

# Consultation on Licensing Policy

## Background

The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 makes provision for regulating the sale of alcohol and for regulating licensed premises and other premises where alcohol is sold.

Scottish Licensing Boards are required to publish a statement of their policy with respect to carrying out their functions under the Act every 3 years.

The East Lothian Licensing Board has produced a Draft Statement of Licensing Policy for 2013-2016 and is keen to gather feedback from all interested parties.

## Are you responding as an individual or as a representative of an organisation?

- Individual
- Representative of an organisation

If you are responding as a representative of an organisation, please tell us which one

## Opening Hours

The Draft Statement of Licensing Policy identifies the Board's general policy on licensing hours:

OFF SALES - (covering the sale of alcohol which is consumed off the premises) - sales permitted between 10am and 10pm.

ON SALES - (covering the sale of alcohol which is consumed on the premises) - sales permitted as follows:

- \* 11.00am to 11.00pm Monday to Wednesday (inclusive)
- \* 11.00am to 1.00am Thursday to Saturday (inclusive)
- \* 11.00am to 12.00 midnight on a Sunday

## Do you think the licensing hours for OFF SALES are reasonable?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / not sure

Please explain your answer

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### Do you think the licensing hours for ON SALES are reasonable?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / not sure

Please explain your answer

## Overprovision

Licensing Boards are required to include a statement on the extent to which they think there is overprovision of licensed premises within their areas.

The East Lothian Licensing Board produced a statement taking into account data on rates of alcohol related police incidents, alcohol related hospital admissions and the number, type and capacity of licensed premises in the area.

Based on this, the Board concluded that there is overprovision in the following areas and, as a result, would reject any new license application or any application to increase the capacity of an existing license:

- \* Prestonpans
- \* Whitecraig and Wallyford

The Board is also concerned about overprovision in a further three areas and would be unlikely to grant new licenses or increase the capacity of an existing license:

- \* Dunbar
- \* Haddington
- \* Musselburgh

### As noted above, the Board carried out an analysis of statistics to identify where there is currently overprovision in East Lothian. Do you agree with the approach taken?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / not sure

If 'no', what alternative approach would you suggest?

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**Do you agree it is reasonable to reject any new license applications in the following areas?**

	Yes	No	Don't know / not sure
Prestonpans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whitecraig and Wallyford	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer

**Do you agree that there should be a presumption against new license being granted in the following areas?**

	Yes	No	Don't know / not sure
Dunbar	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Haddington	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Musselburgh	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your answer

## Other Comments

**Is there anything not covered in the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy that you think should be?**

- Yes  
 No

If 'yes', please give details

**Please use the box below to share any other comments you may have in relation to the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy**

**Thank You**

Many thanks for taking the time to provide feedback.