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Re: consultation regarding *Statement of Licensing Policy Review June 2010*

Dear Miss Manji,

I am writing in response to your *Statement of Licensing Policy Review June 2010*. Police have considered the draft policy in conjunction with *Amendments to the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007*. We have provided a written response which incorporates elements of your online survey, but feel that a reply to your consultation process should be met in writing. As a Responsible Authority, police are supportive of the Licensing Authority and are keen to ensure that the multi-agency cooperation and approach present on this borough is continued and developed in a proactive manner. Police are supportive of the Licensing Authority in its four key objectives; the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm. Police have a number of observations in support of your *Statement of Licensing Policy Review June 2010*.

Police are supportive of the fact that your draft policy includes new elements relating to the specific issue of football in Hammersmith and Fulham Borough. The London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham is unique in the fact that it has three major football clubs within its area of responsibility. This situation puts unique demands on Hammersmith and Fulham Police. The formal acknowledgement of enhanced 'match day' conditions ensures that our understanding, approach and expectations of Designated Premises Supervisors within this specific licensing issue is clear. Police would suggest that the terms under 4.4 of 'Restrictions of hours pre-match and post-match' may be helpful. The points held in 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 and 4.7 are all welcomed and supported by Police.

Police are aware of the efforts made by the Licensing Authority to establish a Saturation Policy in the Fulham Broadway area and are pleased that this is present in your draft licensing policy. Police believe that this is a new approach that should be supported and would welcome its adoption in the Hammersmith and Shepherds Bush areas.

Tens applications are dealt with under your draft policy 18.1- 18.17. Police believe that this is an area that will be enhanced post-September 2010. Within the *Amendments to the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007* advice provided suggests making clear preferences on the time scale of preferred receipt of these notices. Police fully support the Local Authorities request for these forms to be supplied 28 days prior to the event and encourage this preference to be advertised. This allows Police to provide full consideration to the notice and ensure, through consultation with applicants, that the opportunity for crime and disorder is minimised at the planning stage, rather than at a late point in the development of an event.

Police believe that the current enforcement action undertaken is both proactive and timely. A broad combination of licensing enforcement exists and this is noted in your policy. Police welcome the opportunity to work in partnership and adopt a formal multi-agency approach in order to support the licensing objectives. This is a process that is underway and enhances current practises (20.6)

Police note the inclusion of risk assessment forms in your policy regarding specific events. Police welcome this in your policy. Police ask that the following email address be added to your points of contact, to allow direct access to the borough events department. [fhevents@met.police.uk](mailto:fhevents@met.police.uk)

19.1-19.7 relate to Designated Premises Supervisors in community premises. Police believe that it is important to view this on a case-by-case policy, as stated in your draft policy, in order to ensure that the deregulation is of benefit to the community and not a hindrance.

*Appendix 2- Local Pool of Licence Conditions* is welcomed by Police. As your policy states, this acts as a realistic guide to all parties involved in licensing issues.

In summary, Police believe that the policies outlined in your draft *Statement of Licensing Policy Review June 2010* promote the licensing objectives on Hammersmith and Fulham Borough. Additions take into account unique local issues and support the relevant authorities in ensuring the licensing objectives are tackled proactively.

Yours Sincerely,

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