



Licensing Policy Consultation

Please tell us what you think about licensing in Islington by completing this short survey. We estimate it will take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

If you wish to refer to the draft licensing policy, a copy is available at www.islington.gov.uk/Leisure/licences/licensing_act/

1. - Controlled Drinking Zones - Licensing Policy 2

Designated Public Place Orders, (DPPOs), also known as controlled drinking zones, give the police powers to confiscate alcohol or require a person to stop drinking alcohol in a specified area. A controlled drinking zone does not create a blanket ban on drinking alcohol and the powers will only be used on those associated with anti social behaviour.

In Islington we now have DPPOs in the following areas:

- Area surrounding Emirates Stadium**
- Clerkenwell, Grimaldi Park and Kings Cross**
- Elthorne Park**
- Sunnyside Gardens**
- Kinloch Gardens.**

	Yes	No	Don't know / no opinion
Do you support the use of controlled drinking zones in these areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you think there are other areas of Islington that should have controlled drinking zones (if yes, please specify in the box below)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you support the idea of an Islington wide controlled drinking zone?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Are there other measures you think should be taken to tackle antisocial behaviour and alcohol (if yes, please specify in the box below)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Any other comment(s) you would like to make about controlled drinking zones?

2. Children and Alcohol - Licensing Policy 30

The Council takes a proactive approach in tackling the illegal sale of alcohol to children by working with businesses and schools, providing advice and education about age restricted products. Enforcement visits are made to premises, using 'under age' volunteers to test that businesses are not selling age restricted products inappropriately.

Offenders are treated in the following way:

First offence, the seller is issued with a fine, the licensee receives a written warning and is called in to address a meeting of the Council's Officers Panel.

Second offence, Islington's Trading Standards service instigate a review of the licence which is determined by a committee of the Licensing Authority. The licence may be revoked, suspended and/or additional conditions imposed to depending on the particular circumstances.

In the most serious of cases, for example where several offences are found on the first visit, a review of the licence or a prosecution may be instigated straight away.

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Do you have any concerns about the ease with which under 18s can obtain alcohol?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you support our approach to enforcing the requirements to prevent the sale of alcohol to young people under 18s?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there anything else you think we should be doing to prevent underage sales. If 'yes' please specify below?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any additional comment(s) you would like to make concerning children and alcohol in Islington?

3. Cumulative Impact Policy for Clerkenwell - Licensing Policy 25

We are considering the introduction of a cumulative impact policy, sometimes referred to as a saturation or stress policy, for the Farringdon Area of Clerkenwell as a tool to help tackle issues of public nuisance arising from the high number of licensed premises in this area.

The policy would mean that all contested new and variation licence applications would be refused unless exceptional circumstances apply.

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion

Do you live, work or run a business in the Farringdon Area of Clerkenwell?

Do you support this approach?

Are there other areas of Islington you feel would benefit from a saturation policy. (If 'yes' please specify in the box below)?

Any additional comment(s) you would like to make about cumulative impact of licensed premises in Islington?

4. Special Consideration for Kings Cross - Licensing Policy 38

In the current Licensing Policy the areas surrounding Emirates Stadium, Angel Town Centre and Clerkenwell are recognised as areas requiring special consideration and control.

The draft policy recognises the growth in licensed venues in the Kings Cross and Caledonian Road area in recent years and the impact that this having on residents and infrastructure.

The area is also popular with travelling football fans on match days; while we recognised that the majority are well behaved, a small minority can cause public nuisance and crime and disorder problems.

We want licence applicants in this area to put forward proposals in their application which are consistent with high standards of management. Furthermore we would expect those applicants intending to host football fans to detail the control measures they intend to have in place to tackle any potential negative impacts.

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Do you live, work or run a business in the Kings Cross area of Islington?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you support the adoption of Kings Cross as an area for special consideration?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there other areas of Islington you think should be given special	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

consideration (if
'yes' please
specify in the
box below?

Any additional comment(s) you would like to make about cumulative impact in Islington?

