

Summary of revisions made to the current 2025 Statement of Licencing Policy (SLP)



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA

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Section 1 – Introduction	Section revised and additional paragraphs added so that is more pro business.
Section 3 – The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea	<p>Maps and reference to the number of complaints, locations of ASB incidents, number of police calls regarding disorder removed.</p> <p>Additional paragraphs added and some paragraphs revised to advise that the Council aims to preserve its rich cultural heritage while promoting sustainable economic growth, ensuring the area remains vibrant and prosperous. Paragraphs also advise that the Council is committed to supporting pubs, recognising their importance to the community and economy by protecting them from unwarranted closures and restrictive practices.</p>
Section 4 - Consultation	Paragraph added to advise that the SLP incorporates feedback from various stakeholders and aligns with other borough plans and strategies, including the Council's Local Plan and its culture, crime, and disorder strategies.
Section 8 – Other relevant strategies and legislation	New Section added advising that the SLP considers relevant Council and partnership strategies to promote licensing objectives, including tackling anti-social behaviour and enhancing business districts. The section also states that it recognises statutory requirements for licensed premises and aims to avoid duplication with other regulatory regimes.
Section 9 – Closing Hours	The section has been shortened, and some paragraphs have been revised for clarity. Additional paragraphs that have been added are highlighted.
Section 10 - Reviews	Paragraphs added relating to summertime terraces and pavement areas stating that the Council values summertime terraces for their contribution to the local community's vibrancy but encourages operators to minimise disturbances. Operators reminded that proper management of outside areas helps prevent unnecessary nuisance and potential licence reviews.
Section 12 – Hotels	New section added on Hotels. Section details how the Licensing Authority will treat applications for hotels and how they must ensure staff are trained to prevent child

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	exploitation, given the potential for child sexual exploitation occurrences within such premises.
Section 13 – Late Night Refreshment	Paragraph 13.3 revised to provide more clarity.
Section 14 – Off Sales of Alcohol	Paragraph on Business and Planning Act revised to reflect the end of the temporary measures for off-sales of alcohol. Section also advises that operators are encouraged to seek a minor variation of their existing premises licence in line with the Secretary of States Guidance.
Section 15 – Al Fresco and Summertime Terraces	New section on Al Fresco and Summertime Terraces
Section 17 - The Licensing Objectives: Conditions for premises licences	Paragraph added to stipulate that the Licensing Authority requires operators to implement a delivery policy that addresses key issues like collection points and noise reduction to minimise disturbances caused by delivery drivers. This policy aims to ensure a peaceful environment, benefiting both the community and businesses.
Section 23 – Busking	Information relating to areas where busking is permitted have been removed as subject to change. Readers encouraged to visit the Council’s website to view these areas of the Borough.
Section 26 – Nudity and Striptease	Additional paragraphs added in relation to children and venues offering nudity and striptease.
Section 27 – Welfare and Vulnerability	New Section. Emphasis on need for operators to adopt policies and schemes (such as Ask for Angela, Safe Havens) that aim to reduce or prevent customer and staff vulnerability and ensure staff receive appropriate training focusing on reducing harm from vulnerability.
Section 28 – Modern Slavery	New section on Modern Slavery.
Section 29 – Annual Fees	New section on annual fees and the suspension of premises licences for non-payment of annual fee
Section 31 – Significant/Major Events	Section revised to provide more clarity.
Section 32 – Notting Hill Carnival	Additional paragraphs added to emphasise the need for Event Management Plans and Risk Assessments. Also includes a recommendation that applications are submitted earlier.
Section 33 – Large Capacity Venues and Spaces	Additional paragraph added regarding Martyn’s Law (Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 which requires public premises and events to consider how they

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	would respond to a terrorist attack and take proportionate steps to reduce vulnerability.