



Statement of Licensing Policy

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16 Licensing Hours

- 16.1 In the Secretary of State's Guidance, the Government acknowledges that different licensing approaches may be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in different areas. The 2003 Act gives the licensing authority power to make decisions regarding licensed opening hours as part of the implementation of its licensing policy statement and licensing authorities are best placed to make such decisions based on their local knowledge and in consultation with other responsible authorities. However, licensing authorities must always consider each application and must not impose predetermined licensed opening hours, without giving individual consideration to the merits of each application.
- 16.2 Guideline terminal hours or fixed trading hours within designated areas (Zoning) will not be adopted in this Authority. One reason for this is that it could lead to significant movements of people to areas within the Borough at particular times either seeking premises or going to premises that have longer opening hours and provide either alcohol and/or other regulated entertainment. This movement of people may give rise to a concentration of disturbance and noise.
- 16.3 All applications will be considered on their merits. Where representations have been received, in considering whether to restrict licensing hours in order to promote the licensing objectives, the Licensing Authority will consider the following matters (amongst others):
- whether the licensed activity is likely to result in an increase in crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour in the area;
 - whether the licensed activity is likely to lead to a public nuisance disturbing residents or other businesses in the vicinity, particularly late at night, and what measures will be put in place to prevent it;
 - whether there will be an increase in any cumulative adverse effect from the activity on local residents or other businesses in the vicinity; and
 - the level of public transport accessibility to and from the premises for the hours requested, or whether other effective methods of dispersal will be put in place that will prevent the licensing objectives being undermined.

17 Shops, Stores and Supermarkets

- 17.1 As a general rule, the Licensing Sub-Committee will take the approach that shops, stores and supermarkets will be free to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises at any time when the retail outlet is open for shopping unless there are good reasons, based upon the licensing