

**SCOTTISH BEER AND PUB ASSOCIATION REJECTS BLANKET  
“GLASS FREE” FOR GLASGOW’S PUBS**

In its submission to a consultation organised by the City of Glasgow Licensing Board the Scottish Beer and Pub Association which represents 1,500 pubs across Scotland has rejected plans for a “blanket” ban on the use of glass in all public houses in Glasgow by January 2007.

Said Patrick Browne, SBPA Chief Executive: “The industry is in full support of policies designed to target and tackle the violent thugs who use glass as a weapon.”

“Whilst recognising that the issue is a very serious one the industry opposes a blanket ban on the use of glass which we believe can not be justified in terms of cost or risk and is a totally disproportionate response to the issue. We believe that the use of plastic bottles or toughened glass is best determined on a premises by premises basis where problems exist, indeed this is the very approach which is being used by Edinburgh’s licensing authorities.”

“The Glasgow Licensing Board should listen to the trade and reject any proposals to force all of the city’s 1,800 pubs to use toughened glass or plastic bottles which would be very costly for the trade, bad for Scotland’s environment and create the wrong image for Glasgow’s hospitality industry.”

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**Notes for Editors**

1. The Scottish Beer and Pub Association was originally formed in 1906. Members are brewing and large pub companies representing the licensed trade industry in Scotland. The main aim of the Association is to contribute to the economic and social wellbeing of Scotland through employment, investment and training. Members account for 1,500 of the 5,100 licensed public houses in Scotland.

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