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Date: 12 August 2025  
Please ask for: Roger Williams  
Email:

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Dear Mrs Furness

**Licensing Act 2003  
Consultation on Statement of Licensing Policy**

I refer to the email received by the Fire Authority on 24 July 2025, pertaining to your review of the statement of licensing policy.

Having reviewed the draft document, the Fire Authority wish to offer no observations on this occasion.

Further information can be found in the "Safety Advice" section of our website:  
<http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

**Roger Williams LETAPCIL AIFireE  
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**From:** Matt Tindall <  
**Sent:** 24 July 2025 11:55  
**To:** Ext Mail: Licensing <licensing@Teignbridge.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** BBFC - Response - Valid Change

Dear Andrea,

Thank you very much for sharing the statement of licensing policy with us.

I noticed that you list the BBFC's age ratings on page 45. I wanted to flag that the 15 rating is currently missing, and that you do not state that 12A screenings may be attended by children aged under 12 if they are accompanied by an adult.

I'd therefore suggest a revision along the following lines, which reflects the way we define our ratings in our Classification Guidelines:

**U - Generally unlikely to unsettle a four-year-old, although it is impossible to predict what might affect any particular child.**

**PG - Should generally not unsettle a child aged around eight, although some scenes may be unsuitable for more sensitive children.**

**12A - Not generally suitable for children aged under 12. No one younger than 12 may be permitted to attend a 12A cinema screening unless they are accompanied by an adult.**

**15 - Suitable only for 15 years and over. No one younger than 15 may see 15-rated content in a cinema.**

**18 - Suitable only for adults. No one younger than 18 may see 18-rated content in a cinema.**

Kind regards,  
Matt

**From:** David Saer  
**Sent:** 28 July 2025 14:02  
**To:** Ext Mail: Licensing <licensing@Teignbridge.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** 2025 Jul 28 - Response - add info - Portman Group

Dear licensing team,

We would like to take the opportunity to respond to the draft statement of licensing policy for Teignbridge District Council.

Thank you for inclusion of reference to the Portman Group in the documents and the extensive description of our work – it is incredibly welcome and appreciated to have your support.

We would ask that you consider two further additions to this wording:

- Words to the effect of '*We would encourage retailers to sign up to and abide by Retailer Alert Bulletins*'.
- It may also be useful to note that the Secretary of State's Statutory Guidance under the Licensing Act 2003 states that licensing authorities should, in the exercise of their licensing functions consider whether it is appropriate to impose conditions on licences that require the licence holder to comply with the Portman Group's Retailer Alert Bulletins – thus giving greater impetus to license holders to abide by the Portman Group Code of Practice.

Finally, could I check if we have the most up to date contacts for your team in terms of our Retail Alert Bulletin distribution list which we hope will aid your work?

If we can be of any further assistance, please just let me know.

With best wishes,

David

David Saer  
Director of External Affairs



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*This is not per say a problem caused by this particular pub rather a result of the staggered closing times. So we would like to propose where a single establishment remains open after all others are closed, then door staff are a mandatory licensing requirement.*

Andrew McKenzie  
Town Clerk

Dawlish Town Council

**District Council Statement of Licensing Policy Consultations**  
**Public Health Devon Statement 2025**  
**Teignbridge District Council**

**Purpose**

This Public Health Devon statement will be provided to all District Council Licensing teams when Public Health Devon are approached as part of the consultation process on Statements of Licensing Policy. It may be updated in light of new policy, guidance, and evidence. Public Health Devon continue to appreciate communication with colleagues in these matters.

Public Health Devon would advocate for District Council Licensing teams updating their respective Statement of Licensing Policy to consider the findings and recommendations of the Annual Public Health Report 2024 - 25 'Turning the Tide: tackling alcohol harm in Devon'.

Public Health Devon are keen to seek opportunities for collaboration with Licensing colleagues to address alcohol harms in their local context, and would welcome contact to discuss this further.

