

**8<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

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for the **Licensing Section**

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Consultation on the revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2010**

**Consultation on the draft Sex Establishment Licensing Policy and adoption of  
Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982**

The Licensing Act 2003 requires all Licensing Authorities to review and re-publish its licensing policy every three years. As part of this process Hammersmith & Fulham Council is now consulting on the future of our licensing policy.

The last three years have seen major changes in licensing laws and in order to maintain an open, fair and transparent licensing process we would like you to let us know any issues or comments that you may have on our proposed amendments and also your views on anything you would like to see amended or any improvements you think could be made.

Our current Statement of Licensing Policy can be found at the following link:

[http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Images/FINAL\\_PRINT\\_VERSION\\_OF\\_POLICY\\_2007\\_tcm21-95011.pdf](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Images/FINAL_PRINT_VERSION_OF_POLICY_2007_tcm21-95011.pdf)

In April 2010, section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, amended Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, by introducing a new type of sex establishment called 'sexual entertainment venues', giving local authorities more powers to control the number and location of lap dancing clubs and similar venues in their local area.

Previously a sex establishment licence was not usually required for striptease or lap dancing venues, as the relevant permissions for adult entertainment would have been included on a Premises Licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003.

These new powers are not mandatory and will only apply where they are adopted by the Council. Where adopted, these provisions will allow the council to refuse an application on potentially wider grounds than is permitted under the Licensing Act 2003 and will give local people a greater say over the regulation of lap dancing and similar venues in the borough.

**Please turnover**

Director of Environment  
Nigel Pallace

The Council would like to make a resolution to adopt Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and the provisions introduced by section 27 and would like to seek the views of anyone who lives or works in the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham.

Both consultation questionnaires are now available on the website for you to view and provide your feedback. You can access the consultation documents by going to the council website at [www.lbhf.gov.uk](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk), selecting "Say it" from the top right hand side and clicking "Consultations". Alternatively you can go to any of the links below:

[http://www.citizenspace.com/local/lbhf/Licensing\\_Act\\_Review\\_2010](http://www.citizenspace.com/local/lbhf/Licensing_Act_Review_2010)

[http://www.citizenspace.com/local/lbhf/Sex\\_Entertainment\\_Licensing\\_Policy](http://www.citizenspace.com/local/lbhf/Sex_Entertainment_Licensing_Policy)

Questionnaires must be completed by: **5 pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this consultation process and I look forward to receiving your comments. Please remember to provide paragraph numbers when commenting on individual sections where possible.

If you do not have access to the internet you can request a hard copy of the consultation documents.

To request a hard copy of the consultation documents for the consultation on the Revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2010, please contact me on 020 8753 3392.

To request a hard copy of the consultation documents for the consultation on the draft Sex Establishment Licensing Policy and adoption of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, please contact Stephanie Needham, Commercial Services Manager on 020 8753 4932.

It is important we get our local licensing policy right to ensure businesses have every opportunity to prosper, whilst local residents are protected.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

Yours faithfully



Sanju Manji  
**Trading Standards & Licensing Manager**