

Does Auckland need more alcohol outlets?

Communities are better places to live when there aren't lots of places to buy alcohol.

Where there are more places selling alcohol, there is more promotion, more drinking and greater harm.

The impact of alcohol harm is far reaching – affecting the drinker, their whānau and others in the community.

- **The harm is immediate** – crime, assaults, accidents and injury, road traffic crashes, and suicides.
- **And long-term** – addiction, mental health problems, diseases like cancer, stroke and cirrhosis, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

We already have a significant problem with alcohol in New Zealand. One in five adults drinks in a way that could harm themselves or others.

There is more alcohol related harm in Auckland with a greater number of late night assaults and hospital admissions, even allowing for our larger population.



Proximity to nearest Off-licence*

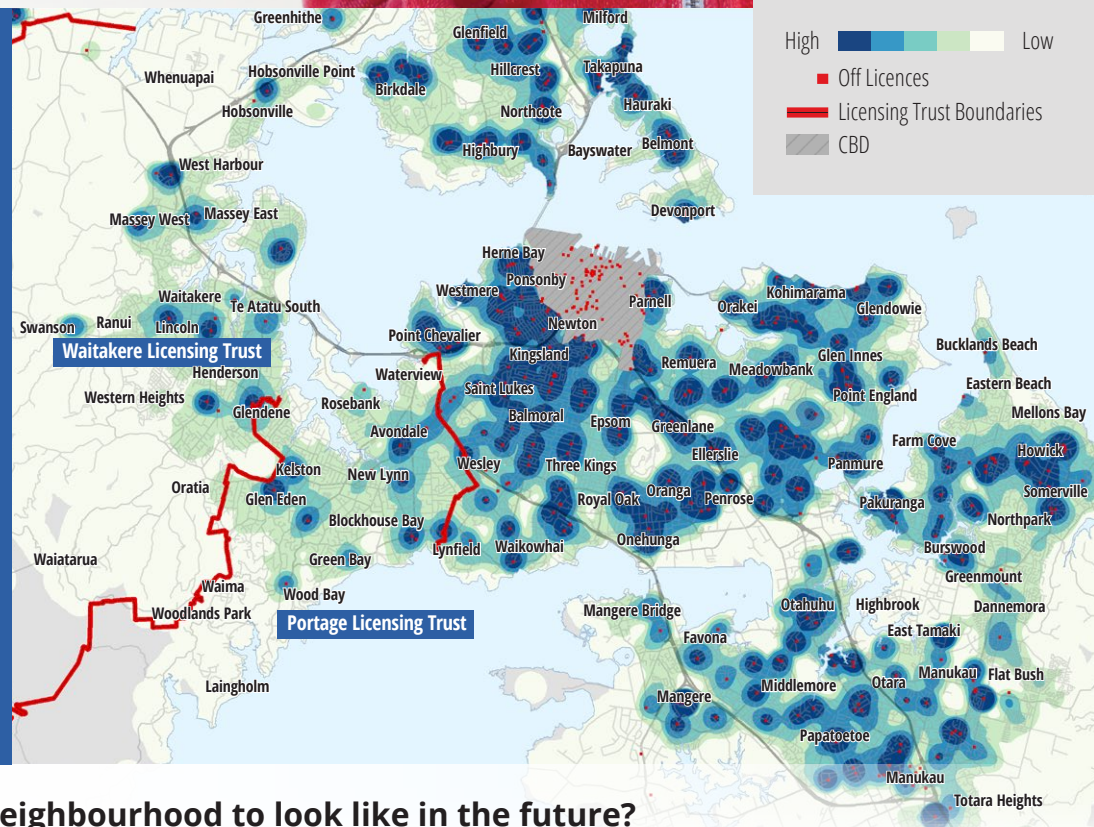


In West Auckland, two Licensing Trusts control the number and location of off-licences* and bars.

The map shows fewer off-licences spread throughout West Auckland. These are not clustered around local shopping areas as in other parts of Auckland.

When objecting to alcohol licence applications, locals have to write a letter to Council, provide evidence and take time off to attend a hearing. In the Trust areas residents don't have to object as often, as there are far fewer applications for licences.

* Places to buy alcohol to take home – bottle shops, supermarkets and grocery stores.



What do you want your neighbourhood to look like in the future?

While having more alcohol outlets can offer more choice, they also mean more harm.