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Respondent	Status	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Comments	Notes
Respondent 1	Local resident. Also Vice-Chair of the Octavia Hill RA stated to represent some 300 properties in the area of Waterloo (membership crosses Southwark and Lambeth)  <u>A petition comprising 43 names was submitted in support of the submission, comprising primarily residents in the immediate local vicinity of the proposed extension area.</u>	Yes	See comment	No	No	<p>Q2 – Right up to boundary with Lambeth.</p> <p>General - The small corridor that you left off your present saturation zone already has far too many licensed premises. We are already suffering a large amount of nuisance and noise from all the licensed premises in Isabella Street.</p> <p>We feel that it was not right that a public consultation meeting was not held in the area, as we are sure that you would have clearly seen the support for this extension.</p> <p>Signatories to the petition have signed up to the following statement “I am in support of the proposal for the western extension of the Southwark Borough and Bankside Saturation Zone up to the border with Lambeth. The residents of this area (Western extension) have suffered greatly from a large number of licensed premises which has severely affected our quality of life. This has been caused by blocking of pavements and disturbances caused by patrons leaving in the early hours.”</p>	Submission notes that most of the members of the RA are in support of the western extension.
Respondent 2	Local resident and member of the Octavia Hill RA.	Yes	See comment	Yes – see comment	Yes – see comment	<p>Q2 – Extended to The Cut by the boundary with Lambeth, Hatfields / Short Street.</p> <p>Q3/4 – This area is flooded with licensed premises, cafes, restaurants and corner shops. Most of these corner shops have 24 hour licenses and seem to cater exclusively for the street drinking community. This has led to a vast increase in violence and anti-social behaviour. Streets have now become their toilets. The(y) urinate and defecate in full view of the public and residents. Please extend the zone and give residents a modicum of quality of life.</p>	
Respondent 3	Local resident and member of the Octavia Hill RA	Yes		No	Yes	Extend zone to include The Cut to the boundary with Lambeth.	

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Respondent 4	Local resident	Yes	See comment	Yes – see comment	Yes – see comment	<p>Q2/3 – Extend west to Lambeth / Southwark border. Hatfields – The Cut – Short Street – Ufford Street.</p> <p>Q4 – No more licences issued to convenience stores.</p>
Respondent 5	Tenant of Christ Church, Blackfriars Road, SE1 8NY. Local resident involved in a local charity.	Yes	See comment	No	No	<p>Q2 – Anecdotal evidence: Urination in streets / Rochester estate Fridays / weekends, evenings and nights.</p> <p>In my view the gap between the western edge of the Southwark saturation licensing area and the eastern edge of the Lambeth saturation/control area leaving a tempting area for business to exploit an inconsistency in legislation, which could lead to an even greater density of licensed premises in a small area.</p> <p>Additionally there are many unknown and uncertain developments still to take place – Kings Reach Tower, 1 Blackfriars, 20 Blackfriars, Hatfields (Ballet school site) in the area – the area would have an added degree of 'protection' if the saturation zone were to be extended.</p> <p>The current position is not 'joined up' thinking.</p>
Respondent 6	Local resident	Yes	See comment	Yes – see comment	Yes – see comment	<p>Q2 – I believe the saturation boundary should follow the mutual borough boundary of Southwark / Lambeth</p> <p>Q3 – Yes as above particularly The Cut and Isabella Street</p> <p>Q4 – The policy should apply to all premises that seek to sell alcohol, restaurants, cafes, bars, shops or any premises that sell alcohol wholesale / retail.</p> <p>Living on Hatfields opposite Isabella Street I suffer the horrendous noise from (nearby) premises most evenings and particularly from Wednesday – Saturday. Women shrieking, screaming, swearing, laughing hysterically. Men trying to be macho demonstrating how loud and obscenely they can shout. All to the background of music. Followed at closing time by extremely noisy congregation outside my bedroom window with their noisy farewells and cab door slamming all as I predicted in my original objections to the licensing of these premises.</p> <p>What I did not envisage at that time was the vandalism to parked cars – it has cost me £670 so far for graffiti removal and re-spray, new electric wing mirror and bodywork damage all occurring late at night, and witnessed on two occasions by people too afraid to remonstrate with the drunks involved.</p>

