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The Council is consulting on the future of the Cumulative Impact Policy, whereby it looks at limiting the number of alcohol, late night refreshment and entertainment licences within specific areas of Brick Lane and Bethnal Green.

This consultation is required by law before the Council decides whether to revoke the designation or continue with it.

The consultation surveys for Bethnal Green and Brick Lane will run for 12 weeks commencing on Thursday 28 January and finishing on Thursday 22 April.

The objective of the Cumulative Impact Policy is to reduce crime and disorder and public nuisance in areas with a high saturation of licensed premises.

Having a Cumulative Impact Policy means that people wishing to apply for a new or variation of a licence to sell alcohol and/or provide late night refreshment (hot food/drink after 11pm) must demonstrate that they will not add to or have a cumulative effect on issues such as public nuisance, crime, public safety, and protection of children in the designated areas.

Any applicant that wishes to apply for a licence under the Licensing Act 2003 must prove that they will not add to the detriment of the area.

In November 2014, the current Cumulative Impact Policy was designated in and around the Brick Lane area. In 2018 second designation was introduced in Bethnal Green. The reason the Council chose to introduce these policies in Tower Hamlets was due to the saturation of licensed premises within this area, alcohol related crime and disorder and public nuisance that was shown to be linked to licensed premises. We now have to consider if these two designations should be renewed or revoked.

Evidence during the previous consultation when the Cumulative Impact Policy was reviewed in 2018 showed there was no evidence to support an expansion of areas covered by the Brick Lane or Bethnal Green cumulative impact zones. This does not appear to have changed and there is still little evidence to support an expansion of either Brick Lane or the Bethnal Green Zone areas. Therefore, the areas of the zones have not been changed.

The Cumulative Impact Policy for Brick Lane has been in place now for seven years, and in Bethnal Green for two years. Since its introduction incidents of crime and antisocial behaviour linked to licensed premises within these areas have seen a reduction despite fluctuating figures.

The attached reports from **2017** and **2018** show the historic and current levels of anti-social behaviour, crime and nuisance linked to licensed premises

You may also wish to see the **Minutes and Report of the Council on 18th September 2013** where the previous Statement of Licensing Policy and Cumulative Impact Policy for Brick Lane was adopted.

Further details are obtained in Sections 18 and 19 of the Council's **Statement of Licensing Policy 2018 – 2022**, and the Report into the **current review of the Cumulative Impact Policy**.

In connection with this statutory consultation we are seeking your views for the **Brick Lane** and **Bethnal Green** areas.

SURVEY

Bethnal Green

Take Survey



Brick Lane

Take Survey



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Key Dates


Consultation opens
28 January 2021

Consultation closes
22 April 2021

Documents

 [Licensing Committee Report 14 December 2017 \(15.3 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)

 [Licensing Committee Report 13 September 2018 \(5.09 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)

 [Cumulative Impact Policy and Appendices \(6.54 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)

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