

Identifying Issues & Options

What is the issue?	Is it a matter for:		Is there existing planning policy relevant to this issue?	What are the options? (Include possible implementation dates.)	How was the issue identified?
	Planning Policy?	Other Solution?			
<p>LICENSING AND GAMBLING</p> <p>Licensing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to provide and apply workable policy regarding the provision of new licensed premises, to maintain a balance between positive effects on local economy and perceived problems of inappropriate provision Provide mechanisms for controlling over-proliferation of licensed premises, opening hours and types of premises <p>Gambling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limitation of 'clustered' premises and control over over-proliferation 	Yes	Yes	<p>NPPF: None</p> <p>London Plan: Policy 4.39 (reference to need for mixed night-time economy)</p> <p>Local Plan: Adopted 2026 Development Strategy LBE Dec 2013 Table 4C: restriction - 'must consider neighbouring uses especially residential. The local planning authority will have particular concern for the cumulative and saturation effects of these uses.'</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage food based licensed offerings rather than alcohol only/takeaway premises in Town Centre to improve offer. Investigate use of Article 4 Directions to curb proliferation/clustering of off-licence and gambling premises in Town Centre. Consider supplementary guidance to current Local Plan in order to replace previous UDP provisions for protection in relation to over-concentration of licensed premises. <p>Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure licensing committee members aware of issues raised so that powers available to sub-committees are fully and appropriately used to address concerns. Support/lobby central government planning reforms giving local authorities greater powers to regulate gambling premises, including introduction of specific use class for betting offices and restriction of permitted change of use. 	<p>Evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representations made against licence applications Decisions of licensing sub-committees/conditions imposed Police licence reviews Police crime statistics Health statistics Traders' views of impact of licensed premises Observed ASB/nuisance/effects of premises use Regulatory Committee review of crime/ASB associated with betting offices Evidence to Regulatory Committee for introduction of CDZs <p>Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council consultations during reviews of Licensing and Gambling Policies Concerns identified in public forum sessions/questionnaires