

Statement of Licensing Policy Revision

LA required to
review policy every
5 years under
section 5 of
Licensing Act 2003

Scope

The policy statement is expected to set out, for the benefit of applicants, responsible authorities and members of the local community, how the authority intends to approach its licensing responsibilities under the Act.

Licensing Objectives

Central to the statement of policy is the promotion of the four licensing objectives

established under the Act. These are:

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

Purpose

The Council will use the Policy to make decisions about licence applications from

businesses in the borough that wish to:

- sell or supply alcohol
- provide regulated entertainment
- sell hot food or drink between 11pm and 5am (late night refreshment)

Purpose of the statement of policy is as follows:

- ▶ To reinforce to licensing committee members, the powers and constraints placed upon the local authority.
- ▶ To set out, for the benefit of all the parameters under which this authority will make its licensing decisions.
- ▶ To inform prospective licensees how likely they will be to be able to operate within its area.
- ▶ To inform local residents and licensed operators how their needs will be addressed.
- ▶ To ensure compliance with the law and prevent challenge.



Summary of main changes/amendments.

Updated legal guidance and Policy statement

Updated to reflect new Corporate Plan and Priorities.

Updated wording on Night Time Economy.

WAVE and measures to deal with women and vulnerable.

New section for Martyns Law ad capacity on licensed premises.

Framework hours updated

Alcohol health data information

New section on geography/location considerations of premises.

Application process set out.

Residents representation clarification

Conditions for businesses in the Stadium footprint

Clarify the Immigration requirements -definition of eligible persons - It restricts these applications to persons who have the right to work in the UK.

Summary of changes

- Wording updated on expectations of management of a large event
Council position on transport capability for simultaneous events
- Updated wording on Haringey expectations from licence holders-
Section 3 sets out 'policy position' on various issues.
- Applicants to consider safety of women on licensed premises/.
GLA promoted a Night Safety Charter and other schemes such as
Ask for Angela/WAVE
- Smuggled goods enforcement.
- Reviews and enforcement wording updated.

In practice..



The Policy provides the safeguards for licensing decisions taken by Council.



The Courts will 'stand in the Councils shoes' when considering appeals, so it is important that the Policy reflects the Councils expectations

Methodology

Early input from :

- ▶ Policy Officer
- ▶ Regeneration Team
- ▶ Public Health.
- ▶ Intel team
- ▶ Police
- ▶ Public and businesses

Use of datasets from:

- ▶ State of the Borough Profile
- ▶ Borough Plan
- ▶ Community Safety
- ▶ Public Health England

Consultation to be undertaken with..

Everyone will have the opportunity to contribute during the 12 weeks consultation process

- ▶ Public Health
- ▶ Police
- ▶ Policy Officers
- ▶ Place Board
- ▶ Responsible Authorities
- ▶ Data analyst
- ▶ Residents
- ▶ Businesses - Licence holders
- ▶ Regulatory Committee
- ▶ Overview and Scrutiny
- ▶ 6 week consultation

Feedback so far

Public Health have expressed an interest to have a Cumulative impact policy brought in.

Cumulative Impact Policy may be implemented where there is substantial evidence demonstrating that there are:

- a significant number or type of licensed premises concentrated in one area
 - serious problems of nuisance or crime and disorder are occurring from premises.
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- ▶ The guidance recognises that the saturation of licensed premises in a particular area can impact on public nuisance and disorder already.
 - ▶ A CIPs will give an automatic refusal to any new business wishing to offer licensable activity in that given area and make it harder for existing business to vary the licenses to extend hours or activities.
 - ▶ At present there is no clear evidential link between the number/density of off-licences and alcohol related anti-social behaviour.
 - ▶ The Met Police would support the call for a CIPs for Off Licence in particular in High Road N17.
 - ▶ Licensing is undertaking research to evidence crimes along High Road Tottenham with alcohol as a driver.

Action	Timeline
Draft taken to Wellbeing & Climate Board	June 2025
Report taken to Lead Member and Chair of Licensing Committee for discussion	June 2025
Report taken to Licensing Committee for permission to consult on the draft policy revision; and consultation timetable.	27 th July 2025
Public Consultation/Licensing	July 2025- 8 weeks consultation to start in July- to be advertised at main Council buildings/placed on website. Statutory and public consultation to run from July to September 2025 (8 weeks)
Report taken to Environment & Scrutiny	July 2025? (May need special meeting)
Consultation ends. Consideration of consultation responses and further revision of the policy	Sept - responses compiled and preparation of reports to Well being and Climate Board and Regs Committee to report on outcomes.
Outcome report back to AD/ Wellbeing & Climate Board	Mid -October
Report back to the Licensing Committee asking the committee to consider the further draft policy revision and make recommendation for adoption of a final policy by Full Council	October TBC (Will need special meeting)
Report prepared for Full Council with recommendation to adopt	November 24 th
4 weeks public notice period.	End of December
New policy takes effect	Jan 2026

Timeline