

## **Appendix 7**

### **Additional Comments Received**

These have all been summarised from the on line survey and letters/email responses received. They listed in order of frequency of being raised and the numerical figure at the end of each comment identifies the number of responds that mentioned this type of comment. As you will note some of the comments refer to the House of Lords Select Committee Report, which looked into the Licensing Act 2003 and associated legislations such as the Late Night Levy. The full House of Lords Select Committee Report can be read via this link <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/licensing-act-2003/news-parliament-2015/licensing-act-report-published/>

1. Detrimental effect on small/independent businesses **x7**.
2. Blanket Tax targeting all businesses not just bad ones **x5**.
3. Late Night Levy should start at 23:00 to 23:30 hours **x4**.
4. Detrimental effect on Late Night Economy within the borough **x4**.
5. Those who profit from the Late Night Economy should pay to tackle issues it creates **x3**.
6. Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) are a better alternative to LNL **x5**:
  - View supported by the House of Lords Select Committee Report,
  - Other LA's have opted for them over LNL.More business lead
7. Revenue for the LNL likely to be significantly less than estimated especially when considering free minor variations to reduce hours and increase in TENs **x4**.
8. LNL 30/70 split for LAs and Police means large proportion can be spent on other jurisdictions **x3**.
9. Consider recommendations of House of Lords Select Committee **x5**.
10. Too many taxes especially in light of current economic climate **x3**.
11. Due to premises being likely to reduce their hours this would mean more people out on the street after 00:00 hours and this is likely to have negative effect on Late Night Economy **x2**.
12. LNL revenue not guaranteed to be used to improve Late Night Economy for both all particularly business who pay the levy **x3**.

13. LNL to start as late as possible x2.
14. Council should postpone implementation of Levy until the Government announces plans for current Licensing Fees.
15. Small businesses/restaurants should be exempt.
16. Consultation proposal has not mentioned the recommendation of the House of Lords Select Committee.
17. Licensing Act 2003 and associated relevant legislation can be used to address issues with Licensed Premises levy not required.
18. LNL charge should be higher.
19. Premises licensed to sale/supply alcohol past 00:00 hours usually have conditions such as CCTV and Door Supervision, which is additional expense, these conditions will remain even if they reduce their hours through free minor variation.
20. Less shops selling alcohol.
21. Consultation skewed towards introduction of the Levy.
22. No evidence to support need or desirability for the Levy.
23. Unfair way for Local Authorities (LAs) to be funded.
24. Consultation does not highlight current premises with licensed hours within the proposed levied hours.
25. Data on ambulance call outs in the consultation is not necessary link to licensed premises.
26. No evidence for proposed levied hours.
27. It is wrong for premises licensed to sell/supply alcohol after 00:00 hours to pay for tackling the problems in the night time economy as it is not possible to distinguish between ones linked to them and other one not linked to them.
28. Evidence suggest best way to tackle alcohol-related crime etc. is by targeted training and education.
29. LNL likely to have a negative effect on employment in this business sector.

30. LNL inflexible and counter-productive.
31. There should be no exemptions as all licensed premises are likely to contribute to issues with the Late Night Economy.
32. There should be a reduction for Small Business Relief.
33. Small independent Cafés should be exempt for small number of community events a year.
34. Revenue must be used to promote a safe and prosperous night time economy.
35. Revenue should be used for extra community police.
36. Revenue should be used for street lighting (reduce street urination).
37. Many issues with Late Night Economy stem from drugs and street drinking.
38. Increase Parking Restrictions to reduce traffic.
39. Support business-led best practice schemes i.e. Best Bar None/Pub Watch as alternative to LNL.
40. Exemptions for those with special occasion permission, such as Bank Holidays, Christmas Eve, Saints days, etc.
41. Transparency of where money is spent.
42. Late Night Refreshment venues impact on crime, they should pay levy.
43. Venues have conditions such as SIA that control crime, why those venues also pay levy.
44. Levy should be imposed on off licences/supermarkets where people pre-load.
45. Some premises are controlled by Freeholders who would not agree to them applying to reduce their hours to avoid the levy due to financial interest on property.
46. No guarantee to reduce crime.