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**Appendix 1D**  
**Response from Austin Kirwan,**  
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Dear West Lancs,

**Response to your letter 20.3.13**

A search for EMRO on your web site revealed nil!

A balance has to be struck. The town has changed mainly due to the number of students increasing and the number of locals reducing. The town centre attracts activity which is not desirable due to alcohol which spreads along various pathways - to and from clubs, recreational or sporting, and to and from Edge Hill University. The alcohol is also mixed with drugs and sexual activity and students have found great difficulty in mating with a blow up doll in the centre of St Helens Road but have been able to remove coping stones from gateposts with greater ability than some local stone masons. I note the addition of bins to St Helens Road which I assume is for students to urinate in rather than my garden.

So how do you strike the balance? It would appear that certain sections of society are finding it difficult to integrate with others and this is influenced by licensing laws. My view would be that opening hours should be restricted in the Town but more lax on campus at Edge Hill that way you are not restricting what people are doing, just where they are doing it - and whatever they are doing is best done in their own environment so it does not effect those who wish to live in the mainstream.

Bit of a simple solution and no idea why a vet would give an input; then again all I'm doing is just applying principles of animal epidemiology to human behavior.... hum, are the students behaving like animals?

Regards,

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