

Licensing Policy Consultation

Licensing Act 2003

Statement of Licensing Policy for 2019-2024
and proposed renewal of Cumulative Impact
Assessment Bridgend Town Centre

Consultation Document

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Overview

Under the Licensing Act 2003, the Council as a licensing authority is required to publish a Statement of Licensing Policy setting out, amongst other issues, its policy on granting applications for new premises licences. The Council is required to review this statement at least every 5 years. This consultation is to inform the policy for the next five year period 2019 to 2024.

The Council also has the power to publish a cumulative impact assessment (CIA) on a three year basis. The CIA will assist the Council to limit the number or types of licence applications granted in areas where there is evidence to show that the number or density of licensed premises is having a negative impact on a particular area. The Council is consulting on the next three year CIA and amendment policy statement and welcomes views from the public and other interested parties.

How to respond

This consultation will begin on 17 June 2019 and end on 8 September 2019.

You can respond or ask further questions in the following ways;

Tel: (01656) 643 664.

Email: Consultation@bridgend.gov.uk

Online:
www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation

Post: Consultation and Engagement, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB

Alternative formats are also available upon request.

Data protection

Information provided by you on this form will be used to inform the publication of a Statement of Licensing policy including a Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA). The Council will take all reasonable precautions to ensure confidentiality and to comply with data protection legislation. Your information may be shared with the Licensing team for the purposes of reviewing the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Policy. Your information will be retained in accordance with the Council's Data Retention Policy.

You have a number of rights under data protection legislation. You may also withdraw your consent and ask us to delete your personal information at any time by contacting us. Further

information about this is available on our website or you may contact the Data Protection Officer.

If you are dissatisfied with the manner in which we process your personal data then you have the option to make a complaint to the Data Protection Officer and the Information Commissioner's Office.

Related Documents

Our current [Statement of Licensing Policy](#)

The evidence for a Cumulative Impact Assessment submitted by the South Wales Police

Visit:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/business/licensing/>

The amendments to the Statement of Licensing Policy

1. None other than typographical/updating references to legislation and contact details.
2. To amend Section 6 to be amended to reflect a review of the CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT for Bridgend Town Centre

The current situation

The Council is under a legal duty to review its policy guidelines.

The policy will help applicants for licences and the public to understand the profile of the County Borough and the decision making process.

The Council has the power to publish a cumulative impact assessment (CIA) on a three year basis to help it to limit the number or types of licence applications granted in areas where there is evidence to show that the number or density of licensed premises is having a negative impact.

Cumulative impact means the problems which can arise where there is a concentration of licensed premises in a particular area, town centres for example. There may be a serious impact on crime and disorder, public nuisance, the transport network or street cleansing for example. The Council has already adopted a policy of this type to cover Bridgend Town Centre. The current policy covers Derwen Road, Market Street, Wyndham Street and Nolton Street (from its junction with Ewenny Road to its junction with Merthyr Mawr Road, but not the area between Merthyr Mawr Road and the junction with Court Road Bridgend). The effect of the policy means that no new licences for premises or club premises or variations will be granted unless the applicant can demonstrate that there will be no negative impact arising from the premises on the licensing objectives. The licensing objectives are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;
- Public nuisance;
- Public safety;
- The protection of children from harm.

The Home Office guidance outlines that in some areas where the number, type or density of licensed premises is high or exceptional serious problems of nuisance or disorder may arise outside these premises. Moreover large concentrations of premises can affect public transport, littering, and public nuisance.

The South Wales Police has requested that the Council maintain this special policy in respect of Bridgend Town Centre and have submitted evidence in support of this proposal. The South Wales Police has not asked the Council to change the streets covered by the current policy.

If adopted, the new CIA has the potential to impact on the grant of new licences for pubs, restaurants, entertainment venues, cultural venues, nightclubs, late night refreshment takeaways, off- licences and club premises.

It will not apply to Temporary Event Notices.

The pro forma below seeks your views on whether the Council should retain this policy to inform the grant of future licences in Bridgend Town Centre. Please note that the council must receive evidence of the problems occurring. Evidence could

include statistics, reports, residents' questionnaires evidence from local and parish councillors, health related statistics and local consultation.

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

An initial screening has been completed. There is no change to the policy, therefore the initial screening remains valid.

Consultation

The Council will carefully consider the information provided. All views received from this consultation will be fully considered before final publication. Projected timetable for procedure and proposal implementation

Activity	Date
Response deadline	8 September 2019
Report to Cabinet on the outcomes of the consultation.	22 October 2019