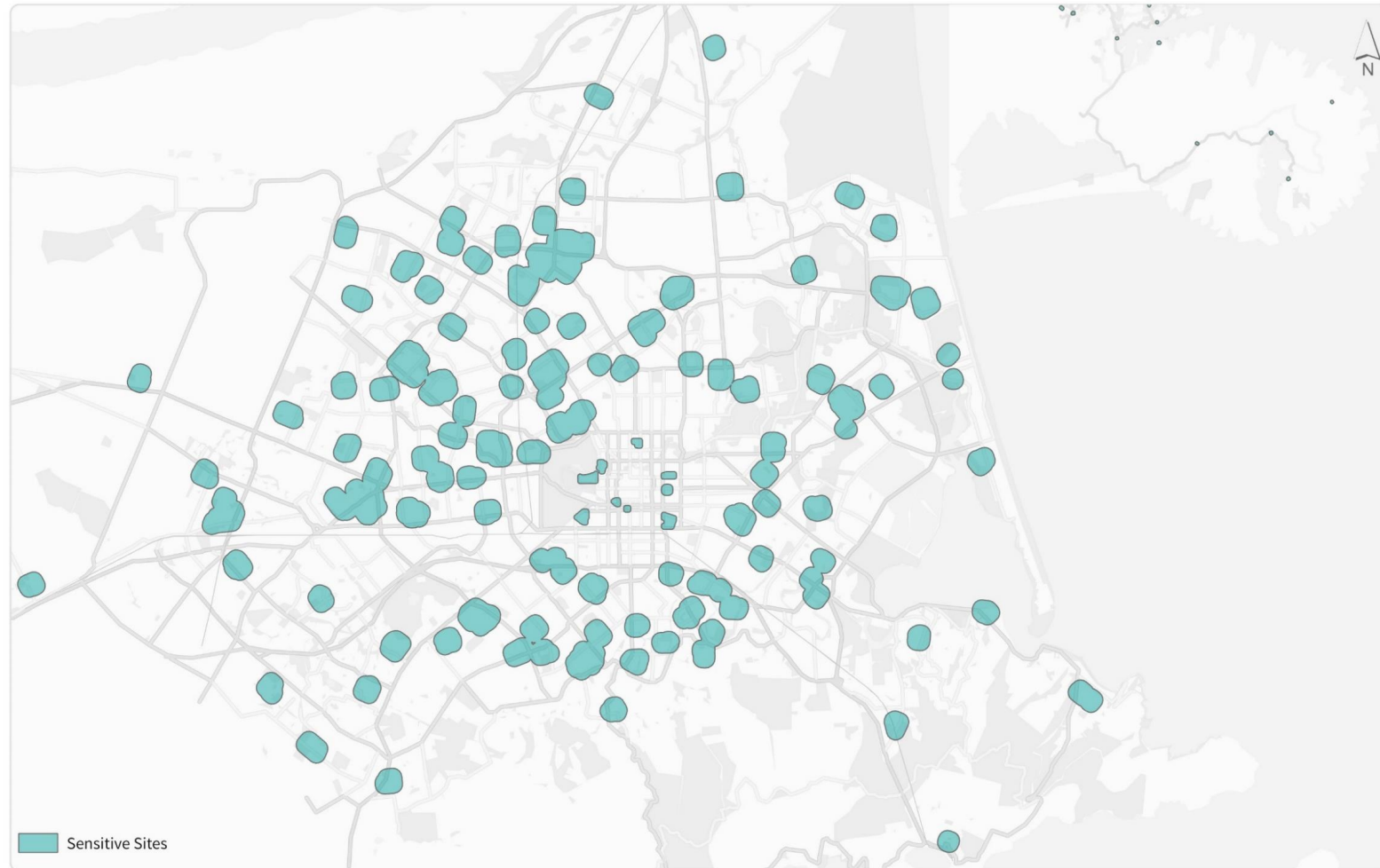
- Strong general community support for this option (most supported and included 41% who 'strongly agree')
- Clear signal about which sites, licences, and distances.
- Shifts onus from the community to argue possible harm to applicant to demonstrate any harm can be mitigated.
- Policy application inherently has some limitations and complexity.
- Key risks relate to potential impact on businesses.

