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Dear Hina,

Thank you for your letter and for your continued attention to London's night-time economy.

Over the past year, the independent London Nightlife Taskforce has been assessing the challenges and opportunities facing the city's ever-evolving nightlife – taking account of your report alongside wider evidence from the sector. Many of the stakeholders who provided evidence to the Committee also participated directly in the Taskforce process.

The [Taskforce report](#) was launched on 27 January and immediately shared with Assembly Members.

I hope you will find its recommendations address many of the concerns raised in your report, and you will be pleased to know that I have provided a grant of £300,000 from UK Shared Prosperity Funding to help establish a proposed new, independent Nightlife Commission. The new industry-led Commission will provide a unified voice for the industry and champion the delivery of the Taskforce recommendations.

Regarding licensing, which was also raised as a key issue in both reports, last year the Government announced its intention to give City Hall new powers to pilot a strategic, evidence-led approach to licensing. This proposal includes the power to set a statutory London Strategic Licensing Policy that councils should have regard for when carrying out their licensing functions, as well as a discretionary power to call in decisions of strategic importance. These proposed new powers would help bring more consistency to the current system, boosting economic growth and piloting changes to licensing decision-making that would help the capital's culture, nightlife and hospitality thrive safely.

The project is designed to tackle some of the issues with the current system and address many of your recommendations, such as improving consistency across boroughs, reducing avoidable barriers for responsible operators and strengthening transparency.

I hope this reassures you that the Committee's recommendations have been fully considered and are informing ongoing programmes of work.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London