

## Public consultation: Alcohol and late night refreshment licensing statistics, England and Wales

### Consultation response

January 2019

### Introduction

Home Office statisticians have launched a consultation on the 'Alcohol and late night refreshment licensing' statistical releases.

This consultation is being run to gather insight and seek your views on the presentation and timing of the Government Statistical Service's 'Alcohol and late night refreshment licensing' statistics and specifically why you use the data, what information is used, how frequently you use the information and any concerns over quality.

The consultation also provides an opportunity for you to comment on any aspect of the 'Alcohol and late night refreshment licensing' statistics. The consultation is open to everyone, including members of the public.

### Consultation process

Responses to this consultation should be sent to [FLPOAU@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:FLPOAU@homeoffice.gov.uk) by 17 January 2019.

We plan to publish a summary of responses to the consultation, and decisions made, in due course. Please indicate if you do not wish for your replies to be made public.

### Questions

- 1) Please describe how and why you use these statistics. Please be as specific as possible; for example, if you use the statistics to provide briefing and further analysis to others, it would be helpful to know what the end use is.
- **These statistics were part of the [evidence base for London's night economy](#) and the Mayor's vision for a 24 hour-city. In particular, the statistics on alcohol and late night refreshment licensing were crucial to better understand alcohol consumption across the city and how this changed over the last years. We are also aiming to publish the data used in the report on our [London Datastore](#). Continued access to this data will be fundamental to monitor the developments in London's night time economy and construct policies as appropriate.**
- 2) Which parts of the publication have you used? *(Please tick all that apply)*

☐ Commentary

☒ User guide

☒ Data tables

3) Which data tables have you used, if any?

- **Table 1, 2 and 5 of the Alcohol late night licensing tables.**

4) Do you have any concerns on the quality of the data submitted by the licensing authorities (LA)?

- **We are interested in understanding how the night economy has changed, and continues to change, and this means comparing the number of licensed premises in different local authorities over time, and for London as a whole. However, for some years, local authorities such as Camden and Southwark that are supposed to have a high number of data points, have not submitted their data and this has made time series less reliable both at a local authority and a London level. We would like to understand why these local authorities have not submitted their data and what can be done to prevent this from happening in the future. In addition, we would like to have more granular data. For example, we would like to have the data with postcode so that we could map the distribution of these premises, and track the award of new licenses, the end of existing licenses, and changes in licensing conditions.**

5) Do you use the imputed estimates reported in the headline figures, data for individual LAs or both?

- **We used data for individual authorities, and for London. Imputed national data is of limited interest.**

6) If you use the imputed estimates, do you think the methodology used is suitable?

- **As we used the data for local authorities we are not able to comment on the methodology for imputed estimates.**

7) Is your response your views as an individual user or on behalf of an organisation?

☐ Own views

☒ Organisation (please specify): **Greater London Authority**

8) What sector do you work in? (Please select 1 answer only)

☐ Central government department or public body

☒ Local authority

☐ Other public sector

☐ Academic or research

☐ Charity and voluntary

☐ Commercial or private sector

☐ Media

☐ International organisation

☐ Other (please specify)

9) May we contact you to discuss your response to this consultation? This may be to follow up on any specific points we need to clarify.

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