

Review of the draft Statement of Licensing Policy for 2026 to 2031 - Review of Statement of Licensing Policy 2026

Instructions

- Write as **clearly** as you can— these forms might be scanned
- Write your answers in the same language as this form

About you

1. How are you responding to this survey? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Local resident | <input type="radio"/> Community group representative |
| <input type="radio"/> Student | <input type="radio"/> Regular visitor to Brighton & Hove |
| <input type="radio"/> Licensed premises employee | <input type="radio"/> Licensed premises operator |
| <input type="radio"/> Local business owner (non licensed) | <input type="radio"/> Other |

If 'Other', please specify

About you

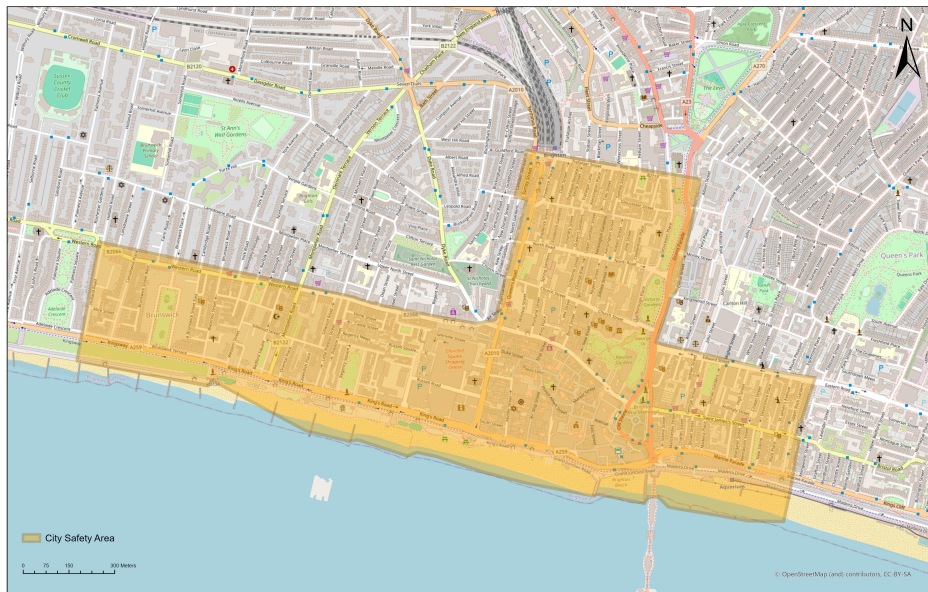
2. What is your postcode? (optional)

About you

3. What is the name of the organisation or business you are representing? (optional)

New City Safety Area (CSA)

City Safety Area, July 2025



The City Safety Area

(CSA) is a proposed replacement for the current Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ).

It covers a central part of the city where there are high levels of crime, anti-social behaviour and alcohol-related harm, especially at night. It includes West Street, parts of the seafront and the surrounding streets.

Even though the area covered stays the same, the CSA changes the approach. It now focuses more on keeping people safe instead of automatically saying no to new licence applications.

This includes encouraging responsible venue management and implementing safety measures like ID scanners, vulnerability training and anti-spiking prevention policies.

4. How much do you support or oppose the proposal to replace the current Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) with a City Safety Area (CSA)? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

☐ Strongly support

☐ Neither support or oppose

☐ Strongly oppose

☐ Support

☐ Oppose

☐ Don't know

5. Do you have any other comments about replacing the CIZ with a CSA?

Matrix approach changes

The matrix is a guide used by the council to decide what types of licensed venues are suitable in different areas and at what times they can operate.

The revised matrix introduces new venue categories like grassroots music venues, performance venues and shared workspaces.

It also adjusts permitted hours to better reflect community needs and safety priorities.

6. How much do you support or oppose replacing the 'restaurant' category with 'food and dining'? (optional)

We're proposing to replace the 'restaurant' category with 'food and dining' and allowing these venues to stay open until 1am.

This change follows today's dining habits but still keeps the focus on places that serve food, not bars or nightclubs.

**Only choose one option.*

☐ Strongly support

☐ Neither support or oppose

☐ Strongly oppose

☐ Support

☐ Oppose

☐ Don't know

7. How much do you support or oppose replacing the 'late night takeaway' category with 'fast food premises'? (optional)

We're proposing to replace the 'late night takeaway' category with a new category called 'fast food premises'.