**Context**

Alcohol consumption continues to be one of the leading causes of preventable ill health, disability, and premature death in the UK. While often perceived as a normal part of social life, alcohol use carries significant risks to health that can emerge both immediately and over the longer term. Most notably the harm caused by alcohol is unequally felt, with those already disadvantaged within society impacted most.

The Licensing Act 2003 provides a single, integrated licensing system for England and Wales. The Act gives local authorities (LAs) the ability to assess the suitability of premises wishing to sell alcohol in their local area.

In 2011, Directors of Public Health were named as Responsible Authorities, meaning they are invited to comment on applications to sell alcohol. Comments must be made on the grounds of one of the four objectives in the Licensing Act:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm

At present there is no health and wellbeing or public health objective embedded within national licensing legislation. However, as a public health authority we are well placed to support licensing colleagues with data and evidence of alcohol harms in their localities.

The report states that the long-term impact of alcohol extends beyond health, affecting relationships, employment, and financial stability. It is a key factor in domestic violence, child neglect, and crime.

Local health and social care services also experience alcohol-related pressures, with alcohol contributing to increased demand on emergency departments, ambulance services, mental health provision, and social services

Estimated cost to society of alcohol harm in Devon - **£316 million**:

- **£74.2 million** to the NHS and healthcare (ambulance call outs, unplanned and planned admissions, specialist treatment,
- **£133.6million** for Crime & Disorder (consequences of crime, response to crime, anticipation of crime)
- **£68.1million** to the Wider Economy (absenteeism, presenteeism, and unemployment)
- **£40million** to social care and public health (social care for children & young people, specialist treatment for adults and children & young people)

All four licensing objectives relate directly or indirectly to these areas of societal impact. With the greatest economic costs being seen in the Crime & Disorder category, and significant costs across all four categories, there are clear opportunities and potential benefits to closer collaborative working to utilise licensing objectives as a mechanism for tackling alcohol harms.

### **Online ordering and delivery services**

Recent years have seen a significant increase in alcohol deliveries. It is noted that the draft policy statement that has been share for consultation does include a section on alcohol deliveries, however Districts may benefit from seeking examples from other Authorities in this regard: [Manchester City Council Statement of Licensing Policy](#) (p30 – 31)

### **Collaborative working opportunities**

#### Developing an alcohol licensing tool

There are already existing local [individual examples of specific conditions](#) being placed on licenses in response to concerns. A consistent, evidence-based and strategic approach could bring significant benefits to many communities through promotion of the licensing objectives and the creation of healthier environments and communities.

Public Health Devon are beginning work to develop an alcohol licensing tool, to bring together data and insights that evidence the impact of a range of alcohol harms at locality level and rank those locality areas. The data indicators will

## License Conditions

Public Health Devon would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with Licensing colleagues to develop a set of suggested conditions relating to alcohol licensing and tackling alcohol harms that can be provided alongside Statement of Licensing Policy to proactively facilitate inclusion of health & wellbeing promoting conditions in license applications and granted licenses.

Leeds City Council have adopted such an approach for all aspects of licensing objectives, and example measures include:

- A 'Check 25' scheme shall be used to prevent the sale of alcohol to people under 18 years of age.
- There shall be no sale of beer, cider, lager and perry of 7.5% alcohol by volume or above (off sales)
- Alcohol shall not be displayed next to the public entrance/exit of the premises. (off sales)
- There shall be no advertisement of alcohol external to the premises including window displays. (off sales)

## Signposting and information

Public Health Devon would advocate for Licensing Teams to routinely and consistently provide applicants with core signposting information, for example:

- Drug and alcohol services
- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Services
- Sexual Health Services
- Road Safety information – particularly reference to drink driving, and provision of local public transport and taxi information

Please contact Public Health if you would like details of resources and information.

## Related considerations

### Gambling Harms

Public Health Devon have previously provided a position statement to District Councils in response to District Council consultation processes on Gambling Statement of Licensing Principles and Policies.



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