



## LICENSING ACT 2003

### STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY REVIEW CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

#### **The Procedure.**

Under the Licensing Act 2003 "the Act" the Council is the Licensing Authority responsible for the licensing of alcohol, entertainment and late night refreshment within the Bourough.

Under the Act, in its capacity as the Licensing Authority the Council is required to carry out a formal review, consultation and re-publication of its Statement of Licensing Policy every three years.

The re-published policy will come into force on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008, and will set out the principles that the Licensing Authority will generally apply to promote the licensing objectives when making decisions on applications for licences made under the Act for the subsequent three years.

#### **The Time Table.**

The consultation must take place before the policy can be revised and re-published. The timetable for this is as follows:

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| Pre-Consultation.                    | 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2007 to 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2007<br>During this three week period we invited the Responsible Authorities to review our policy and put forward any views or comments that they may have about the existing policy document.                      |
| The Consultation.                    | Consultation ends on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2007<br>This consultation period is designed to obtain the views and comments obtained from the Statuary Conssultees as set out by the Act and any other Interested Parties that may hold a view from wider field as possible. |
| Report feedback and Formal Adoption. | 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2007<br>Feedback from consultation process will be reported to the Full Council meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2007, where the Council will consider the formal adoption of the Policy.   |

## **The Consultees**

Responsible Authorities. (Pre-Consultees)

The following have a statutory responsibility for monitoring and applying measures to uphold the four licensing objectives that are set out under the Act.

- The chief officer of police
- The fire authority
- The health and safety authority
- The local planning authority
- The environmental health authority
- The body recognised as being responsible for the protection of children from harm
- Inspectors of weights and measures (trading standards officers)

The consultation exercise may also include discussions with other internal Council departments with areas of responsibility which impact upon licensing matters.

The Statutory Consultees.

- The chief officer of police
- The fire authority
- Such persons representative of holders of premises licenses, club premises certificates and personal licences issued by us.
- Such other persons as we consider to be representative of businesses and residents in the Borough.

It is therefore our intention to include these contacts in the review consultation process.

## **The Process.**

It is intended that comments and views can be made by way of a simple questionnaire (as attached). All responses must be with us before 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2007, and they will be considered prior to the adoption of the revised Licensing Policy.

For ease of reference, the 2005 - 2007 Licensing Policy can be viewed together with the Draft Policy on our website at: [www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk](http://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk)

After reading the licensing policy, please answer the questions in section 1 and 2. There is an opportunity for you to provide any additional comments in section 2. We may wish to speak with you for clarification of your comments. Therefore, as well as your name and address, it would be useful if you could also provide your contact telephone number(s) on the questionnaire form.

## **Returning the Questionnaire.**

You may print off the form, complete in ink, and return by post.

Alternatively, the form has been designed to be completed on-line and returned via email as an attachment.

The return postal address and email address may be found at the foot of the two page questionnaire.



# Borough of Oadby & Wigston

Council Offices, Station Road, Wigston, Leicestershire LE18 2DR

## LICENSING POLICY REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers:

Day \_\_\_\_\_

Eve \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick only one box for each question.

### Section 1

1. Do you currently hold a premises licence or personal licence?

Yes

No

If no, what is your interest in a local licensing policy?

As: Local Resident

Local Business

Visitor

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Section 2

1. Do you think that the policy helps us promote the protection of children from harm?

Yes

No

2. Do you think that the policy helps us promote public safety?

Yes

No

3. Do you think that the policy helps us promote the prevention of crime and disorder?

Yes

No

4. Do you think that the policy helps us promote the prevention of public nuisance?

Yes  No

5. Do you think that the policy helps us to strike a balance between needs of local businesses and the needs of local residents?

Yes  No

If you have answered NO to any of the questions in section 2, please give us your comments in the boxes below (an additional sheet can be used if necessary) on what you feel that we can do further to help promote these licensing objectives.

<b>Draft Policy Paragraph</b>	<b>Comments/Suggested Changes/Additions</b>	<b>Reasons for proposals</b> i.e. state one of the four licensing objectives or state other reason.

Upon completion of the above questionnaire, please return to the following address:

The Licensing Team  
Oadby & Wigston Borough Council  
Council Offices  
Station Road  
Wigston  
Leicestershire  
LE18 2DR

Or attach your completed on-line form to an email and send to:  
[licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@oadby-wigston.gov.uk)

**Thank you very much for taking part in this survey.**