

Consultation questionnaire

City of London Statement of Licensing Policy Review

Introduction

Our Licensing Policy sets out the expectations of the Licensing Authority for those engaged in licensed activities.

If you live or work close to licensed premises, or you are a local Councillor or other authority such as the City of London Police, you are entitled to comment on licence applications or seek reviews of existing licences. You may, therefore, wish to comment on our proposals for the policies we will apply to licensing these activities.

Similarly, owners or managers of licensed premises and existing licensees in the City may also wish to comment on our revised approach.

We are revising our Statement of Licensing Policy and we would like to receive your comments on our existing policy and any views you have for change of that. Our current existing Statement of Licensing Policy can be found at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/licensing

How to complete this questionnaire

This questionnaire includes **7** questions and a section for further comments.

If you require additional space for your comments, please feel free to use extra paper and submit it with the questionnaire

Additional copies of the consultation questionnaire

To order extra copies of this questionnaire for individual use, please contact us:

- **Email:** licensing@cityoflondon.gov.uk
- **Phone:** 020 7332 3406
- **Online:** www.cityoflondon.gov.uk

Returning your questionnaire

Please return your completed questionnaire to our email address or
Licensing Team
Department of Environmental Services
PO Box 270 Guildhall
London EC2P 2EJ

What are licensable activities?

- The sale and supply of alcohol, e.g. pubs, restaurants, clubs and off licences
- Public music and dancing, e.g. live music, providing a dance floor for customers
- Indoor sport
- Boxing and wrestling
- Film exhibitions including cinemas
- Plays including theatres
- Late night refreshment - the sale of hot food and drink between 2300 hours (11.00pm) and 0500 hours (5.00am) such as takeaways and restaurants which open late in the evening

In addition and in parallel to this process the City is adopting further powers regarding Sex Entertainment Venues (which covers, for example, lap dancing) and is seeking your views as to the characteristics of the neighbourhood which should be considered at the time if such an establishment applies to open.

Why do you license these activities?

The Government introduced the Licensing Act 2003 to promote its four licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm
- Public safety

How does the licensing process work?

Anyone who applies to us for a licence must complete an Operating Schedule detailing how they will run the premises. The Operating Schedule states the hours they wish to provide licensable activities, what activities they wish to provide, and the conditions they will comply with in order to promote the licensing objectives.

People who live near or run a business near licensed premises can object to new licences, or variations of licences, being granted. They can also seek reviews of existing licences. The same applies to local Councillors, and certain authorities such as the City of London Police. In all cases, objections and review applications must relate to one or more of the four licensing objectives.

If we receive objections to an application or an application to review a licence, we must send the application to a Licensing Panel. The Licensing Panel comprises Councillors who listen to evidence from both sides at a public hearing before making a decision. The Licensing Panel can grant the licence, add conditions to it, restrict the hours of operation or the types of activities that can be carried out, or refuse the application. In the case of a review, they may also suspend or revoke the licence, as well as adding or amending conditions.

A relevant person aggrieved by our decision may lodge an appeal against it with the Magistrates Court. A licence holder who breaches the conditions of their licence can be prosecuted in the Magistrates Court.

Details of the role our Statement of Licensing plays in the licensing process and the process we'll follow to change it are in the letter accompanying this questionnaire.

City of London's Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2011

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For the attention of the Licensing Team, Department of Environmental Services PO
Box 270, Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ

Your details

Title

First name

Surname

Address

Post code

Email address

I am submitting this questionnaire as:

- ☐ Owner/manager/employee of licensed premises
☐ Owner/manager/employee of **non**-licensed premises
☐ Resident
☐ Residents' association
☐ Community or faith association
☐ Other, please specify _____

If you are a business, residents' association or another organisation:

Role

Organisation

Approximately
how many
residents or
businesses does
your association
represent?

Questionnaire

Taking into account the 4 Licensing Objectives which are, prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm;

Q1 What are the most serious issues relating to Licensing in your area?

Comments

Q2 Are there any specific policies you would like City of London to adopt?

Comments

Q3 Have you any examples of good practice you have seen elsewhere and would like to see in the City, if so what are they?

Q4 We do not propose to introduce controlled areas for licensed premises following research and recommendations by Dr. Hadfield. This can be found at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/licensing. Do you support this view?

Yes ☐
No ☐
No opinion ☐

Comments

Q5 We anticipate creating a Code of Practice, which describes good practice to applicants on what we expect in terms of applications, and how management of premises can best be applied for specific licensing activities e.g. dispersal policies to manage people leaving their premises at night to reduce crime and disorder and public nuisance risks. Do you support this change?

Yes ☐
No ☐
No opinion ☐

Comments

Q6 In our revised Statement of Licensing Policy, we anticipate that we will have adopted additional powers to control sex entertainment venues. When considering any application for such a venue we can consider the characteristics of the locality and neighbours in that locality. We would like your views as to what considerations on these matters we should take into account if we receive an application.

Comments

Q7 Is there anything else would like City of London to do regarding Licensing?

Comments

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Signed _____

Name (please print) _____

Date _____

Monitoring form

City of London Corporation wants to ensure our services responsive to the needs of all members of our community. To make sure we do not discriminate against people on the basis of colour, ethnic origin, gender, religion/belief, sexual orientation, age or disability we need to collect personal information from people using our services. Information you provide will be kept confidential and only used to monitor and improve services. Thank you for your cooperation.

Your gender?

☐ Female ☐ Male

Your age group?

☐ 0-15 ☐ 16-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44
☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65-74 ☐ 75-84
☐ 85 and above

Would you describe yourself as having a disability?

Do you consider yourself to have a disability as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act (“a person has a disability if he/she has a mental or physical impairment which has a substantial and adverse long-term impact on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities” including HIV, cancer, multiple sclerosis, severe disfigurements, certified blindness or partial sightedness)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

How would you best describe your ethnic background?

Our ethnic background describes how we think of ourselves. Ethnic background is not the same as nationality or country of birth. You are asked to choose the ethnic group that is closest to how you see yourself and specify a more specific group if you wish.

<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> White - Irish
<input type="checkbox"/> White – Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Turkish
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - White and Asian
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - White and Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - White and Black African
<input type="checkbox"/> Black - African	<input type="checkbox"/> Black – Somali
<input type="checkbox"/> Black – Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> Black - Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani
<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify _____	