

Soho

Selective Licensing Consultation

Questionnaire – Businesses



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The deadline for responses is:

Thank you in advance for filling in this short questionnaire - your answers will help us to form a decision about the way forward with this proposed scheme.

About your Business

1. **Do you have a business in Soho?** (Please tick one box only)

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. **What type of business are you?** (e.g. bookmakers/food outlet/newsagents)

3. **Do you own/rent or lease your business premises?** (Please tick one box only)

☐ Lease

☐ Own

☐ Rent

4. **Do you have more than one business in the Soho area?**

(Please tick one box only)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, how many?

5. **Do you have a business in other areas of Birmingham?**

(Please tick one box only)

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. Thinking about the area where you have your business how much of a problem, or not a problem are the following on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest problem.

(Please tick one box only in each line)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Large gatherings on the street

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Litter

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Loud noise

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Neglected/run down properties

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Nuisance from parking/adequacy of street parking

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Nuisance neighbours

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

People not treating others with consideration

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Rubbish dumping/fly and street tipping

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Use of/drug dealing or drug related crime

7. Do you feel safe in your business premises and the area around it?

(Please tick one box only)

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. Have you ever been a victim or witness to any anti-social behaviour in the Soho area? (Please tick one box only)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, what anti-social behaviour did you witness?

9. To what extent do you think that Birmingham City Council is effective or ineffective in dealing with antisocial behaviour in the Soho area? (Please tick one box only)

☐ Very effective

☐ Effective

☐ Ineffective

☐ Very ineffective

☐ Don't know

10. Do you think that the police are effective in dealing with antisocial behaviour in the Soho area? (Please tick one box only)

- ☐ Very effective
- ☐ Effective
- ☐ Ineffective
- ☐ Very ineffective
- ☐ Don't know

11. Do you know of a situation where an antisocial tenant/tenants has/have been evicted, only to move to a property close by? (Please tick one box only)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

12. Have you experienced or witnessed antisocial behaviour from tenants of privately rented properties in the Soho area?
(Please tick one box only)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

13. Thinking about properties in Soho owned by private landlords, to what extent do you think the owners maintain the properties to a good or poor standard? (Please tick one box only)

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Very poor
- ☐ Don't know

- 14. To what extent do you agree or disagree that landlords in your area (where you have your business) are good responsible landlords?**

(Please tick one box only)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree or disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

- 15. Have you had any problems with privately rented properties in the Soho area?** (Please tick one box only)

- ☐ Crime/disorder from tenants
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Poor property maintenance
- ☐ Other

- 16. Do you think that landlords are taking enough action against tenants who cause a nuisance or antisocial behaviour?** (Please tick one box only)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

- 17. Local authorities can choose to require landlords of private rented properties to obtain a licence before they can rent out properties. This gives them more knowledge of who landlords are and powers to improve management standards and offer support to landlords. This is called Selective Licensing.**

Do you support the introduction of Selective Licensing specifically in the Soho area of Birmingham? (Please tick one box only)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

18. What benefits would you see the scheme bringing to the Soho area?

19. Is there anything else that you want to tell us about proposals to introduce Selective Licensing in Soho Ward?

Ethnic Origin

To help us monitor our Equal Opportunities in Employment Policy please tick or complete the following boxes as appropriate:

A: Asian or Asian British

- ☐ Indian
- ☐ Pakistani
- ☐ Bangladeshi
- ☐ Kashmiri
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Any other Asian backgrounds (please complete below)

B: Black or Black British

- ☐ Caribbean
- ☐ African
- ☐ Any other Black backgrounds (please complete below)

C: Jewish

- ☐ Jewish

D: Other ethnic group

- ☐ Vietnamese
- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Kurdish
- ☐ Any other (please complete below)

E: Sikh

☐ Sikh

F: White

☐ British

☐ Gypsy or Irish Traveller

☐ Irish

☐ Albanian

☐ Any other White backgrounds (please complete below)

G: Prefer not to say

☐ Prefer not to say

Gender

☐ Female

☐ Male

☐ Prefer not to say

Date of birth:

Age:

Disability

The Equality Act 2010 defines a person as having a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

Do you have a disability as defined above? (Please tick one box only)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If all of the above does not apply to you, however, you consider yourself to have a disability, please tick the box below.

☐

Please provide further information with regard to your disability:

☐ Learning disability

☐ Long standing illness

☐ Mental Health condition

☐ Physical impairment

☐ Sensory impairment

☐ Prefer not to say

☐ Other

Sexual Orientation

What is your sexual orientation? (Please tick one box only)

- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ Heterosexual
- ☐ Lesbian or Gay
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other

Religion

What is your religion? (Please tick one box only)

- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Christian – (including Catholic, C of E, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Sikh
- ☐ No religion
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other (please complete below)

How long does this consultation last?

This consultation starts on 6 November 2017 and ends on 31 January 2018.

How do I take part?

You can complete the questionnaire online or complete a printed questionnaire and return it by the deadline.

Completing using a computer/tablet/mobile phone

You can complete an online questionnaire on the Be Heard website. Visit:
<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/place/soho-selective-licensing-consultation>

Completing a printed questionnaire

You can pick up a printed copy of the questionnaire from **1 Lancaster Circus, Aston, Birmingham, B4 7DJ** or request a PDF copy by emailing prs@birmingham.gov.uk. Please state which version of the questionnaire you want (business, landlord or tenant).

Returning your completed printed questionnaire

Please complete and return the questionnaire by **31 January 2018** using the **FREEPOST** envelope enclosed. You **DO NOT** need to use a stamp.

If you do not have a FREEPOST envelope you can request one by contacting us, see the email address and phone number below.

You can also return by post to the address below, but you will need to use a stamp.

**Birmingham City Council
Private Rented Services
Place Directorate
P.O. Box 16589
Lancaster Circus
Birmingham B2 2JB**

PLEASE NOTE: **You will need to use a stamp.**

Any questions about this consultation?

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Email: prs@birmingham.gov.uk

Phone: **0121 675 5497**