### Total response



| AT A GLANCE...               |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Meets object of the Act?     | Yes.   |
| Aligns with community views? | Yes.   |
| Proportionate?               | Yes, in relation to which sites and licences |
| Feasible?                    | Yes.   |

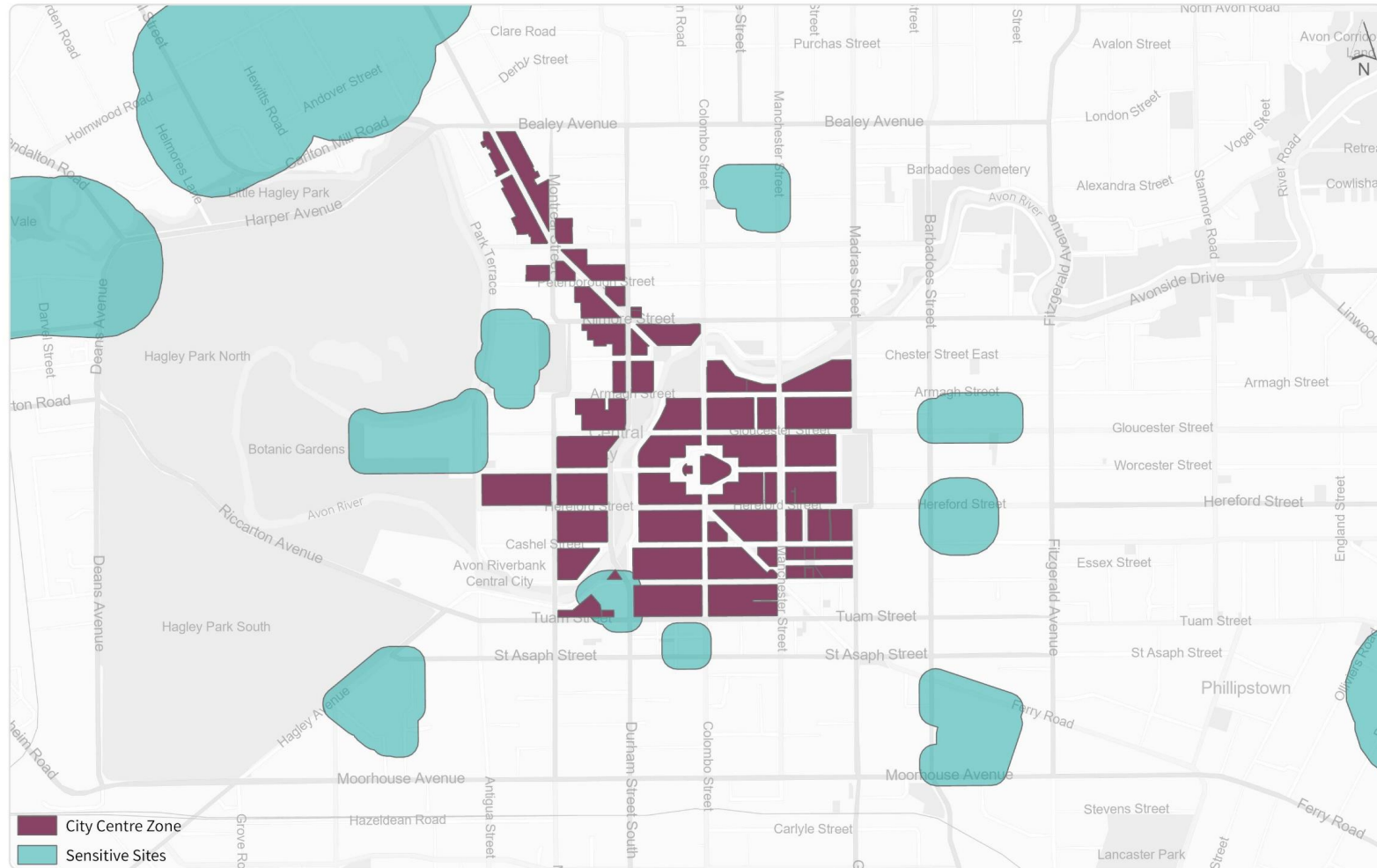
| Settings        | Survey response / preference  |
|-----------------|---|
| Sites           | Addiction/rehab (80%); Secondary school (69%); Primary school (69%); ECE (65%). Rest were 50% or below.                               |
| Distance        | 200m (83% for supporters of policy; 47% for opposers of policy – highest preference).   |
| Venues/ Outlets | Bottle stores (90% and above); Pubs/taverns, night clubs (75% and above). Consistent results across all sites considered “sensitive”. |



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Option C: Restrict New Bottle Stores, Taverns, and Nightclubs Locating Near Sensitive Sites