These are venues that serve hot food for immediate consumption, often in disposable packaging, either on-site or for takeaway.

The closing time for these venues will remain the same, but there are some changes in the Special Stress Area (SSA) and other parts of the city:

- In the SSA, fast food premises will be allowed to open until midnight, with deliveries allowed until 2am.
- In the City Safety Area (CSA), fast food premises are not permitted under the Matrix Approach.

The SSA is a part of the city centre where there are higher levels of crime, anti-social behaviour and public nuisance linked to alcohol use. It borders the CSA and includes places like central Hove, Preston Road and Beaconsfield Road.

**Only choose one option.*

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|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly support | <input type="radio"/> Support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neither support or oppose | <input type="radio"/> Oppose |
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

8. How much do you support or oppose introducing a 'grassroots music venue' category? (optional)

We're proposing to introduce a new 'grassroots music venue' category with a closing time of midnight in the CSA and 1am in the SSA.

Grassroots music venues are small, typically local venues that provide a platform for emerging and independent musicians to perform.

They're often pubs, clubs or other small spaces where artists can hone their craft, gain experience and connect with a local audience.

These venues play a crucial role in nurturing talent and supporting the development of the music scene.

**Only choose one option.*

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|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly support | <input type="radio"/> Support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neither support or oppose | <input type="radio"/> Oppose |
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

9. How much do you support or oppose introducing a 'shared workspaces' category?
(optional)

We're proposing to introduce a new 'shared workspaces' category with a closing time of midnight. This includes co-working spaces.

**Only choose one option.*

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|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly support | <input type="radio"/> Support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neither support or oppose | <input type="radio"/> Oppose |
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

10. Do have any additional comments about the proposed changes to the matrix categories and hours?

Good operator policy

We know that well-run licensed premises play an important role in keeping Brighton & Hove safe, vibrant and welcoming. To support this, we're introducing a new approach called the good operator policy.

This policy aims to reward responsible businesses. If a venue has a strong track record of good management and hasn't had any formal issues with the authorities in the past 3 to 5 years, they may be given more flexibility when applying to change their licence – including extending their opening hours beyond what is normally allowed.

To qualify, the applicant must already hold the licence for the premises and meet all the criteria set out in the policy.

11. Do you support or oppose the introduction of a good operator policy? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly support | <input type="radio"/> Support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neither support or oppose | <input type="radio"/> Oppose |
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

12. Do you have any comments about the proposed good operator policy?

Introducing enhanced safety measures

As part of the City Safety Area (CSA), venues applying for licences will be expected to include extra safety measures in their operating schedules.

These include:

- staff training
- policies to prevent drink spiking and unwanted sexual behaviour
- support for vulnerable people
- use of CCTV and ID scanners
- steps to reduce noise and nuisance

Venues will also be encouraged to join local safety schemes and promote equality and inclusion.

13. Do you support or oppose licensed venues having clear, fair policies that promote inclusion and prevent discrimination? (optional)

We're proposing that licensed venues adopt clear and fair policies that promote inclusion and prevent discrimination.

This means having a comprehensive, documented equalities and inclusion policy framework that shows commitment to creating and maintaining a fair, diverse and inclusive environment.

This framework should encompass clear policies, procedures, and measurable objectives that actively support equal opportunities, prevent discrimination and harassment, and help create an inclusive culture where everyone feel safe and included.

**Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

14. Do you support or oppose licensed venues having enhanced anti-spiking policies and training for staff? (optional)

Stronger anti-spiking policies mean venues must have clear steps in place to prevent and respond to drink spiking.

Staff should be trained to spot signs of spiking and vulnerability, know how to act quickly and appropriately, and offer proper support. That includes caring for the person affected, preserving evidence and reporting the incident.

Venues are also encouraged to offer drink covers, display awareness materials, and follow a safety-first door policy, making sure vulnerable people aren't removed without support.

These measures are backed by Sussex Police, the Business Crime Reduction Partnership, and national campaigns like Ask for Angela and the Home Office's Spiking Awareness programme.

