

Far North District Licensing Committee
Practice Note 4
**Plans for Supermarkets and Grocery Stores
Single Alcohol Areas**

Pursuant to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

Date: 1 May 2023

Section 113(2) of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act) provides that a Single Alcohol Area (SAA) for a supermarket and a grocery store must be described by means of a plan of the footprint of the premises concerned showing:

- (a) the proposed configuration and arrangement of the premises or level;
- (b) the perimeter of the area.

The Committee has become aware that some of the plans submitted with applications have been difficult to interpret and, in particular, it has been difficult to ascertain the size and location of the single alcohol area in relation to the remainder of the premises.

Accordingly, the Committee directs that all applications for supermarkets and grocery stores must be accompanied by accurately drawn scale plans which comply with section 113(2) of the Act. Any application which is not accompanied by a clear scale plan will be returned to the applicant as an incomplete application.

The Committee also directs that the single alcohol area be clearly defined by way of a different floor covering or a perimeter line drawn on the floor.

Ends of aisles within the SAA abutting the perimeter line must be dead ended or be stocked with products that **do not** contain alcohol.



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