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Guidance notes

Please tick the sections of the guidance that you wish to read.

Introduction

Legal Compliance

Soundness

General advice

Legal compliance

Do you consider the DPD is legally compliant? No

Soundness

Do you consider the DPD is sound?

No

Unsound

Do you consider the DPD is unsound because it is not: (2) Effective

Reasons for compliance and soundness

Please give details of why you consider the DPD is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible. ~~If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the DPD, please also use this box to set out your comments.~~

Personally I am not convinced that Hackney Council has the slightest idea what the residents of Shoreditch actually go through on an almost nightly basis in their struggles against the excesses of the night-time economy. I think this consultation process could well be a charade. Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday the area is overwhelmed with literally tens of thousands of partygoers (those estimates from the local police) with droves pouring from every nearby tube station and bus stop. If these people aren't drunk when they arrive (and many of them are) then they most certainly are as the night wears on. Local residents take the full brunt of this. The screaming, shrieking and the swearing, all at full volume along with the thumping music from inadequately soundproofed bars and night clubs and the cars with huge sound-systems circling the streets of the area hour after hour into the early morning. The idiots running up and down Shoreditch High Street with traffic cones on their heads, the pools of vomit and puddles of urine that many of us local residents have to open our front doors to most weekend mornings. Not to mention the graffiti we continually have to clean from our properties too. And now we hear that Hackney Council is intending the "Managed expansion of Hackney's diverse evening and night-time economy" Does anyone from Hackney Council actually live in Shoreditch? Has anyone from Hackney Council actually spent much time on a Friday or Saturday night wandering around the streets here? The entire Shoreditch area went way beyond saturation point in terms of bars, night-clubs several years ago. For those of us who have lived in the area for many years (and this is before most of the bars arrived) the quality of life at night has deteriorated beyond recognition. Many of us can no longer get a good night's sleep. But why should we be the ones who have to move out of this area? Don't Hackney Council have a positive duty to protect the rightful amenity of its residents under Environmental Legislation and the provisions of the Articles 1 and 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act of 1998? I do acknowledge that Hackney council have recently put more road sweeping machines onto the streets of Shoreditch as well as making a determined effort to clean up the graffiti and for this I genuinely commend them. But more needs to be done. And not only by stopping more bars and night-clubs from opening but by actually REDUCING the amount of bars and night-clubs. Does anyone at Hackney Council have the courage to do this? If anyone from Hackney Council is listening then what the residents of Shoreditch really want and need is more day-time amenities. For people of ALL ages including children. We want more green spaces, more non-alcohol based activities, we want a balanced economy and not just one in which our local council are helplessly addicted to the money that the night-time economy generates and therefore unable to protect the rights of local residents. We want Shoreditch High Street turned back into a proper high street. One that serves ALL of the community and not just the drunks and oafs who descend upon our little corner of London by the thousand every weekend. The local police are fed up with being stretched to breaking point in dealing with drunks and disorder. Most of the day time economy businesses are fed up with arriving most mornings and having to clear up the vomit, urine and graffiti from their premises. And most importantly the residents, the people on the sharp end of Hackney Councils' misguided night time economy policies, are desperately fed up!

Changes necessary for legal compliance and soundness

Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the DPD legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified in the question above (Justified/ Effective/ Consistent with National Policy) where this relates to soundness. You will need to say why this change will make the DPD legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Local residents have been complaining and complaining about the excesses of the night time economy for the last few years. Personally I have been to many consultations and meetings and yet nothing gets done. All we hear about is the 'Managed expansion of the night time economy'.

Participation at oral part of examination

If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination? NO, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

