

Appendix 4 Consultation Questions

Policy LP1 - Premises definitions

This policy contains the premises definitions that we use when dealing with premises licence applications. It is not proposed to change them as part of this review.

Q1 Do you agree? Yes / No / Comments

Policy LP2 - Location and Operation of Premises

This policy sets our approach to dealing with different types of premises licence applications. It is not proposed to change this as part of this review.

Q2 Do you agree? Yes / No / Comments

Policy LP2A - Petrol filling stations

This policy sets out our approach to dealing for license issues relating to petrol stations and garages. It is not proposed to change this as part of this review.

Q2A Do you agree? Yes / No / Comments

Policy LP2B - Circuses

This policy sets out our approach to dealing with licensing issues relating to circuses. Circuses themselves do not need to be licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 but a licence would be required to sell or supply alcohol, and for some types of entertainment.

In addition, The Legislative Reform (Entertainment Licensing) Order 2014 deregulated entertainment in travelling circuses provided that some qualifying conditions are met. It is proposed to amend this policy so that it reflects the (new legislation) and reads as follows:

1. It is our policy that entertainment in circuses is exempt in the following circumstances:
 - the entertainment is not an exhibition of a film or a boxing or wrestling entertainment;
 - the entertainment takes place between 08.00 and 23.00 on the same day;
 - the entertainment takes place wholly within a moveable structure and the audience present is accommodated wholly inside that moveable structure; and
 - the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.
2. On other occasions will be need to be decided on a case-by-case basis

Q2B Do you agree with the revised wording of this policy? Yes / No / Comments

Policy LP3 - Creating a Family Friendly Town Centre

This policy encourages restaurants, cafes, food-led establishments and venues offering entertainment in the Town Centre, and discourages alcohol led premises such as bars, pubs and nightclubs. It is designed to reduce violent and alcohol-related crime.

As part of the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy, the council will be obtaining updated crime statistics and complaint data so it can assess the effectiveness of the policy and whether it should be retained.

The council is also inviting views on whether the public, businesses and other stakeholders agree that a family friendly policy for the Town Centre is needed and whether the policy as written outlines the best way to approach licensing issues in the Town Centre.

Q3A Do you agree with the approach to dealing with licensing applications in the Town Centre? Yes / No / Comments

Q3B Do you think that the area to which policy LP3 applies is right? Yes / No / Comments

Policy LP4 - Sensitive Licensing Areas

This policy, introduced in the 2013 – 2018 Statement of Licensing Policy sets out our approach to deal with licensing applications in four areas where we identified:

- availability of stronger-strength alcohol to street drinkers leading to anti-social behaviour in the immediate vicinity of the premises
- alcohol and/or late-night refreshment being available at times that are significantly different from other premises in that area likely to have an adverse impact on the licensing objectives
- litter and other nuisances from a concentration of late-night takeaways

The Sensitive Licensing Areas are:

- Whippendell Road, between its junction with Cassio Road and Hagden Lane
- Queens Road, between Derby Road and Loates Lane
- Market Street between Exchange Road and Merton Road/Cassio Road; and
- St Albans Road between the A41 and Leavesden Road.

The policy sets out the way in which we will apply LP6, LP7, L8 and LP9, which relate to the four licensing objectives, when we receive licensing applications in these areas.

As part of the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy, the council will be obtaining updated crime statistics and complaint data so it can assess the current situation in these areas and whether the Sensitive Licensing Areas should be retained.

The council is also inviting views on whether the public, businesses and other stakeholders feel that Sensitive Licensing Areas are needed.

Q4A Do you think that the above Sensitive Licensing Areas should be retained? Yes / No / Comments?

Q4B Are there any other areas that you feel should be designated a Sensitive Licensing Area? Yes / No / Comments

Policy LP5 - Planning Permission

This sets out the link between the licensing and planning regimes and the approach we will take in certain scenarios.

It is not proposed to change this as part of this review.

Q5 Do you agree? Yes / No / Comments

Policy LP6 - Prevention of Crime and Disorder Policy

Policy LP7 - Public Safety Policy

Policy LP8 - Prevention of Public Nuisance Policy

Policy LP9 - Protection of Children from Harm Policy

These policies set out the typical conditions that we will ask for to promote the four licensing objectives when dealing with licensing applications and we believe that they are sufficient to promote the licensing objectives, so it is not proposed to amend them as part of this review.

Q6 Do you believe that the conditions laid out in policy LP6 are sufficient to promote the licensing objective relating to crime and disorder? Yes / No / Comments

Q7 Do you believe that the conditions laid out in policy LP7 are sufficient to promote the licensing objective relating to public safety? Yes / No / Comments

Q8 Do you believe that the conditions laid out in policy LP8 are sufficient to promote the licensing objective relating to public nuisance? Yes / No / Comments

Q9 Do you believe that the conditions laid out in policy LP9 are sufficient to promote the licensing objective relating to the protection of children from harm? Yes / No / Comments

Policy LP10 – Film Exhibitions

This policy sets out how we will deal with films that need to be certificated by the council's Licensing Officers. It is not proposed to amend them as part of this review.

Q10 Do you agree? Yes / No / Comments

Policy LP11 - Representations against Applications

This policy sets out how we will deal with any representations that are made about licensing applications. It is not proposed to this policy as part of this review.

Q11 Do you agree? Yes / No / Comments

Policy LP12 - Complaints against Licensed Premises

This policy sets out how we will deal with any complaints that are made about licensed premises. It is not proposed to this policy as part of this review.

Q12 Do you agree? Yes / No / Comments

Policy LP13 - Licence Reviews

This policy sets out how we will deal with any requests to review a licence that are received. It is not proposed to this policy as part of this review.

Q13 Do you agree? Yes / No / Comments

Policy LP14 - Enforcement and Compliance Policy

This policy sets out the approach that we will take to enforcement. Other than to update the policy to reflect links to the Environmental Services Enforcement Policy 2016-2021, and the Hertfordshire Better Business for All Partnership Charter, it is not proposed to this policy as part of this review.

Q14 Do you agree? Yes / No / Comments

Q15 Are there any other comments you wish to add?