

Consultation

'Who we wrote to'

Representatives of the Safeguarding Children Board

All Ward Councillors

All Responsible Authorities under the Licensing Act which include: planning, health and safety, police, fire brigade, environmental health, childrens services, trading standards.

Town Centre Manager

Representatives from Regeneration

Representatives from Community Safety

Representatives from Public Health

The consultation was brought to the licensing trade's attention via the safe and sound network at meetings and via the chairs of the local groups.

'What we put on the website'

The draft sex establishment policy and the proposal to adopt schedule 3 to include lap dancing premises into the sex establishment licensing regime is being consulted on. Please see the downloads for further information. The Consultation will run from the 28th April 2011 until the 10th June 2011. Response can be sent to licensing@havering.gov.uk or by mail to Licensing Team, Public Protection, London Borough of Havering, Mercury House, Mercury Gardens, Romford, Essex, RM1 3SL

Questions for Sex Establishment Policy consultation.

1. Should the London Borough of Havering (LBH) adopt Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 to control sex establishments?
2. Should Havering allow any sex establishments in the borough? If so what type of sex establishments and whereabouts should they be located in the borough.
3. If LBH adopt schedule 3 do you approve of the draft policy? If not please provide details of any comments.
4. Do you agree with a nil policy for each ward in the borough? If not, are there any wards where a nil policy is appropriate and if so which ones?

Responses received

Hi Trudi

My only comment is really a question. Could we be open for challenge as we are saying no premises anywhere in Borough?

Suzanne Cawthorne | Acting Romford Programme Manager
London Borough of Havering | Regeneration, Policy and Planning
Mercury House, Mercury Gardens, Romford, RM1 3SL
t: 01708 432931 f: 01708 432931

28th June 2011 For Councillor Burton

Re Proposed adoption of Schedule 3 and the draft sex establishment policy.

I support the adoption of Schedule 3 to allow lap dancing venues to be included in the sex establishment legislation. I do have concerns regarding the draft policy and the nil sex establishments in each ward as any proposed venue would be subject to the sex establishment legislation . This would allow each application to be advertised and if there were any objections then licensing committee would hear from the applicant and objectors and make a decision at the hearing having heard from both sides. If the premises were granted a licence they would be controlled by the rest of the policy and would have to renew their licence after one year.

A nil policy per say continues and promotes the perception that certain business models are inherently undesirable. If the activities of any business are lawful then both public and proprietors should have benefit of all rights, privileges and judgements availability to the rest of society.

Response to the responses received.

Each application will be viewed on it's merit and a licence could be granted if it is exceptional even if there is nil policy.