

DRAFT NEW LONDON PLAN – EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC

Written Statement

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QUESTION:

M49. Would Policy HC6 provide an effective and justified approach to support the growth and diversification of London’s night time economy (NTE)? In particular:

- a) Is the definition of ‘strategic areas of night time activity’ as set out in table A1.1 effective and justified?
- b) Does it strike the right balance between supporting the NTE and protecting the living conditions of residents and nearby uses in terms of anti-social behaviour, noise pollution, health and wellbeing and other issues?

RESPONSE:

The definition of the night-time economy given in paragraph 7.6.1 includes both a) public-facing activities as normally understood and b) evening and overnight public services such as cleaning, distribution and medical services. It is not right that the locational preferences approach implied generally by Policy HC6 should be applied to the latter.

POLICY AMENDMENT:

The draft policy should therefore be reworded as:

Policy HC6 Supporting the night-time economy

B. In Development Plans, town centre strategies and planning decisions, boroughs should:

- 1) promote the night-time economy, where appropriate, particularly in the Central Activities Zone, strategic areas of night-time activity, town centres, and where public transport such as the Night Tube and Night Buses are available*
- 2) improve access, inclusion and safety, and make the public realm welcoming for all night-time economy users and workers*
- 3) diversify the range of night-time activities, including extending the opening hours of existing daytime facilities such as shops, cafés, libraries, galleries and museums*



- 4) *address the cumulative impact of high concentrations of licensed premises on anti-social behaviour, noise pollution, health and wellbeing and other issues for residents and nearby uses, and seek ways to diversify and manage these areas*
- 5) *ensure night-time economy venues are well-served with safe and convenient night-time transport*
- 6) ***where appropriate**, protect and support evening and night-time cultural venues such as pubs, night clubs, theatres, cinemas, music and other arts venues.*

Paragraph 7.6.1 should be reworded as follows:

*7.6.1 The night-time economy refers to all economic activity taking place between the hours of 6pm and 6am, and includes evening uses. Night-time economic activities, **for the purposes of policy HC6**, include eating, drinking, entertainment, shopping and spectator sports, as well as hospitality, cleaning, wholesale and distribution, transport and medical services, which employ a large number of night-time workers.*