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Question 2: Do you think we should merge the Gloucester and Malvern areas and advertise a single licence, or advertise these as separate licence? Why? :

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Additional comments: