

Our Ref: Licensing Policy

31st October 2019

Licensing Act 2003 – Consultation
Proposed Revision to Statement of Licensing Policy 2020 – 2025

The Licensing Act 2003 requires Kirklees Council, as the Licensing Authority, to determine and publish its Statement of Licensing Policy at least every five years, to keep it under review and make such revisions to it, as it considers appropriate. The current Statement of Licensing Policy, which can be found at <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/licensing.aspx>, has been in place with the council since January 2015.

The policy has several aims. It sets out how the council approaches its licensing responsibilities and aims to promote the four licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003, which are:

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

This policy will apply when the Licensing Authority is making decisions about applications for:

- the retail sale of alcohol
- the wholesale of alcohol to members of the public
- the supply of alcohol to members of registered clubs
- the provision of regulated entertainment
- the provision of hot food or hot drink between 11pm and 5am

The proposed policy provides best practice management advice for venue operators (prepared in conjunction with partner agencies such as the police authority, trading standards, environmental health, safeguarding board, public health, fire authority and more).

Proposed changes to the policy

Matters proposed in the draft policy for consultation are summarised below:

- Links to Corporate Plan are inserted setting out visions and values to reflect local policy direction and key aims and objectives of strategic partners within the borough,
- The expectations for applicants under each of the 4 licensing objectives,
- An updated section on Cumulative Impact Policies to provide clarity on these policies with respect to the determination of applications, the borough has no such policies in place currently,

- Removal of Appendix B – Operating Plan Considerations, the authority plan to move this to a separate document that will be available on the Council’s website,
- Other minor amendments,

The proposed policy is relevant to prospective and current licensed operators, responsible authorities under the Licensing Act, agencies and other persons affected by proposed applications.

I seek your views in relation to the proposed Licensing Policy and request that you read this document carefully before considering your comments. I urge you to take this opportunity to participate in this important process. Please tell us what you think of this policy; what you feel may need to be included; whether it reflects a proper balance between the needs of the licensed trade, the communities and residents they serve and the impact upon those communities.

All comments received will be given due weight and consideration.

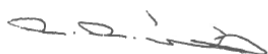
I would be grateful if any comments you wish to make are referenced to the appropriate part of the policy. If replying on behalf of a group, I would appreciate if you could set out on a separate sheet detail of the group you represent and the persons you represent.

The consultation period will last for approximately 6 weeks, with all comments having to be received no later than 5pm on Monday 15th December 2019. Replies can be made through the following channels:

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An electronic copy of the Draft Licensing Policy is available on the Council’s website at - <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/involve/>

Yours sincerely



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