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Dear Stakeholder,

Consultation on the London Borough of Croydon's Revised Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003

The council is required to review and republish its policy every five years, but it can also review within that period if it so wishes.

Our current policy was reviewed in 2013 and would have to be reviewed in 2018, however, we have made a decision to review the policy earlier. This is because there are some changes we wish to make now so the policy is a better reflection of the aspirations we have for Croydon as a place, and a destination of choice.

This letter is to summarise the amendments we propose to make and to seek any views you may have on the proposed changes.

Amendments proposed:

There are two main changes we propose -

1. Special Town Centre policy

Our policy was first written and published in 2004 and included a focus on the town centre to manage the number of bars/pubs/clubs running in the area, as there were concerns that too many would bring more crime and disorder to the area.

In 2017, the make up of the town centre has changed significantly with many of the bars/pubs/clubs in the town centre closing and being replaced by a broader range of licensed premises, such as recently opened restaurants in the High Street, offering a broader range of food and entertainment which reflects Croydon's diversity.

Therefore, we propose to remove this special town centre policy as we consider it is no longer required. However, if objections are received on future

applications, they will still be referred to the council's licensing sub-committee, who have the right to refuse an application if considered appropriate.

2. Use of the Metropolitan Police Service Promotion Event Risk Assessment Form

In the current policy, licence applicants and holders are recommended to use the Metropolitan Police Service Promotion Event Risk Assessment Form to:

- undertake a risk assessment, and;
- carry out a post event debrief process.

However, this form is currently under review and so we propose to remove specific reference to this particular form and instead remind licence applicants and holders of the duty to carry out risk assessments before any events are held on their premises (this includes events in open spaces such as parks).

Please find attached a copy of the revised licensing policy. If you would like to make any comments on the revisions please send them in writing, either by email to licensing@croydon.gov.uk or alternatively to:

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Please note any comments must be received by 12pm (noon) on Monday 13 November 2017. All comments will be considered and where appropriate, will be incorporated into the final version of the policy.

If you require any of this information in an alternative format please contact the council's licensing team on 020 8760 5466 or at licensing@croydon.gov.uk .

Yours faithfully,

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