

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2024

COMMITTEE ROOM - TOWER HAMLETS TOWN HALL, 160 WHITECHAPEL ROAD, LONDON E1 1BJ

Members Present in Person:

Councillor Peter Golds	Island Gardens
Councillor Faroque Ahmed	Whitechapel Ward
Councillor Leelu Ahmed	
Councillor Musthak Ahmed	
Councillor Suluk Ahmed	
Councillor Shahaveer Shubo Hussain	
Councillor Ahmodul Kabir	
Councillor Ana Miah	
Councillor Abdi Mohamed	
Councillor Rebaka Sultana	

Members In Attendance Virtually:

Councillor Sabina Akhtar
Councillor Amina Ali

Apologies:

None

Officers Present in Person:

Tom Lewis	(Team Leader - Licensing Services)
Jonathan Melnick	(Principal Lawyer-Enforcement)
Sean Rovai	Principal Consumer Services Officer
Simmi Yesmin	(Democratic Services Officer, Committees, Governance)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1 Cumulative Impact Assessment Policy 2024 - 2027

Mr Tom Lewis, Service Manager, Regulatory Services introduced the report and explained that a statutory consultation process took place between 31st January and 25th April 2024 as part of the review of the Cumulative Impact Assessments.

Following the consultation, evidence showed that there was a consensus and support for retaining the Brick Lane Cumulative Impact Area and expanding towards the southeastern edge, however the consultation did not support the retaining of the Bethnal Green Cumulative Impact Area.

It was noted that the Cumulative Impact Area (CIAs) seek to help and reduce the number or types of licence applications granted in areas where there is evidence to show that the number or density of licensed premises is having a cumulative impact and leading to problems, which are undermining the licensing objectives.

Mr Lewis informed Members that The Council is statutorily required to review its Cumulative Impact Assessment every 3 years and that this policy would be considered at the next meeting of Full Council in November 2024 for agreement.

In response to questions the following was noted;

- During the consultation some responses referred to an introduction of a CIA in Columbia Road, however there was insufficient evidence in terms of saturation, crime and disorder and nuisance within the Columbia Road area to consider a proposal for a CIA.
- The Consultation process and consultees were noted.
- Officers were encouraged to reach out to neighbouring boroughs, Hackney and Newham in particular, to find out if there have been any Environmental Impact Assessment done near the Hackney Wick area.
- Although a CIA is not justified in the Hackney Wick area, the Council are working with the Metropolitan Police to consider measures to prevent crime and disorder becoming a problem in this area.

The Committee welcomed the report.

The Licensing Committee;

Resolved

1. The report be noted and be put before Full Council on 20th November 2024 for agreement.

The meeting ended at 6.58 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Peter Golds
Licensing Committee