

Name	Consultation comment	Officer response
Barbara Maylor	Could the policy be made more 'user-friendly' to save applicants having to read the whole document?	Whilst there is sympathy with this comment, it is incumbent on the applicant to read all sections of the policy that apply to their event. The section headings are considered sufficiently clear to allow applicants to determine whether that section applies to their application
Anne Buckley	I feel it's a good update especially with additions for drink spiking and environmental water concerns.	Comments are welcomed
Antonio Miceli	Can the Council include agent of change in the policy?	Agent of change is referred to in the statutory guidance already and is something that licensing sub-committees can have regard to. As this is covered by guidance, it is not a matter for the policy. The government working group that recently reviewed the Licensing Act has recommended that the guidance be updated to further strengthen this principle however that is a matter for the Secretary of State.
	Can the Council include hospitality zones in the policy?	Hospitality zones are a new principle arising from the report of a government working party looking at potential changes to the Licensing Act. Embedding this principle in law would require government legislation and a change to statutory guidance. As this principle is only a consideration for government at this stage, it would not be appropriate to include it in the policy without legislative support. Obviously this can be reviewed if and when the principle is enacted into legislation/statutory guidance.
HCC Public Health	HCC Public Health recommends that North Herts Council adopts a CIP to limit the number or type of applications granted in areas where there is evidence that the saturation of licensed premises is having a cumulative impact on residents or businesses	This is something that officers keep under review and, given that it is crime statistics led, is something that the police would be expected to initiate. There is no evidence at this time that a cumulative impact policy is necessary and it would be in direct conflict with the Council's Vision for Licensing that seeks to generate vibrant and diverse day and night time economies.
	Welcomes the model standard conditions including Challenge 25, staff training to prevent underage sales, and maintaining a refusals log	Comments are welcomed

Bygrave Parish Council	Would like the policy to include a requirement for Parish Councils to be notified of applications	Advertising of applications is a prescribed process within the Regulations made under the Licensing Act. To depart from these requirements puts the Council at risk of accusations of soliciting representations against applications. As part of its duty to ensure Ward Councillors are aware of matters affecting their Wards, they are notified of local applications. If the Ward Councillor(s) wishes to disseminate that information to residents that would not be the (independent) licensing authority soliciting representations.
	Would like the policy to include a requirement to notify people living within a specified radius of applications relating to outdoor event sites	
	Would like the policy to include a requirement that the Council approves any public notice before it is issued	This is not supported by legislation. Officers visit application sites to check the validity and display of notices and have the discretion to re-start the consultation process if they believe the prescribed requirements have not been met. It is important to be aware that legislation only requires a public notice to contain a summary of the application - the notice explains that full details are available on the licensing register of the Council's website.
	Would like the policy to be amended to include a requirement that police comments are considered even if they are not a formal consultation response or are received out of time	The legislation is specific in so far as representations received outside of the prescribed consultation period cannot be considered - this has been upheld by the courts. Whether a representation is relevant is a decision on a case-by-case basis delegated in legislation to the case officer and not a matter for policy.
	Would like the policy to include a section on the appeals process and how 'other persons' can become involved in the appeals process	The principle of this comment is valid however it is not a matter for the policy. Officers will be producing specific appeal advice for 'other persons' that can be published on the Council website.
	Would expect licensing and planning permissions not to conflict by the two services working together	Planning and licensing are two entirely separate regimes with separate and different considerations. Neither regime's decision binds the other as outlined in the statutory guidance. Adding an informative to licences advising of the need to comply with planning permissions is an appropriate action to ensure that licence holders are reminded of the need to comply with both regimes

<p>Suggesting an amendment to the policy requiring a condition that an outdoor event licence holder to notify licensing and planning of each event and the number of days for licensable activities</p>	<p>Conditions can only be imposed on a licence when it is appropriate to do so based on the impact, or likely impact, on the licensing objectives on a case-by-case basis. Imposition of generic conditions is not permitted. If there is a concern that the suggested condition is needed when considering an individual application, and representations are received to that effect, it would be within the remit of a licensing sub-committee to impose it, if they believed it proportionate to the promotion of the licensing objectives</p>
<p>Suggesting that conditions are imposed to prevent detrimental impact on local services such as mobile phone coverage and water supplies.</p>	<p>Impact on the locality is more a matter for planning and does not sit within the remit of the four licensing objectives.</p>