

Northamptonshire Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy
for Regulated Entertainment, Late Night Refreshment and the Sale of Alcohol

Summary of responses received and the NLLG considerations

<p>Sue Halkett Weedon BEC Parish Council</p>	<p>Section 2.15 Whilst this is advantageous for towns and cities there is a distinct disruption in rural villages as there is a greater number of residential properties disturbed by customers leaving licensed premises late at night and in the early hours of the morning.</p> <p>Section 4.13 One badly behaved person can cause considerable distress to elderly residents in poorly policed rural areas.</p> <p>Section 11.1 We find this paragraph quite disturbing and discriminating.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p> <p>Comments noted.</p> <p>The view of the Northamptonshire Licensing Liaison Group (NLLG) was this was not either disturbing or discriminating. An elaboration on the comments made would be required. ACTION: Change 'should not' to 'may not'</p>
<p>Mark M Hunter Clerk the Parish Council Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council</p>	<p>Section 3 There is no specific requirement in s5(3) Licensing Act 2003 for the Licensing Authority to consult Town and Parish Councils, rather the more vague "bodies representing business and residents in the area". However there is nothing to prevent the Licensing Authority from stating here that it will specifically include Town and Parish Councils within this category, since this would not negate or contradict legislation.</p>	<p>This is an operational rather than a policy matter and subsequently is down to each Licensing Authority (LA) to follow their internal procedures relating to consultation.</p>

	<i>Section 7.7 refers to PPG and RPG which have been superseded (eg. PPS)</i>	<i>Agreed. JF to forward wording. ACTION: Wording of Policy to be changed to reflect current terminology</i>
<i>Paul King Mayor Oundle Town Council</i>	<i>Oundle Town Council strongly believes that responsibility for these issues should reside with magistrates. Feedback from members is that this would simplify the current situation.</i>	<i>Comments noted.</i>
<i>Councillor Glen Harwood Chair – Licensing Committee East Northamptonshire Council</i>	<i>The Statement of Licensing Policy Statement should reflect the Section 182 Guidance revised in October 2010.</i> <i>Is the delegation to officer's part of the Statement still relevant.</i> <i>Noted that Appendix 2 – Glossary of Terms' it lists those who are deemed 'Interested Parties'.....but the list does not include Councillors of the Licensing Authority. Should they be listed as well?</i>	<i>Although the LACORS Best Practice Framework was written in April 2010, prior to the latest revision of the Section 182 Guidance, the part of the guidance that relates to Statement of Licensing Policy remains unchanged and therefore the LACORS framework remains best practice. This framework is clear on the inclusion of information pertaining to TEN's (Page 6) and Licence Reviews (Page 10).</i> <i>JS to resolve this, agreed prior to the meeting.</i> <i>Make sure the Glossary of Terms refer to current Section 182 guidance and legal definitions. Russ to verify once DSW checked.</i>
<i>Saneal Randeria Alcohol Concern</i>	<i>Response provides information about Alcohol Concerns Health Check Licensing Policy Award which aims to recognise practice by</i>	<i>Information on the award was noted by the Group. It was acknowledged that Health should play a greater role within the Policy Statement</i>

	<i>licensing authorities which helps to promote a healthy attitude.</i>	<i>and consideration would be given to the inclusion of health related agenda in subsequent revisions of the Statement of Licensing Policy. The recent consultation entitled 'Rebalancing the Licensing Act' is likely to result in further changes to Policy and health will play a more central role in Licensing decision making.</i>
<i>Kerry Smith Bargain Booze Licensing Co-ordinator</i>	<i>Response refers to when will the Licensing Unit be starting to use the Electronic Applications which was implemented in the UK from 28th December 2009. The Policy does not refer.</i>	<i>Electronic applications already available via www.businesslink.gov.uk. and directly through Council websites</i>
<i>Dr. O T Adedeji Consultant in Public Health – Health Protection NHS Northamptonshire</i>	<i>Following comments should be noted: in support of licensing restrictions in county areas identified as experiencing disorder and problems relating to alcohol abuse agree generally with the statement of licensing policy in favour of differential charging of Licensees in areas with particular issues, in order to raise revenue to offset the costs of repairing associated criminal damage may potentially play a bigger role in influencing licensing, on the basis of alcohol related illness profiles.</i>	<i>Comments noted by the Group.</i>

<p><i>Bill Edwards Team Lead Northampton Community Safety Partnership</i></p>	<p><i>Suggested a number of amendments including:</i></p> <p><i>Update on Equality legislation suggested that should revise Section 7.</i></p> <p><i>A revised Noise section (15.1) was suggested which spells out measures that could be taken to meet licensing objectives.</i></p> <p><i>An additional section was suggested which related to Sex entertainment Venues.</i></p>	<p><i>Group agreed that an update was required and BE should forward required wording. This will be inserted into the revised Statement.</i></p> <p><i>The NLLG felt that this was an operational rather than Policy issue and therefore rejected the suggested amendment at this time.</i></p> <p><i>Various Authorities had already adopted this provision and therefore this addition should be made locally if relevant to that LA.</i></p>
<p><i>Councillor Deanna Eddon</i></p>	<p><i>Items 4.5, 6.3, 6.4 have either 'and' or 'or' submitted before that last point. Can they be removed/regulated to look like 4.13?</i></p>	<p><i>Agreed - amendments to be made to final version.</i></p>
<p><i>Ed Cooke Environmental Manager</i></p>	<p><i>Add 'This list is not exhaustive' at the end of the case law list' on Page 6</i></p> <p><i>Replace '....within 48 hours' to '....within 2 working days' on Page 17, Section 17.13</i></p> <p><i>Update contact details for DDC found in Appendix 2.</i></p>	<p><i>Agreed – amendments to be made to final version.</i></p>