**Only choose one option.*

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|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly support | <input type="radio"/> Support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neither support or oppose | <input type="radio"/> Oppose |
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

15. How much do you support or oppose licensed premises having safety-first door policies? (optional)

We're proposing that licensed premises must have a safety-first door policy that puts care and responsibility at the heart of how venues treat vulnerable individuals.

No one, especially lone adults, should be removed without support. Whether someone is intoxicated, separated from their group, or simply in need of help, venues must act with duty and compassion to ensure their safety.

**Only choose one option.*

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|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly support | <input type="radio"/> Support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neither support or oppose | <input type="radio"/> Oppose |
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

16. How much do you support or oppose licensed premises having ID scanners? (optional)

ID scanners will:

- prevent underage entry: scanners help verify age and detect fake or borrowed IDs, reducing the risk of underage drinking
- deter crime and disorder: knowing that ID is being scanned can discourage individuals with a history of violence or anti-social behaviour from entering
- support police investigations: if an incident occurs, scanned data can assist police in identifying individuals involved, improving response and accountability
- protect vulnerable people: scanners can help identify repeat victims or individuals at risk, allowing staff to intervene early and offer support

**Only choose one option.*

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|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly support | <input type="radio"/> Support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neither support or oppose | <input type="radio"/> Oppose |
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

17. Are there any other safety measures you think should be required?

LGBTQ+ and TNBI inclusion standards

The revised policy introduces new standards to ensure licensed venues are inclusive and welcoming to LGBTQ+ and TNBI communities.

This includes staff training, inclusive signage and policies that promote respect and safety for everyone.

18. How important is it to you that licensed venues in Brighton & Hove actively promote equality, diversity, and inclusion? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Very important | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat important |
| <input type="radio"/> Not very important | <input type="radio"/> Not important at all |
| <input type="radio"/> Not sure | |

19. How important is it to you that venue staff receive training about LGBTQ+ and TNBI communities? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Very important | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat important |
| <input type="radio"/> Not very important | <input type="radio"/> Not important at all |
| <input type="radio"/> Not sure | |

20. Do you think venues should offer a way to report discrimination or harassment? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

21. Are there any other steps you think venues should take to make LGBTQ+ and TNBI communities feel safe and welcome?

Violence against women and girls (VAWG)

Our draft policy puts stronger focus on stopping violence against women and girls. It's about making sure venues take real steps to prevent harm and create safer spaces for everyone.

22. How much do you support or oppose high risk venues having clear procedures in place to prevent and respond to drink spiking, including staff training, incident reporting and victim support? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly support | <input type="radio"/> Support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neither support or oppose | <input type="radio"/> Oppose |
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

23. Do you support or oppose the enhanced focus on stopping violence against women and girls?

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly support | <input type="radio"/> Support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neither support or oppose | <input type="radio"/> Oppose |
| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

Alcohol delivery services

24. Do you support or oppose the inclusion of enhanced scrutiny and conditions for alcohol delivery services? (optional)

These include:

- deliveries only to verifiable residential or business addresses
- face-to-face ID verification at the point of delivery
- no deliveries to parks or open spaces
- comprehensive driver training on age verification and safeguarding
- detailed delivery records available for inspection

**Only choose one option.*

☐ Strongly support

☐ Support

☐ Neither support or oppose

☐ Oppose

☐ Strongly oppose

☐ Don't know

25. Do you have any further comments about alcohol delivery services?

Overall assessment

The key proposed changes in our licensing policy are:

- replacing the Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) with a City Safety Area (City Safety Area)
- focusing on safety as the central priority
- updated Matrix approach including new venue categories
- introduction of a 'good operator policy'
- enhanced LGBTQ+ and inclusion standards
- enhanced focus on safeguarding, including violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- new vulnerability training requirements covering drink spiking, Ask for Angela and safety-first door policies
- new partner initiatives like Nightlife Safety Advocates, Back Off Back Up (BOBU) and Night Safety Marshalls

26. Overall, do you think the proposed changes will: (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

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|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Significantly improve safety and licensing | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat improve the situation |
| <input type="radio"/> Make little difference | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat worsen the situation |
| <input type="radio"/> Significantly worsen the situation | <input type="radio"/> Don't know |

27. Do you have any concerns about the proposed changes? (optional)

28. What do you think is the most positive aspect of the proposed changes? (optional)

29. Are there any important issues that have not been adequately addressed?

How did you hear about this consultation?