5. Shops selling alcohol -Licensing Policy 24a

The Licensing Authority is concerned about the increasing numbers of shops selling alcohol for consumption off the premises and intends to explore the possibility of adopting a cumulative impact policy in relation to premises applying for new licences and variation applications to extend hours of operation (licensing policy 24a)

Do you think that the Licensing Authority should amend its policy to:

	Yes	No
Restrict the number of off licenses and other shops selling alcohol in the borough?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restrict the hours during which alcohol can be sold from shops?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any specific areas of the borough that you think this approach is needed?		

6. Noise Requirements and Small Scale Events - Licensing Policy 10

We wish to promote small scale live music dancing and theatre in licensed premises for the wider cultural benefit of communities generally. We are aware of the need to avoid unnecessary or disproportionate measures that could deter live music, dancing and theatre by imposing indirect costs of a substantial nature.

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Do you agree with this proposed light touch approach to small scale live, music and theatre events?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any additional comment(s) you would like to make? Do you have any views on what constitutes 'incidental music'?

7. Temporary Event Notices (TENs)- Licensing Policy 32

The Licensing Act 2003 allows events organized for less than 500 people at a time, lasting for no more than 96 hours, to take place following the notification of such events to the Licensing Authority and the police, without the need for further licensing.

It is only open to the police to object to the event, and only if they are of the opinion that the event is likely to undermine the crime prevention objective.

We wish to provide more detail about the factors that the Licensing Authority will take into account when considering a police objection, specifically:

History of the premises

Track record of the applicant

Circumstances of the objection

Any proposed control measures are in place to mitigate the objection

The risk that the event will undermine the prevention of crime and disorder objective

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Do you agree with this approach to TENs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you think there are any other factors that should be taken into account (if 'yes' please detail below)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any additional comment(s) you would like to make regarding crime prevention and TENs

8. Risk Assessments for Promoted Events - Licensing Policy 16

The Licensing Authority has reworded policy 16, to be more specific about the types of live music events it expects venue operators to risk assess in cooperation with the Metropolitan Police.

These events are generally those which are:

promoted/advertised to the public any time before the event, and

predominantly feature DJs or MCs performing to a backing track, and

run any time between the hours of 22:00 and 04:00, and

take place in a nightclub or a large public house.

Yes	No	Don't know/no
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Do you agree that it is appropriate to recommend that operators hosting promoted music events should carry out a specific risk assessment?

Do you agree with the amended policy?

Any additional comment(s) you would like to make concerning promoted music events in Islington?

9. Late night venues and taxis – Licensing Policy 7

The current licensing policy sets out the Council's expectations in terms of operators of late night venues and "Safer Travel at Night". We would like to extend this expectation by encouraging these premises to make facilities available for customers to contact local taxi firms. Where possible, we recommended that:

- A minimum of three contact numbers for local taxi firms should be made available to help reduce customer waiting time;
- Facilities should be provided to allow patrons to wait in a secure environment, and
- Arrangements should be made to manage the impact of waiting customers on the local neighbourhood
- Toilet provision should be made available to patrons waiting for transport.

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Do you support this policy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you think 3 is an appropriate number of telephone lines? If no please specify a number below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments

10. Noise and deliveries/collections - Licensing Policy 11

Licence holders and applicants are encouraged to consider whether early morning deliveries and collections to their premises could potentially result in a public nuisance and to introduce measures to minimise the impact where appropriate.

When written objections have been received from residents in the vicinity of licensed premises stating that they are being awoken by early morning collections and deliveries the applicant or premises licence holder is

encouraged, whenever possible, to renegotiate different times with the relevant contractor.

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Do you agree with this approach?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any additional comment(s) you would like to make regarding deliveries and collections at licensed premises?

11. Licensees' Charter - Licensing Policy 19

Licensees' Charters are one of a number of measures the Council has introduced in consultation with local residents, licensees and partner agencies, such as the police, to help successfully manage the impact of the night time economy. Initially the Charter was introduced to the Farringdon area and now we would like to extend this initiative to other areas, as well as considering an Islington wide charter.

