

Appendix C – Public Health response with recommendations

Public Health responses recommendations	Consideration of recommendations
<p>Guidance for applicants Public Health (PH) acknowledge that this is a policy document and not a procedural document. We note on the website that there is a ‘Guidance Notes for Licensing applicants’ and recommend that a hyperlink is included in your policy statement to improve accessibility and understanding for applicants. Microsoft Word - guidance for applicants October 09 version_1.doc.</p>	<p>The guidance for applicant can be found within the web page the policy is placed. Guidance is more of a procedural document and falls slightly out of the scope of the policy.</p>
<p>Licensing objectives PH recommend that the licensing objectives are clearly set out within the document e.g. as section headings as this makes it clearer for the reader.</p>	<p>Objectives are within section 2 of the policy.</p>
<p>Cumulative Impact of a concentration of licensed premises At paragraph 5.6 we feel that there is a missed opportunity. We recommend putting the link to the CIA document so that it is clear to applicants’ what they need to address in a licensing application, especially in the cumulative impact area. https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/vath1akl/statement-of-licensing-policy-cumulative-impactassessment.pdf</p>	<p>Included in policy.</p>
<p>Women’s safety and wider vulnerability PH are disappointed that there isn’t a section on Women’s safety and wider vulnerabilities. It is recommended that there is a specific focus on staff training and would recommend trauma-informed</p>	<p>Included to policy. Section 9.2</p>

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<p>approaches to customer care. The public health team strongly supports the inclusion of schemes such as “Ask for Angela” / safe space as part of a wider strategy to reduce vulnerability and promote safety in licensed premises. These initiatives contribute to the prevention of violence against women and girls and support mental wellbeing by offering reassurance and practical help in potential harmful situations.</p> <p>Drink spiking is a serious public health concern with both physical and psychological consequences.</p> <p>We welcome the Government’s announcement in November 2024 that drink spiking will become a criminal offence and recommend this is referenced in the policy. Crime and Policing Bill: spiking factsheet (MoJ) - GOV.UK . We recommend the implementation of proactive measures such as drink covers, bottle stoppers and visible signage to raise awareness. These steps help reduce the risk and promote a culture of safety and responsibility.</p> <p>We encourage the development of a local protocol for reporting and sharing data on drink spiking incidents between licensed premises, police and public health teams, to support targeted prevention efforts.</p>	
<p>Links to Strategies and Plans</p> <p>At paragraph 9.1 the reference should be updated to the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which prioritises reducing health inequalities. Licensing decisions can</p>	<p>Paragraph 9.1 has been amended to reflect updated name.</p>

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<p>support these aims by promoting responsible alcohol retailing and creating safer environments. We also suggest referencing the Public Health Strategic Plan Public Health Strategic Plan and the NHS Long Term Plan [ARCHIVED CONTENT] NHS Long Term Plan The NHS Long Term Plan, which include commitments to reduce alcohol-related hospital admissions and improve access to treatment. Licensing policy can contribute to these goals through evidence-based decision making and partnership working.</p>	<p>The reference of specific strategic plans for different organisations are outside the scope of the policy content.</p>
<p>Licence Conditions Public Health welcome the information in this section, although it is recommended that the mandatory conditions are mentioned and included as an appendix to improve accessibility and understanding for applicants and enforcement officers. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/9780111116906</p>	<p>Included within policy within section 8.2</p>
<p>Equality and Inclusion in Licensed Premises PH recommend including a section highlighting the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that venues are inclusive and that applicants and licensees are familiar with the law and their responsibilities as set out in the Equality Act. Relevant Guidance for businesses can be found on the Equality and Human rights Commission website Homepage EHRC. PH recommend that a hyperlink is included to the Cambridge City Equality and Diversity policies and objectives. Our equality and diversity policies and plans - Cambridge City Council.</p>	<p>Reference to applicant obligations under the Equality Act 2010 has been added in Section 9.12</p>

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<p>The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act PH recommend including a section highlighting The Terrorism (Protection of premises) Act 2025 Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025. It is also known as Martyn’s Law. The Act is intended to ensure public premises and events are better prepared for terrorist attacks. It will require them to take reasonably practicable actions to protect the public from the threat of terrorism and reduce physical harm.</p>	<p>This is outside current policy content, however where applicable advise to applicant is provided during pre-application advise sought with police or Licensing authority and during other parts of the application process – Large events may be advised to attend Safety Advisory Group.</p>
<p>Other special policies We note that there are no other special policies within Cambridge City. However, PH recommend a section describing Early Morning Restriction orders (EMRO), Late Night Levy, Temporary Event/Exemption Notices (TENs), and Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPOs) within your statement as this provides an opportunity for these to be implemented, if necessary, within the timeframe of the adopted Licensing policy. It would be useful to include any relevant hyperlinks to help signpost applicants to the relevant information. PH also recommend including a hyperlink for the ‘May Balls and June Events in Cambridge Organisers handbook 2025’ as this isn’t within the licensing section of your website (even though licensing is mentioned within the handbook) and instead is located under Pollution, noise and nuisance.</p>	<p>At present this information is slightly out of scope of current policy, however in the future if it becomes further required, further consideration will be made.</p> <p>The inclusion of hyperlinks to specific events is outside the scope of the policy. However the placement of relevant information will be looked at on council website to ensure information is more clearly accessible.</p>

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