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						The legal or illegal sale of alcohol by the mini-supermarkets 24 hours a day also contributes to this late night problem of drunks passing through Hatfields until 2-3am.	
Respondent 7	Local resident. Indicates represents local residents through Styles House TRA	Yes	See comment	Yes – see comment	Yes – see comment	<p>I live between The Cut and Isabella Street, and strongly support the extension of the saturation zone. While it clearly won't stop the granting of new licences it will give the licensing committee the ability to question new licence applications further, which we require in our area as we really are saturated by noisy and intrusive establishments.</p> <p>While the statistics do not necessarily show that there is a lot of violent crime in the proposed extension zone, this is actually a tiny area of land covering just a few streets and I regularly have to call the police, ambulances or Southwark's noise nuisance service due to incidents in the area. There are regular violent incidences on Isabella Street, as we are a high rise block we can see it very well, and I've reached the stage where I don't bother to call the police unless it appears to be a very violent fight or a weapon is used, drunken arguments are so common I'd have to call them several times a week and I'm not willing to do this. I have also sopped bothering to call the noise nuisance team, as it's clear they are pretty powerless to act.</p> <p>The noise from the establishments near us is unbelievably loud. Isabella Street can have several hundred people outside in the street drinking, and even when they aren't singing or shouting at each other (which they do regularly) the noise is incredibly intrusive, with the normal sounds of clinking of plates and cutlery, and people talking. My family and friends won't stay in my flat anymore as they say they find it too stressful with t he amount of noise we get. Thursday, Friday and Saturday are particularly bad, and it's noisy until after 1am, as people will stand around in the street even after the bars have closed.</p> <p>Generally, after milling about, large groups of people leave Isabella Street late at night, after 1am, and talk loudly, shout, laugh hysterically, and screech at each other. Unfortunately we seem to have a design that means that even though we are high up we can hear what people are saying at street level (for example I can hear what people are saying in mobile phone conversations in the street below, and I'm on floor 7). I regularly see things like people putting cones on cars, walking on them, throwing glasses at each other, and other similar types of anti-social behaviour. People leave glasses on our estate wall or in the street, and they aren't collected by the bars when they close, leading to lots of broken glass in the street. My dogs have cut their feet several times over the years after walking over broken glass on Hatfields (on the plus side I have an excellent collection of glasses as I often pick up those I find).</p>	

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						<p>I've also witnessed people having sex on Isabella Street in the section behind the top of the tube station. This isn't prostitution, they appear to be people in suits who have been to work that day, and who are incredibly drunk. We also have an endemic of people coming into our estate and peeing against our garages. I'm aware it's people from the bars as I watch them leave. It's really quite annoying having to wash the garage door before I can get my car out. We equally have a problem with people vomiting in the street, which is pretty nasty.</p> <p>It isn't only the bars that cause a problem. We have two (shops) next to us, and after midnight it's like a party inside as it fills with drinkers. At any time of the day or night street drinkers congregate around .... and often go to the toilet in our estate (and it's not urine). Having a 24 hour off-licence attracts people who want to drink and leads to a lot of fighting and trouble around them.</p> <p>It used to be that The Cut was a busy road during the day but was peaceful after everyone went home after work. Now we suffer noise pollution, anti-social behaviour from the effects of drinking and a sense that we can't do anything about the problem and just have to live with the problems we face. An expansion of the zone would at least help the situation not get any worse.</p> <p>The tenants and residents group at Styles House have also supported the extension of the zone.</p>
Councillors 1-3	Liberal Democrat Councillors for Cathedral Ward	Yes	See comment	No	Yes – See comment	<p>Q.2 – We support the proposed western extension of the existing Borough and Bankside cumulative saturation zone to take in the remaining area of Cathedrals Ward to the west of the saturation zone.</p> <p>Q.4 – We believe hotels, theatres and vessels should also be included.</p> <p>General - In support of the proposed western extension we would make the following points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-that although violence against the person (VAP) figures for the past six, six month periods show a welcome reduction, the reduction is not dramatic in terms of offences</li> <li>-that the figures for alcohol related CAD calls do not show a consistent reduction having increased on 3 occasions from the previous 6 month period. Furthermore, the decrease given for the most recent period (June-November 2009) is only 1% compared to the previous comparable period (June-November 2008)</li> <li>-that the majority of the saturation zone, including the proposed extension area, appears to be in</li> </ul>

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						<p>the highest category for London Ambulance Service data relating to alcohol related behaviour calls between June 2009 and October 2009.</p> <p>Furthermore, as ward councillors we continue to receive a steady level of verbal and e-mail complaints and reports about alcohol related ASB in the area covered by the proposed extension with hotspots being around The Cut and Isabella Street and the area around Webber Row and the lower area of Waterloo Road. These reports predominately come from residents in Styles House and The Cut and residents from Webber and Quentin TRA and Dodson and Amigo TRA.</p> <p>These complaints and reports relate to the impact of nuisance/ASB/crime impact on local residents of customers visiting a growing number of bars, restaurants, cafes and other licensed premises in The Cut/Joan Street and those coming and going via the southern end of Waterloo Road.</p> <p>There also remains a significant problem with street drinkers congregating and causing nuisance/ASB and crime, which impacts on residents living on The Cut and surrounding residential estates and streets in and around the lower end of Waterloo Road.</p> <p>An extension would also ensure that if Lambeth were to introduce a zone in Bishops Ward the residents of area to the west of existing saturation zone would not be left in a “no man’s land” area that wasn’t covered.</p> <p>For these reasons we strongly support the proposed western extension of the Borough and Bankside Cumulative Saturation Zone.</p>