

Response Following Consultation

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Comments made:

Within the draft Licensing Policy 7.11 there is the following paragraph:

“Applicants are expected to have carried out the relevant assessments under other legislation (e.g. fire precautions, health and safety at work, etc) prior to submitting their applications. These assessments should be used to identify particular issues...”

We would like to offer the following alternative for the above:

Alternative:

“Applicants are expected to have carried out the relevant risk assessments under any other relevant legislation (e.g. fire safety, health and safety at work, etc) prior to submitting their applications. These assessments should be used to identify those particular issues...”

We feel the use of the words **fire safety** is more appropriate than fire precautions, and any promotion you can offer towards compliance with fire safety legislation is appreciated and demonstrates enhanced partnership working towards better regulation.

Furthermore any opportunity to promote compliance with other legislation for example fire safety, health and safety etc. would be of benefit.

As an example: but not exhaustive;

- a) Within 7.15 there is an opportunity to have a bullet point similar to “compliance with all **appropriate / relevant / applicable**** legislation”. **(delete the ones not required**)**

And / or

- b) 7.15 - The preparation and application of appropriate risks assessments – may be link this to the suggestion in 7.11 above to highlight fire safety (amongst others).

I have replied with very similar feedback to other licensing draft policies across the county, and I am very encouraged and grateful that a shared suggestion to those authorities appears to have been adopted.

Officer’s Response and Recommendation:

The suggested amendment to the wording provides for a more holistic approach to any consideration of our Statement of Licensing Policy and does not increase any regulatory burden. Accordingly, officers recommend that the specific areas highlighted by Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service are amended, as requested.