

Appendix C
Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 - Licensing Act 2003
Summary of Key Changes

We have compared the re-issued Guidance under Section 182 of the Act with our existing policy statement and have made amendments to reflect the new statutory guidance and other changes. These changes have now been incorporated into our draft policy statement.

We have endeavored to create a policy document that is functional and manageable by taking the opportunity to strip out non-policy information and guidance. It is our intention to create a separate 'Local Licensing Guidance' document, to supplement this policy, which will contain practical guidance for licence holders and assist local residents or other interested people who may make a representation against an application.

In addition to the general concept outlined above, the following key changes have been made to the policy all of which are necessitated by legislative changes that have come about since the commencement of the previous policy (January 2011)

1. Removal of the 'vicinity' test - persons wishing to make representations about a new application or to review an existing permission are no longer required to be located in the vicinity of the premises.
2. Removal of the 'interested parties' term and replace with 'any other person' – this facilitates 1 above and widens the scope for persons wishing to make representations.
3. Change to the policy review period from 3 years to 5 years.
4. Recognition that the responsible authorities have been expanded to now include the Licensing Authority and the body responsible for Public Health.
5. Change to wording relating to the imposition of conditions on a licence. Conditions may only be imposed that are 'appropriate and proportionate' to the promotion of the licensing objectives. Previously the term was 'necessary and proportionate'.
6. Recognition of the introduction of new mandatory licence conditions in particular those which effectively ban irresponsible drink promotions, ban the dispensing of alcohol directly into the mouth and ensure that customers have access to free drinking water.
7. Removal of the renewal requirement for Personal Licences. Prior to 2015 all Personal Licences were valid for 10 years.
8. Changes to Temporary Events
 - a. recognition that, in addition to the Police, the Environmental Health service can now intervene to prevent or modify an event; and
 - b. new provision to facilitate a temporary event required at short notice where the minimum period of notice cannot be achieved.
9. Introduction of the new provisions relating to:
 - a. Late Night Levy
 - b. Early Morning Restriction Orders.

Section 7 - Cumulative Impact - The consultation has resulted in requests to retain and extend the existing area (Area 1 – Doncaster Town Centre) along with proposals to add 2 additional areas, namely Lower Wheatley and Bawtry.