Essentially the Charter is a set of aims that you would expect a well run premises to aspire to. Licensees and managers of licensed premises who are in agreement with the promotion of these aims are asked to simply sign a copy of the Charter and put it in on display where it can be easily seen by all those who come into your premises.

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Do you agree with the use of Charters to promote good practice?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there other areas of Islington where you feel a Licensees' Charter may be appropriate (if 'yes' please specify below)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any additional comment(s) about Licensees Charters?

12. Best Bar None and Licensees' Charters - Licensing Policy 19

The Licensing Authority wishes to amend Policy 19 to take into account applicant's commitment to 'good practice' schemes such as Best Bar None and Licensees' Charters when considering new and variation licence applications.

We believe commitment to such schemes helps demonstrate commitment to the highest standards of management.

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Do you agree			

with this approach?

Any additional comment(s) you would like to make about this issue?

13. Smuggled and Counterfeit Goods - Licensing Policy 37

The Licensing Authority wishes to make it clear that it will take into account evidence of the sale of smuggled or counterfeit goods as evidence of poor management when considering licence and review applications.

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Do you support this approach?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any additional comment(s) you wish to make about this issue?

14. Street Parties and Community Events

In the new draft policy statement the Licensing Authority would like to set out its support for community based events such as street parties and fetes. It is anticipated with the pending London Olympics 2012 and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations that there will be an increase in these type of events.

The Licensing Authority would like to support these events by reducing the potential bureaucratic burden on organisers through offering help and support and where it is possible to exercise a discretion to do so in a way which facilitates this type of event.

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Do you agree with this supportive approach to community focused events?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any additional comment(s) you would like to make regarding licensing and community events?

15. London Olympics 2012 - Licensing Policy 12

The Council is fully committed to a safe and successful Olympic and paralympic games in London in 2012. The Council recognises that the resources of the police and emergency services will be planned out and prioritised for the security of major events before, during and after the games from 1 May 2012 until 31 October 2012.

Due consideration will be given by the Council to representations from the Police in relation to licence applications for activity during the games time on the grounds of public safety and security when police and other emergency services resources are insufficient to deal with the risks presented. Where, as a result of representations from a responsible authority, it is identified that a licence or proposed event presents a risk that the licensing objectives will be compromised, it is likely that such applications will not be granted.

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Do you agree with this approach?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any additional comment(s) you would like to make regarding licensable activities and the olympics?

16. Sex Establishment Licensing Policy

The council is also consulting on its draft Sex Establishment Licensing Policy which can be viewed on www.islington.gov.uk/Leisure/licences/licensing_act/. The council has the ability to limit the number of sex encounter venues (premises regularly providing lap dancing and other forms of nude dancing), sex cinemas and sex shops (premises selling sex articles) in the borough. It is considering setting the limit as nil but it will not apply the restriction to the existing premises providing these services.

If this policy is adopted the council is still required to consider each application on its own merits but there will be a presumption that the application will be refused unless the applicant can demonstrate exceptional circumstances to support a departure from the policy.

	Yes	No	Don't know/no opinion
Do you agree that the council should limit the number of sex establishments in the borough?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you agree that the limit should be set as nil with an exemption for premises that are currently operating as sex establishment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you wish to add any comments to support your opinion?

17. Are there any further comments you would like to make about Islington's draft Statement of Licensing Policy or general issues around licensing in Islington that you would like to raise?

18. To help us best analyse the results of this survey we would like to know whether you are responding as a resident, business or in another capacity. We would be grateful if you could tick the appropriate selection and if responding as other, provide further details in the box below.

Please select

- Resident
- Business
- Other (please specify below)

If you would like to receive feedback following the consultation please provide your contact details (preferably email address) in the box below.

Thank you for completing this survey. You can send it to us by clicking on the 'Done' box below.

If you have any questions about this survey you can contact Islington's Licensing Service on 020 7527 3031 or email licensing@islington.gov.uk.

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