

Appendix 8 Suggested framework hours - recommended hours for operation of licensable activities (sale and supply of alcohol and provision of late-night refreshment)

The following recommended framework hours and comments were provided by the following responsible authorities:

- (i) Durham Constabulary
- (ii) DCC Licensing Enforcement (the Licensing Authority as a responsible authority)
- (iii) DCC Public Health
- (iv) DCC Weights and Measures

Note: Consultation responses concerning suggested framework hours were not received from any of the other responsible authorities

(i) Licensing Act 2003 Policy Statement – Suggested Framework Hours: Durham Constabulary as a Responsible Authority

A. Suggested terminal hours (end of licensing hours for the sale of alcohol and late night refreshment) for each category below for premises situated within a city centre / larger town centre area. E.g. the commercial centres of Durham City, Chester-Le-Street, Bishop Auckland, Consett etc.

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| | | Nightclubs: 0200 | |
| For licences authorising the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises only (off licences, supermarkets) | 0000 | 0100 | Plus one hour |
| For licences not including the sale or supply of alcohol (community centres, village halls) | 0000 | 0100 | Plus one hour |
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D. Suggested terminal hours (end of licensing hours for the sale of alcohol and late night refreshment) for each category below for premises situated within a predominantly rural setting e.g. hamlets and countryside settings etc.

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(ii) Licensing Act 2003 Policy Statement – Suggested Framework Hours: Licensing Authority as Responsible Authority

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(iii) Licensing Act 2003 Policy Statement – Suggested Framework Hours: Public Health as a Responsible Authority

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| For licences authorising the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises only (off licences, supermarkets) | Commencement of licensable activity: ideally 10am but certainly no earlier than 8am. 10:00pm | Commencement of licensable activity: ideally 10am but certainly no earlier than 8am. 10:00pm | Commencement of licensable activity: ideally 10am but certainly no earlier than 8am. 10:00pm |
| For licences not including the sale or supply of alcohol (community centres, village halls) | Commencement of licensable activity: 12noon 12 midnight | Commencement of licensable activity: 12noon 12 midnight | Commencement of licensable activity: 12noon 12 midnight |
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(iv) Licensing Act 2003 Policy Statement – Suggested Framework Hours: DCC Trading Standards (Weights and Measures) as a Responsible Authority

My comments are made in my capacity as Chief Inspector of Weights and measures for DCC as the Local Weights and Measures Authority.

When considering the Licensing Act 2003, the local weights and measures authority (Trading Standards) is primarily concerned with sale and supply of alcohol to those under 18s. Most investigations carried out by the service in this regard concern the off trade and generally evidence suggests that sales are made in the early to mid-evening i.e. 15.30 to 2000. As a consequence of this I do not feel it appropriate to suggest terminal hours for the off trade as any such timing would be too restrictive and would have an adverse effect on local businesses.

Whilst not wishing to see any timings imposed on off trade I would welcome to option or concept of introducing voluntary arrangements for off licences when there could be an agreement whereby off licences temporarily “suspend” their licensable activities or perhaps restrict the type and strength of alcohol that could be sold during these times when it has been found that there are high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour caused by underage drinking and these issues can be linked back directly to the off trade. Generally it is found that youths will attempt to access alcohol in the locality where they live and then congregate in more community type venues such as parks etc. however it has been found that youths will migrate to areas so any such agreements should be not restricted to the type of area as described in the framework

I appreciate that any such arrangement would have to be voluntary and could not form part of a framework/matrix but thought members could consider these thoughts when determining the policy.

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