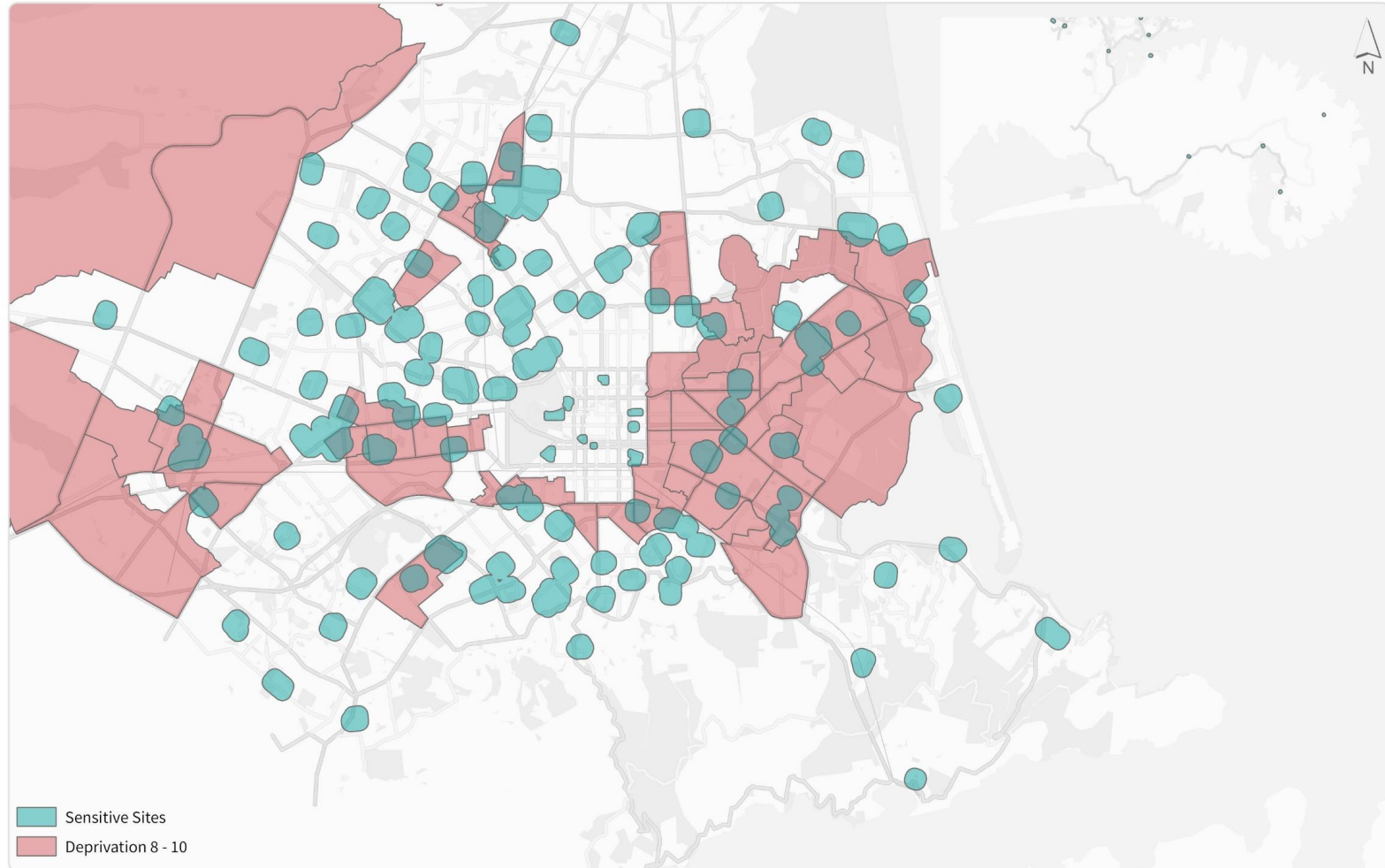
## Central City



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Option C: Restrict New Bottle Stores, Taverns, and Nightclubs Locating Near Sensitive Sites

