

Date: 04 January 2024

Title: Report Item 8 – Environmental Health (Licensing) - Consultation

By: S Adeniji (Clerk)

Purpose: To respond to the consultation

Recommendations: a) To respond to the Wealden District Council, Environmental Health (Licensing) - Environmental Framework Consultation.

Introduction:

1. Wealden District Council aims to protect and enhance its local Environment and wants to develop an Environmental Framework which can be applied to the Licensing area.
2. The Council licences numerous activities and has several policies covering the supply of alcohol, entertainment, gambling, and taxis. These policies are drawn up in line with relevant legislation and information.
3. The Council Licensing Team wishes to consult on plans to develop supplementary guidance which considers the impact on the environment of licensed premises, activities, and events. The team wishes to encourage good practice and behaviour that protects the environment both in the short and longer term.
4. Details of the consultation can be found at <https://letstalk.wealden.gov.uk/environmental-health-licensing-environmental-framework>.
5. This is a very important consultation for any towns or villages that hold events or have local groups and charities holding events in their area hence the response of the council as a corporate body is being sought.
6. The survey is appended in ANNEX ONE of this report.

ANNEX ONE

Environmental Health (Licensing) - Environmental Framework



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In addition, we want to develop supplementary guidance which considers the impact on the environment of licensed premises, activities, and events. We want to encourage good practice and behaviour that protects the environment both in the short and longer term.

We are interested in any views that people have about this subject and welcome views from people who live, work, or visit the Wealden district.

The areas of environmental protection we would like to consider are set out in the consultation survey below, please read through and provide your comments as necessary.

This consultation will close on January 19th 2024.

Survey

Environmental Framework consultation

We are interested in any views that people have about this subject and welcome views from people who live, work, or visit the area.

TAKE SURVEY

Environmental Framework consultation

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0% answered

Welcome,

We want to develop supplementary guidance which considers the impact on the environment of licensed premises, activities, and events. We want to encourage good practice and behaviour that protects the environment both in the short and longer term. We would like views on the following areas:

Licensed Premises / Events

Planning Events to be net zero in carbon emissions

- by enacting and encouraging the uptake of travel plans for walking, cycling and the use of public transport
- increasing the use of renewable energy and reducing the use of petrochemical based energy.

Providing means to offset carbon emissions

Reducing consumption

- by encouraging and facilitating the reuse and recycling of materials used on site.

Minimising carbon emissions associated with food and refreshments:

- by discouraging single use plastics
- encouraging local food producers and suppliers to attend events and to provide food and materials for such events
- reducing carbon emissions associated with food transport and waste production

1. Please provide any comments you have on this area to inform guidance on Premises or Event licenses:

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25% answered

Taxis

- Promoting the use of electric, hybrid and less polluting vehicles in that hierarchy.
- Encouraging Taxi sharing by passengers.

2. Please provide any comments you have on this area to inform guidance on taxi licensing:

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50% answered

Animal welfare

- To protect the welfare of animals involved in any licenced activity
- To not expose animals to any harm or risk e.g., not giving “pets as prizes”
- To reduce carbon emissions associated with licenced activities involving animals (eg: transportation of animals; feed and waste production; recycling of materials)

3. Please provide any comments on this area to inform guidance on Animal welfare:

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75% answered

4. If you also have other ideas or proposals that are relevant to Licensed activities or events then again we would welcome them, please use the space below for your comments:

It is proposed that any guidance will align with recommendations within the Council’s overall Climate Action Plan Review.

Any guidance developed must work within the context of this Plan.

5. Would you like to complete the equality monitoring questions?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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