

The comments from the Southwark Liberal Democrat Group that were inadvertently left out of Appendix C.

Type of person	If other, please state	Do you have any other comments or suggestions about the proposed changes to our licensing policy? - Comments	Officer comments
Other person	Southwark Liberal Democrat Group	<p>Dear Licensing</p> <p>Please see comments below, sent on behalf of Southwark Liberal Democrat Group.</p> <p>Para 58: We welcome the additional wording, as drinking in outdoor areas and on pavements is causing increasing nuisance to residents.</p> <p>Multiple TENS for a single event: This section is a welcome addition, as it gives clarity for the applicants as to when time limited premises licences will be required.</p> <p>Land owners consent: This is a welcome addition.</p> <p>Southwark regeneration and planning policies: We welcome most of this, however we have concerns about the final sentence <i>“This rebuttal can include evidence that the nature of the area has changed as a result of ongoing regeneration in the area”</i> The changing nature of an area due to regeneration should not negate the existing residents’ right to be free from noise, nuisance and antisocial behaviour from nearby licensed premises. As such, the considerations about suitability remain the same.</p> <p>Cumulative impact outside local CIPs: This is welcome, and may assist in areas such as Druid Street and Shad Thames, where it is difficult to get a Cumulative Impact Policy in place, but where the</p>	<p>Applicants for a licence in a cumulative impact area can submit evidence arguing that the location of the premises has changed following regeneration to such an extent that the CIP should not apply to that application. This evidence can be challenged at the hearing. This does not negate the requirement for the applicant to promote the licensing objectives within the application operating schedule. The statement “Applicants will still be expected to address the four licensing objectives within their operating schedule” can be added to Paragraph 134.</p> <p>Druid Street is being looked at as part of a “place shaping” project where licensing is included as one of the stakeholders. This may result in other changes to the licensing policy as part of the full policy review consultation.</p>

	<p>impacts of multiple licenced premises are having a detrimental effect on the quality of life for residents.</p> <p>We welcome the additional definitions in the table of hours of operation, and in paras 169 – 173. However, we would like to see something that prevents offices from applying for alcohol licences at all, or at the very least in Cumulative Impact areas as this has become more and more common. We believe there are public health reasons why we should be discouraging additional drinking before people have even left the office, particularly in areas where there is a high proportion of other licensed premises.</p> <p>Para 176 references the Late Night Levy, but doesn't say what Southwark is doing about it. Please can you write something about where we are with this?</p> <p>These recommendations in para 243 are welcomed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting a maximum occupancy figure for the premises to address the likely impact of public nuisance from patrons arriving and leaving the premises, particularly in CIP areas and/or where the application seeks to continue beyond recommended closing times.</li> <li>• Setting a maximum capacity figure for the outside area to control the number of patrons at any one time and the potential noise from the use of the area.</li> </ul> <p>We would request that the recommended times for servicing be amended to say “The hours during which external activities such as bottling up and the handling and removal of waste, musical equipment or the delivery of goods. (Note: It is recommended this is prohibited between 20.00 and 08.00) “</p>	<p>While public health issues are of great concern to the Council, the licensing policy is restricted to the licensing objectives and, unlike Scotland, a health objective has not been introduced in the Act.</p> <p>Para 176 - There is a separate report on the late night levy, the Policy will be updated during the once consultation on the levy has been completed and a decision on the levy is made.</p> <p>The Environmental Protection Team, as the responsible authority for the protection from public nuisance, will be looking at the this section of the Policy prior to the review of the full policy and this request will be sent to them.</p>
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