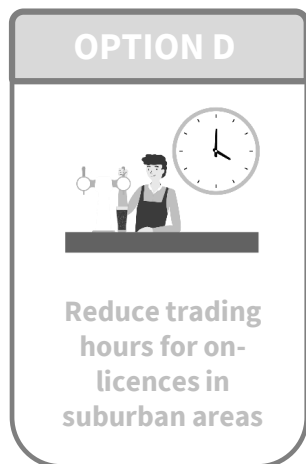
**Spatial extent of  
Options B & C**



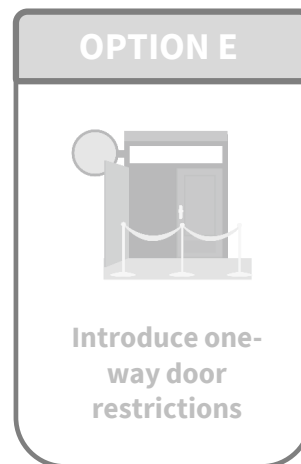
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## Options not carried forward

### Summary



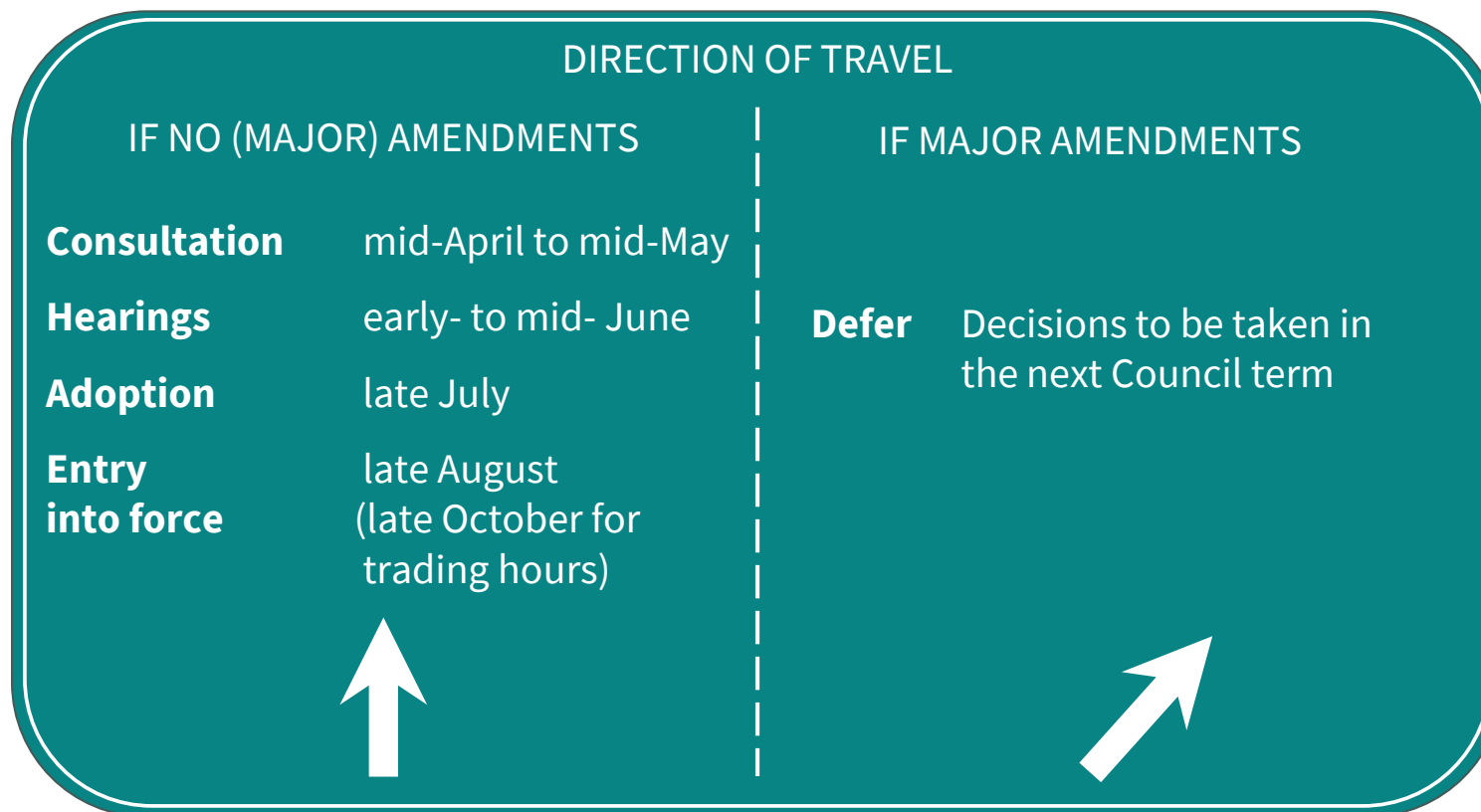
- Some support (but least supported of all the options).
- Complex. Reflecting community responses would require different policies for different venue types.
- Key risks relate to complexity of policy and treating different venues differently to others.
- **Complexity and risks do not outweigh the potential benefits. Status quo (DLC can set hours on case-by-case basis) seems appropriate.**



