

Analysis of consultee comments

1. Proposal to add Leicestershire police and Leicestershire fire and rescue service to the list of consultees

The proposal was supported by all consultees

2. Proposal to remove the requirement to consult on renewal applications where no issues or concerns have been reported during the previous 12 months

3. Proposal to amend the consultation process for new applications. To consult NWLDC District Councillors on all applications and all other consultees where the licensing officer considers it relevant to do so

10 of the 12 consultees supported these proposals.

The two Town/Parishes that disagreed with the proposal wish to be consulted on all applications, both new and renewal.

Response to consultee comments:

All Town/Parish Councils will be consulted on new consent applications and all renewals where complaints or concerns have been reported to the licensing team during the term of the previous consent.

4. Proposal to introduce a policy whereby an application for a consent from a person that has had a consent revoked will not normally be considered for a period of up to 3 years.

10 of the 12 consultees supported this proposal.

The two remaining consultees felt the policy required further clarity to reduce ambiguity and ensure consistency.

Response to consultee comments:

Guidance has been devised in response to comments made by Licensing Committee and other consultees.

5. Proposal to simplify the process of determining an application where objections are received by removing the requirement for an officer panel and replacing it with delegation for an officer decision in consultation with the Licensing Team Leader or Environmental Health Team Manager.

9 of the 12 consultees supported this proposal.

Those that did not support the proposal felt that 2 officers discussing the objections together in a hearing environment would be more robust.

One consultee felt that one officer making a decision would be unfair.

Response to consultee comments:

The proposal is to retain the requirement for 2 officers to be involved in the decision making. All decisions will require a recommendation from an officer and approval from a second officer.

6. Proposal to make the following changes to the policy criteria:

- Detection and prevention of public nuisance and anti-social behaviour removed and replaced with two criteria, avoidance of nuisance and prevention and detection of street crime and anti-social behaviour
- Promotion of environmental improvement and regeneration replaced with needs of the area
- To ensure food safety and public safety removed and replaced with compliance with legal requirements

All 12 consultees supported the proposal