#### **ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES**



# **LICENSING ACT 2003**

## STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

### SPECIAL POLICY ON CUMULATIVE IMPACT

1 November 2011

The Special Policy forms part of the Councils Statement of Licensing Policy, copies of which are available online at www.kingston.gov.uk/licensing

#### 1.0 SPECIAL POLICY ON CUMULATIVE IMPACT

- 1.1. At a meeting of the Council on 31 October 2011, it was determined that a Special Policy on Cumulative Impact be adopted in respect of an area of the Borough as detailed in the map shown at *figure 1*.
- 1.2. This decision follows the submission of evidence by the Metropolitan Police and local residents, and a period of public consultation. The Licensing Authority is satisfied that the significant number of licensed premises within the area identified on the map below is having a detrimental impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives relating to the prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance.
- 1.3. The Special Policy on Cumulative Impact takes effect on 1 November 2011.
- 1.4. The Special Policy on Cumulative Impact and the reasons for its implementation will be reviewed 6 months after its initial implementation, and thereafter annually each May.

#### **EFFECT OF THE SPECIAL POLICY**

1.5. The adoption of a Special Policy on Cumulative Impact creates a 'rebuttable presumption' that applications for new premises licences or club premises certificates (or for variations to existing licences) made in respect of premises within the defined area will normally be refused unless the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority that there will be no negative cumulative impact on the licensing objectives.

#### **Applicants**

1.6. The Special Policy places greater responsibility on applicants to show that what they are applying for will not add to the cumulative impact on the licensing objectives. It is therefore strongly recommended that applicants show in their application how it would not add to the cumulative impact and include suitable steps in their operating schedule.

#### Responsible Authorities and Interested Parties

- 1.7. The Special Policy on Cumulative Impact does not relieve Responsible Authorities or Interested Parties of the need to make representations in relation to applications in respect of premises within the cumulative impact area.
- 1.8. The licensing authority must grant any application that does not attract any representations from Interested Parties or Responsible Authorities.

#### 2.0 CUMULATIVE IMPACT AREA

2.1. The Special Policy on Cumulative Impact applies to all premises located within, or partly within, the area shown on the map at *figure 1*.

Figure 1:

