

Ref:	Received	Name/Organisation	Response/Summary of response received	Consideration given/action taken
001	10/10/15	R Everett Hackney	<p>Where can I find more information related to the Hackney licensing issues , where I can vote in favour of reopening or relaxing these licensing laws? As a local resident, I would like to vote on the proposed Hackney Council amendments to the licensing policy?</p> <p>As a long term local resident of Queensbridge road this is something I would like to vote on before Monday's deadline. Nightlife and diverse culture are what separates hackney from other boroughs and has done for the past 50 years and innovative new, cheap, small privately owned shops and bars and restaurants are what make hackney what it is. We need to steer clear of chain fashion shops, chain coffee shops, chain restaurants and any further blocks of £600,000 city pads, and high rise "Boris" serviced apartments and keep the small local businesses that make Hackney different.</p> <p>This includes new licensed premises - without innovation and change the area will lose the innovative small privately owned artistic nature it's known for.</p>	Noted. No change to Policy.
002	12/10/15	A Towndrow Hackney	I am writing in support of the proposal to re adopt the Council's current licensing policy.	Noted. No change to Policy.
003	12/10/15	C M M E5	<p>I would like to take this opportunity to have my say on food premises licences. I believe this area needs to be addressed with crystal clear guidelines especially for those who violate the soft touch</p> <p>Because I socialize once a month, but sometimes I have to eat 3 times a day takeaway like many other Hackney residents who are working long hours.</p>	Noted. No change to Policy.

004	8/10/15	E Sleigh	<p>As a local resident living in your ward, I am writing to you about Hackney Council's consultation on a new licensing policy.</p> <p>There are thousands of us who love Hackney's vibrant and diverse scene. It's one of the reasons we choose to live here. Hackney has an incredible cultural life. As well as making the borough a better and more exciting place to live, local bars, restaurants and clubs have brought jobs, investment and new creative businesses.</p> <p>So, I was extremely disappointed to see the proposals for a more restrictive licensing policy. 11pm closing times belong in the 1980s, not in a modern, vibrant and progressive borough like Hackney.</p> <p>Similarly, the proposal to label new music and dance venues in Dalston as "not considered appropriate", and to say the council wants to encourage "less risky cultural activities", is hugely offensive to many of us who enjoy going to local venues. The cultural activities the council wants to encourage tend to appeal to older, more affluent people which is surprising from a council that usually has an admirable focus on equalities.</p> <p>I know that the council has withdrawn the current consultation, which is great news. But, with a new consultation due next year, I am asking you to lobby for a change in approach from the council.</p> <p>The council needs to understand that the majority of Hackney residents enjoy visiting local venues, and benefit from all they bring to the borough. I want the council to celebrate Hackney's position as a famous centre for live music and dance taking advantage of the 24 hour tube and our international reputation to attract more jobs, investment and culture into the borough.</p> <p>Of course we should also tackle the side effects that affect some residents. But that should mean addressing individual problems from specific venues, not seeking to limit the number of new licenses across the whole borough. This approach will freeze out the unique, independent venues that Hackney is known for, and mean that only large businesses and chains are viable in Hackney in the future.</p> <p>I hope you will reflect on the groundswell of public opinion and agree that the revised Dalston Special Policy Area hours, the</p>	Noted. No change to Policy.
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