30. How did you hear about this consultation? (optional)

**Choose as many as you like*

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council website | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I attended the Licensing Summit | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email notification | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade association or professional body |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

If 'Other', please specify

Equalities monitoring

The council also has a legal duty to make sure that we provide our services in a fair way to all members of the community.

You do not have to answer these questions. Please tick the 'prefer not to say' option if this is the case.

31. Do you want to answer the following equalities monitoring questions? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What best describes your sex and gender?

32. What best describes your sex and gender? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Female | <input type="radio"/> Male |
| <input type="radio"/> Non-binary | <input type="radio"/> intersex |
| <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say | <input type="radio"/> Other, please describe |

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

33. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ No answer

How would you describe your ethnic origin?

34. How would you describe your ethnic origin? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> White: English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, British | <input type="radio"/> White: Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed: Asian and White | <input type="radio"/> Other Ethnic Group: Arab |
| <input type="radio"/> White: Irish | <input type="radio"/> Mixed: Black Caribbean and White |
| <input type="radio"/> Black / Black British: Other (Please share details below) | <input type="radio"/> Black / Black British: Caribbean |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian / Asian British: Other (please share details below) | <input type="radio"/> Asian / Asian British: Indian |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed: Black African and White | <input type="radio"/> Black / Black British: African |
| <input type="radio"/> White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller | <input type="radio"/> Asian / Asian British: Pakistani |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian / Asian British: Chinese | <input type="radio"/> Other ethnic group, please describe |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian / Asian British: Bangladeshi | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

35. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Heterosexual / Straight | <input type="radio"/> No answer |
| <input type="radio"/> Gay Man | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Bisexual / Bi | <input type="radio"/> Lesbian / Gay woman |
| <input type="radio"/> Other, please describe | <input type="radio"/> Queer |
| <input type="radio"/> Asexual | |

What is your religion or belief?

36. What is your religion or belief? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> I have no particular religion or belief | <input type="radio"/> No answer |
| <input type="radio"/> Christian | <input type="radio"/> Atheist |
| <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say | <input type="radio"/> Buddhist |
| <input type="radio"/> Hindu | <input type="radio"/> Jewish |
| <input type="radio"/> Muslim | <input type="radio"/> Agnostic |
| <input type="radio"/> Other philosophical belief | <input type="radio"/> Other religion or belief, please describe |
| <input type="radio"/> Jain | <input type="radio"/> Pagan |
| <input type="radio"/> Sikh | |

Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day to day activities?

37. Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day to day activities? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> No answer | <input type="radio"/> Physical Impairment |
| <input type="radio"/> Long-standing Illness | <input type="radio"/> Mental Health Condition |
| <input type="radio"/> Learning Disability / Difficulty | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Autistic Spectrum | <input type="radio"/> Sensory Impairment |
| <input type="radio"/> Other | <input type="radio"/> Developmental Condition |

What is your legal marital or registered civil partnership status?

38. What is your legal marital or registered civil partnership status? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> No answer | <input type="radio"/> Never married and never registered in a civilpartnership |
| <input type="radio"/> Married | <input type="radio"/> In a registered civil partnership |
| <input type="radio"/> Divorced | <input type="radio"/> Separated but still legally married |
| <input type="radio"/> Formerly in a civil partnership which is now legally dissolved | <input type="radio"/> Widowed |
| <input type="radio"/> Separated but still legally in a civil partnership | <input type="radio"/> A surviving member of a legally registered civilpartnership |

What is your age?

39. What is your age? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> No answer | <input type="radio"/> 0 - 15 |
| <input type="radio"/> 16 - 24 | <input type="radio"/> 25 - 34 |
| <input type="radio"/> 35 - 44 | <input type="radio"/> 45 - 54 |
| <input type="radio"/> 55 - 64 | <input type="radio"/> 65 - 74 |
| <input type="radio"/> 75 - 84 | <input type="radio"/> 85 + |

Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

40. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months? (optional)

**Only choose one option.*

☐ No

☐ Yes, a little

☐ Prefer not to say

☐ No answer

☐ Yes, a lot