

## **Appendix 2**

### **Responses to Coventry City Council Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation**

**12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The public consultation on the draft Statement of Licensing Policy took place for 8 weeks from 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
- 1.2 The consultation was extensive and included a range of statutory consultees, stakeholders and local communities.
- 1.3 Ten responses were received during the consultation period.
- 1.4 All consultees were asked for comments on the draft policy, which have been organised into themes and are presented below.

Respondent	Feedback/Comments/Amendments	Action
Jaspal Bahara	<p><u>Section 1-7 – General Statement</u> Can we ensure that not too many in areas of high anti social behaviour</p> <p><u>Section 9 – Mandatory Conditions &amp; Other Considerations</u> Can we ensure that those selling school not to minors also undergo dbs checks</p> <p><u>Section 24 – Enforcement</u> Any breaks condition get stripped licence for a year without appeal and hefty fines</p>	<p><b>Noted. No change.</b></p> <p><b>Noted. No change</b></p> <p><b>Noted. No change</b></p>
Michelle Bambrick	<p><u>Section 1-7 – General Statement</u> I feel that the Licencing of properties selling alcohol and food need to be stricter on the noise the general public are making when vacating the establishment . It should not be up to the residents that are suffering the noise to have to call the noise enforcement , only for them to not turn up . The responsibility should be the responsibility of the establishment. This should be enforced by the council.</p> <p><u>Section 9 – Mandatory Conditions &amp; Other Considerations</u> Noise Pollution</p> <p><u>Section 10-13 – Best Practice</u> The establishment should be responsible for the noise when they leave the venue</p> <p><u>Section 14 – Enforcement</u> There should be strict rules and guidelines for these establishments</p>	<p><b>Noted but no action required for the Policy – Already addressed in paragraph 8.21.</b></p>
Thevalogeswaryi Yogenthiran (Windmill Road Off-Licence)	<p><u>Section 1-7 – General Statement</u> I'm happy with the current licensing</p> <p><u>Section 8 – Promotion of the Four Licensing Objectives</u></p>	<p><b>Noted. No change</b></p>

	<p>I'm happy with the current licensing</p> <p><u>Section 9 – Mandatory Conditions &amp; Other Considerations</u> None</p> <p><u>Section 10-13 – Best Practice</u> I'm happy with the current licensing</p> <p><u>Section 14 – Enforcement</u> I'm happy with the current licensing</p> <p><u>Section 16 – Environmental Best Practice</u> I'm happy with the current licensing</p>	
Public Health (Coventry City Council)	<p><u>Section 1-7 – General Statement</u> The Public Health and Insight Team met and consulted on the Alcohol and Entertainment license policy, and overall were impressed with the considerations contained within the policy, however, is there a possibility for Coventry to add local licensing objective around Protecting and Improving Public Health and wellbeing (we appreciate that this is not reflected in the law but wondered if it would be something that could be considered locally) Are there any other LA areas that have done so? If not, could we add a separate section on health to the policy encompassing the points below? Also, may be useful to state how closely linked the policy has been reviewed looking through a Public Health lens (Could use examples from Scotland) For Example: Heading- Health and Wellbeing – Subheading Context</p>	<p><b>Noted no action required</b></p> <p><b>Public Health's role as a Responsible Authority is outlined in Para 1.12.</b></p> <p><b>This has been included in Para. 13.6</b></p>

	<p>Part of a wider role of licensing to promote better health in the city Our legal duty Local Approach to prioritising health and reducing inequalities (Including local strategies and best practice) How it links to One Coventry To also include under the subheading the following subsections: Health impacts of alcohol Public health approach Inequalities and Marmot city Health impacts Have a section outlining, from a health perspective, the impact of alcohol, with a few key stats, and why it's important to use this policy to promote better health of residents of Coventry Public health approach</p> <p>How we will address health – prevention and system work Link in the drug and alcohol strategy, where it feeds into the system, etc. To also include other pieces of work, HWB strategy, PH business plan, anything ICB, Prevention framework Public Health Teams' responsibilities Inequalities Inequalities across the city – Such as the Indices of Multiple Deprivation Mapping Marmot city since 2013, a way of tackling our health inequalities Wider Prevention tackling the causes of inequality by strengthening the social determinants of health/ building blocks, good quality housing, access to health care, education, transport, employment planning and responsible licensing.</p> <p>Other Comments</p> <p>1.12</p> <p>Has single-unit retail been considered?</p>	<p><b>Condition included in Para. 1.12</b></p>
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	Can we include something around alcohol free options?	<b>Noted. No change</b>
	Could we include a bullet point for joint Public Health prevention and harm reduction campaigns/projects in line with Coventry's local drugs and alcohol strategy	<b>Noted &amp; included in 13.6</b>
	1.3 – Coventry's population based on the 2024 Mid-Year ONS Estimate is 369.026	<b>Noted. No change</b>
	Appendix 2 – Responsible Authority Contacts	
	Public Health Email address (can this be updated?) – <a href="mailto:publichealth@coventry.gov.uk">publichealth@coventry.gov.uk</a>	<b>Noted. amended</b>
	<u>Section 8 – Promotion of the Four Licensing Objectives</u>	
	8.3 – Link to updated National Government Strategy regarding Drugs and Alcohol – please see link: From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives - GOV.UK	<b>Noted. No change</b>
	8.5 – To also work closely with local and regional health protection teams regarding best practices	<b>Noted. No change</b>
	8.10 Are we considering other models (similar to Pubwatch) ?	<b>Noted. No Change</b>
	8.11 Rather than linking to the council best practice, could be more beneficial to link to updated strategies/policies/plans.	<b>Noted No change</b>
	Example: Domestic Abuse Strategy 2018-2025 – Coventry City Council or Enough campaign <a href="https://enough.campaign.gov.uk/">https://enough.campaign.gov.uk/</a>	<b>Noted. No change</b>
	8.33 - Hospital admissions data is not held by Public Health – may be helpful to rephrase this to	<b>Noted. Updated.</b>

