



Health and Environment

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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on this Licensing Authority's Review of its Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003

Consultation Period :- 7th June –30th August 2010

Under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the Council as the Licensing Authority must keep its Licensing Policy under review and determine its Policy every three years.

Before determining the Licensing Policy for any three year period the local authority must consult the Chief Officer of Police for the area, the fire authority, representatives of local holders of premises licences/club premises certificates, residents and representatives of businesses in its area. In determining its Licensing Policy the Licensing Authority shall have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

The Council approved the existing Licensing Policy on the 8th of November 2007. The Policy, which has developed over the previous six years is now due for revision. Consultees should note that the Policy has only been amended so as to include changes as a result of either new or amended regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of State. The limited changes reflected in the proposed revised Policy are:-

- Paragraph 1.10 First sentence amended to read:-“All written applications and relevant documentation must be submitted to the Licensing Authority in its entirety”.
- Paragraph 1.11 First sentence amended to read:-“Applications, notices or representations may also be received by electronic means(NB electronic applications to be made via the businesslink website)”.
- Paragraph 1.13 First sentence amended to read:-“Regulations require that applicants shall ensure a copy of the written application and plans are submitted to the Responsible Authorities”.
- Paragraph 2.6 Second sentence amended to read:-“The Act provides for the licence to be reinstated by way of an Interim Authority Notice and this notice must be given to the Licensing Authority within the prescribed time constraints after the licence has lapsed”.
- Paragraph 3.17.1 Insert new sentence at beginning of paragraph to read “From the 1st October 2010 premises licence holders and club premises certificate holders are required to ensure that an age verification policy applies to their premises in relation to the sale of alcohol”



- Paragraph 4.21 First sentence amended to read:-“Elected District Councillors may make representations on behalf of an interested party if specifically requested to do so or as an interested party in their own right”.
- Paragraph 4.22 First sentence amended to read:-“Elected District Councillors may wish to be kept informed of licensing related matters within the area, such as applications and reviews”.

NB Changes to the text of the Policy are shown in italics

I now have the pleasure to inform you that draft copies of the revised Policy are available either on the Council’s website at www.ryedale.gov.uk, by request to the Licensing Team (see address below), at local libraries/Council offices or attached to an e-mail for your consideration. Feedback on the draft Policy must reach this Licensing Authority no later than the **30th August 2010**, indicating clearly the paragraph(s) your response refers to.

Also, when responding please state whether you are responding as an individual, representing a business that may be affected or representing the views of an organisation. If responding on behalf of an organisation please make it clear who that organisation represents. If responding as an individual please mention your own interest.

Please note your response may be made public or published in a summary or responses to the consultation unless you state clearly that you wish your response or name to be treated confidentially. Confidential responses will be included in any statistical summary of comments received. If you are replying by e-mail unless you specifically include a request to the contrary in the main text of your submission to us, we will assume your consent overrides any confidentiality disclaimer that is generated by your organisation’s IT system. Please note all responses to be included must be named responses and not anonymous. We will not consider any anonymous responses in this consultation.

All responses should be returned to:-

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Further information and copies of the draft Policy are available from licensing@ryedale.gov.uk, telephone 01653 600666 ext 250/253 or on Ryedale District Council website (www.ryedale.gov.uk).

Thank you in advance.

Yours faithfully

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