

From: Nick Egerton
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 4:43 PM
To: Austen Young
Subject: FW: Licensing Act 2003 Policy Consultation

Hi Austen, I have reviewed the documents and EH would not have any comments or objections to make regarding this revised Policy and any changes suggested.

Thanks

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From: Austen Young <Austen.Young@watford.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 3:20 PM
To: Jo Tomkins; admin.hscb@hertfordshire.gov.uk; tradingstandards@hertfordshire.gov.uk; publichealth@hertfordshire.gov.uk; Planning Enforcement (Watford); Police; Env Health; Home Office>
Cc: Liam Fitzgerald
Subject: Licensing Act 2003 Policy Consultation

Dear All

Licensing Act 2003
Consultation on Statement of Licensing Policy

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These proposed small changes to the policy statement have been made due to several factors. This includes an increase in applications and queries related to remote alcohol sales during the Covid-19 pandemic, which has prompted a need to revise premises definitions. The growth of entertainment venues, including activities like escape rooms, has led to a proposal to expand their definition to include additional alcohol sales.

Please find attached copies of our existing policy and proposed policy.

To assist you in making any comments and to highlight the changes in our policy, we have created an online survey at <https://bit.ly/LA03consult>.

You don't need to complete the survey, and we can also accept any comments on our policy in writing by email to licensing@watford.gov.uk or to:

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Should you require any further information please contact the licensing team, where either my colleagues or I can assist you further.

Regards

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To: Austen Young
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Subject: RE: Licensing Act 2003 Policy Consultation

Morning Austen,

Nothing to add in relation to your SOL Policy for 2023 – 2028 and thank you for consulting with Police Licensing.

Kind regards,

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