### Summary

- Some general community support, with 1am clear preference for those who support having a one-way-door policy.
- Straightforward to implement.
- Key risks relate to potential for unintended increase in unsupervised drinking, and not proportionately balancing objectives for central city vitality and nighttime economy.
- **Consequences may outweigh potential benefits. Status quo (DLC can apply case-by-case) seems appropriate.**

## Where next?

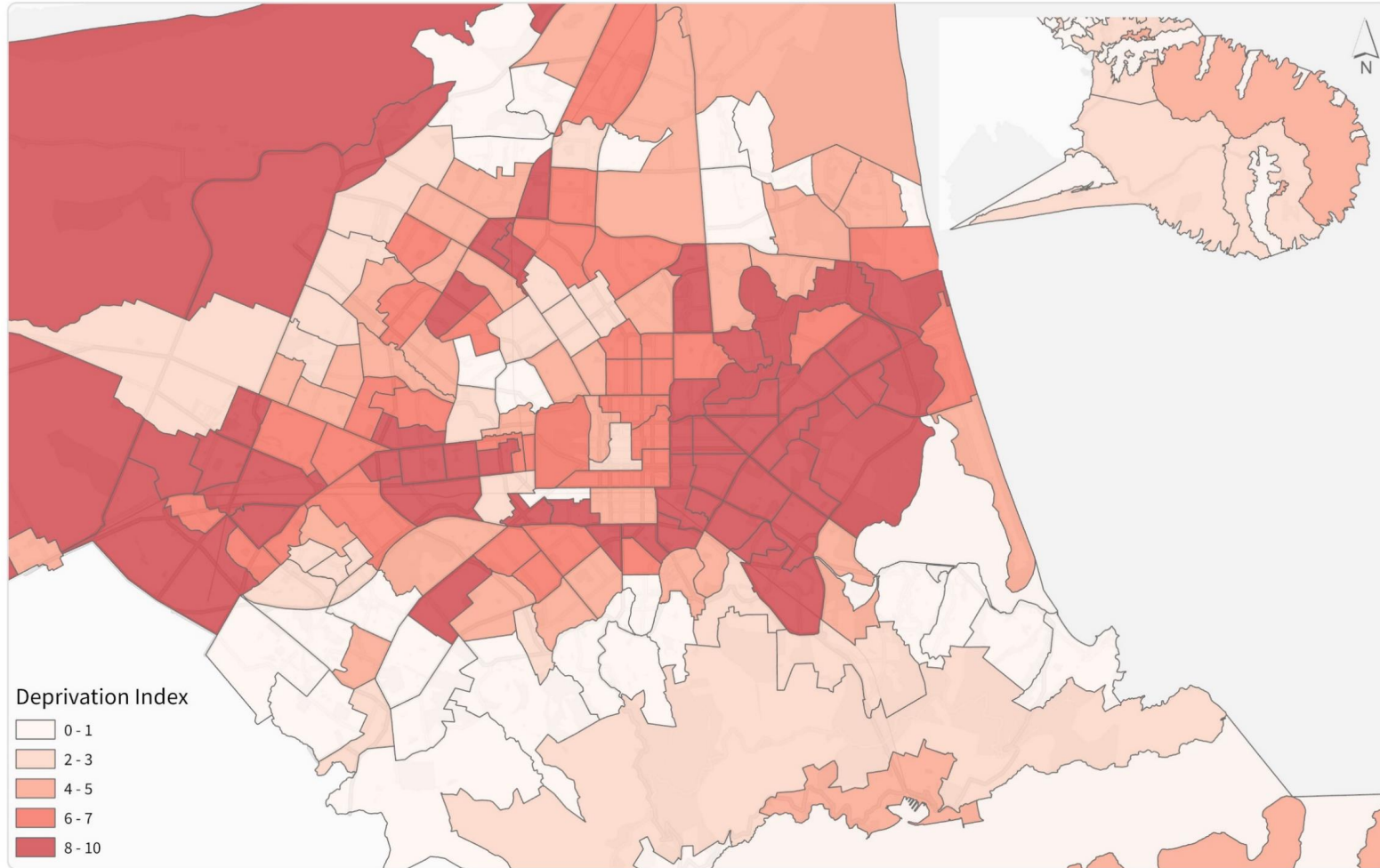




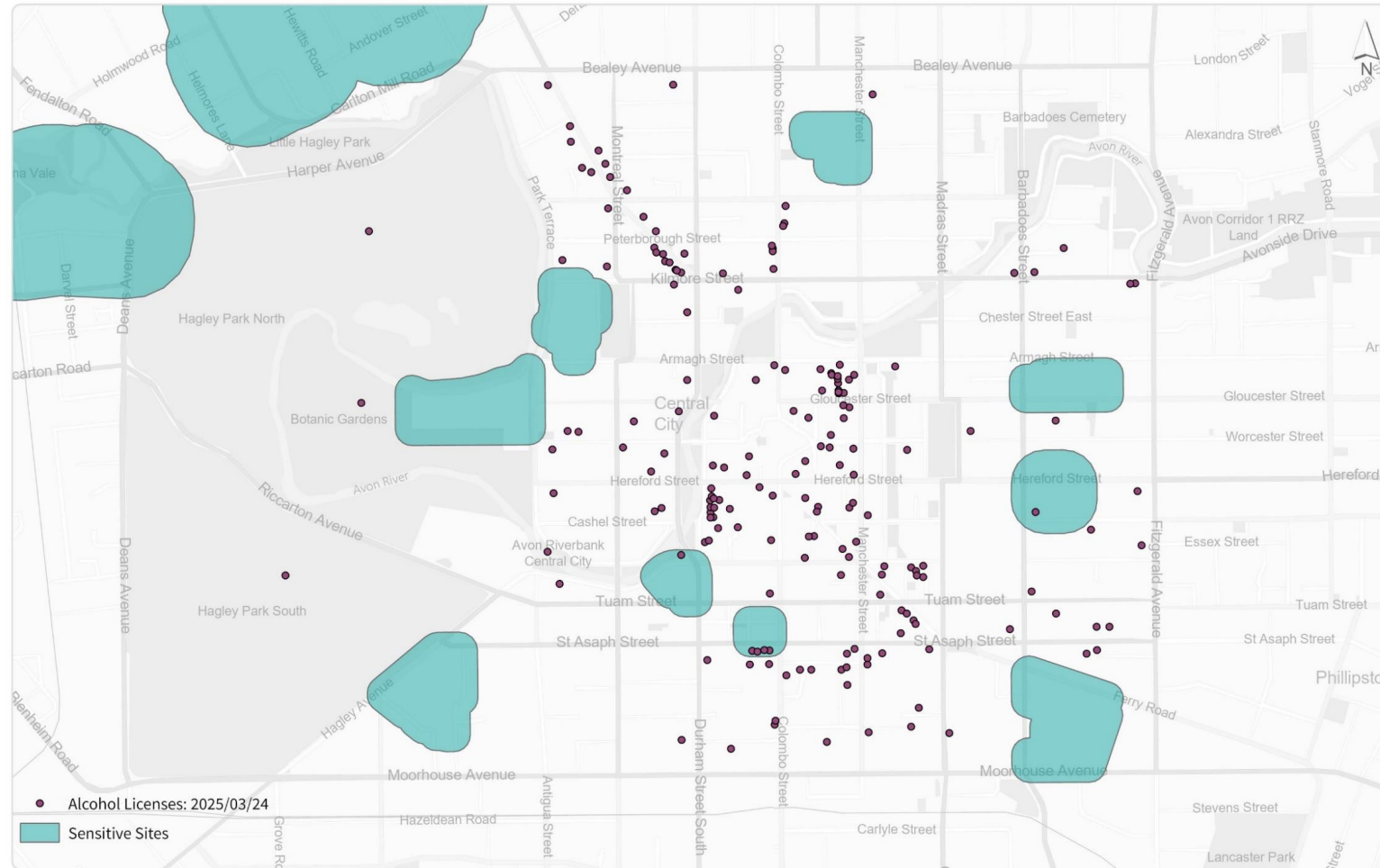


*The following slides are not provided as part of the presentation  
but are attached as slides to assist with explanation, if required.*





Local Alcohol Policy 2025  
Option B: Freeze on New Off-Licenses in High Deprivation Areas



**Local Alcohol Policy 2025**  
**Option C: Restrict New Bottle Stores, Taverns, and Nightclubs Locating Near Sensitive Sites**