	<p>Where possible, the Director of Public Health and Caldicott Guardian will promote data sharing across appropriate organisations to facilitate decision making.</p> <p>8.39 May be helpful to link to the CCC modern slavery strategy</p> <p>Overall:</p> <p>In section 8 where it refers to the Director of Public Health responsibilities, it may be more useful to say the Public Health team can support/advise.</p> <p><u>Section 9 – Mandatory Conditions &amp; Other Considerations</u> No comments</p> <p><u>Section 10-13 – Best Practice</u> 13.5 – Link to new health and wellbeing strategy – Coventry Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2026 – Coventry City Council</p> <p>13.6 – Link to new Coventry drug and alcohol strategy - Drugs and alcohol – Coventry City Council</p> <p>Section 13 – May be worth referring to the upcoming Smoking and Vaping Bill</p> <p><u>Section 14 – Enforcement</u> No comments</p> <p><u>Section 16 – Environmental Best Practice</u> No comments</p>	<p><b>Noted. Updated</b></p> <p><b>Noted. No change</b></p> <p><b>Noted &amp; referenced</b></p> <p><b>Noted &amp; referenced</b></p> <p><b>Noted. No change</b></p>
Peter Lowe (Home Office)	We do not currently have a response, however can you please ensure your own records and your Responsible authorities list, shows our updated contact details?	<b>Noted. Updated</b>

	<p>NB: You may be aware that our team has changed name and we have moved offices in the last year.</p> <p>Our new contact details are now:</p> <p>Home Office Immigration Enforcement Licensing Compliance Team (LCT) 2 Ruskin Square Dingwall Road Croydon CR0 2WF</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:IE.licensing.applications@homeoffice.gov.uk">IE.licensing.applications@homeoffice.gov.uk</a></p>	
Bashar Almasri (Dubai Bargains)	<p>As a business owner operating on Far Gosford Street, I would like to provide feedback regarding alcohol licensing in this area. My main concern is the high concentration of off-licence alcohol outlets located within a very short distance of each other.</p> <p>This oversaturation has already had a negative impact on the community, including: An increase in antisocial behaviour and public nuisance.</p> <p>A less family-friendly environment, which discourages customers who come to the area for other services.</p> <p>Unfair competition that undermines the balance of local businesses, many of which do not sell alcohol.</p> <p>In my view, the Licensing Policy should ensure that new licence applications in areas where there is already a high density of alcohol outlets are carefully restricted, in order to protect community wellbeing and maintain a safer, more balanced local economy.</p>	<p><b>Noted. No change. However, we can look a cumulative impact zone</b></p>

	I therefore respectfully urge the Council to take these concerns into account when reviewing the Licensing Policy and when considering new applications in Far Gosford Street.	
Baljeet Kaur (Mahal retail Limited)	<u>Section 1-7 – General Statement</u> No comments  <u>Section 8 – Promotion of the Four Licensing Objectives</u> No comments  <u>Section 9 – Mandatory Conditions &amp; Other Considerations</u> No comments  <u>Section 10-13 – Best Practice</u> No comments  <u>Section 14 – Enforcement</u> No comments  <u>Section 16 – Environmental Best Practice</u> No Comments	Noted. No change
Michelle Coleman (Posh Hair & Nails)	<u>Section 1-7 – General Statement</u> No comments  <u>Section 8 – Promotion of the Four Licensing Objectives</u> No comments  <u>Section 9 – Mandatory Conditions &amp; Other Considerations</u> No comments	Noted. No change



	<u>Section 10-13 – Best Practice</u> No comments  <u>Section 14 – Enforcement</u> No comments  <u>Section 16 – Environmental Best Practice</u> No Comments	
Caroline Deering (Boat Inn)	<u>Section 1-7 – General Statement</u> No comments  <u>Section 8 – Promotion of the Four Licensing Objectives</u> No comments  <u>Section 9 – Mandatory Conditions &amp; Other Considerations</u> No comments  <u>Section 10-13 – Best Practice</u> No comments  <u>Section 14 – Enforcement</u> No comments  <u>Section 16 – Environmental Best Practice</u> No Comments	<b>Noted. No change</b>
Richard Lapworth (Allesley Primary School)	<u>Section 1-7 – General Statement</u> No comments  <u>Section 8 – Promotion of the Four Licensing Objectives</u> No comments	<b>Noted. No change</b>

	<p><u>Section 9 – Mandatory Conditions &amp; Other Considerations</u> No comments</p> <p><u>Section 10-13 – Best Practice</u> No comments</p> <p><u>Section 14 – Enforcement</u> No comments</p> <p><u>Section 16 – Environmental Best Practice</u> No Comments</p>	
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