

APPENDIX A

CONSULTATION

1. The Licensing Authority has consulted in accordance with the Act. Section 5(3) of the Act requires the Licensing Authority to consult the following parties:

- the chief officer of police for the area;
- the fire officer for the area;
- persons / bodies representative of businesses and residents in its area.

2. In accordance with paragraph 29 of Part 4 of Schedule 8 to the Act, the Licensing Authority has consulted with bodies representative of current licence holders before publishing its first policy. Current licence holders include those holding:

- justices' licences (off and on licences);
- canteen licences issues under the Licensing Act 1964;
- registered club licences issued under the Licensing Act 1964;
- licences issued under Schedule 12 of the London Government Act 1963 (licensing of public entertainment);
- licences issued under the Private Places of Entertainment (Licensing) Act 1967;
- licences issues under the Theatres Act 1968;
- licences issued under the Late Night Refreshment Houses Act 1969;
- licences issued under section 1 of the Cinemas Act 1985;
- licences issued under Part 2 of the London Local Authorities Act 1990 (night café licensing).

3. The views of the persons / bodies listed above, together with other persons / bodies beyond those required under the Act, have been given appropriate weight when determining this policy.
4. Over 800 copies of the consultation draft policy were distributed.
5. A Licensing Surgery was held with members of the public to discuss the consultation draft policy.
6. Following the initial consultation on the draft Licensing Policy and its adoption in December 2004, the Council resolved to undertake further consultation with a view to adopting a special cumulative impact policy for Richmond and/or Twickenham in June 2005.
7. A further consultation exercise was undertaken from January 2005 to determine whether a Special Policy in Richmond and / or Twickenham should be implemented. All parties, as required by the Act, were consulted. Furthermore, correspondence was sent to all parties that responded to the original consultation. The Erskine Corporation were appointed to conduct a postal questionnaire survey of a random selection of residential and business premises within two hundred metres of the proposed cumulative impact zone. In addition, observational evidence was obtained from the two town centres to provide empirical evidence, which was used to verify previously reported anecdotal evidence and comments from returned questionnaires. Updated police and local authority evidence was also attained.

- 8 On 6 June 2005, the Council's Regulatory Committee considered all the evidence, as stated at paragraph 89 of this Policy, and recommended to full Council that a Special Policy for Richmond and Twickenham town centres be adopted. On 14 June at the full Council agreed to adopt a Special Policy on Cumulative Impact thereby amending the Statement of Licensing Policy originally adopted in December 2004.
- 9 A copy of the reports to the Regulatory Committee and full Council can be seen on the council's web site, www.richmond.gov.uk