

Thomas & Thomas E-News

Queen's Birthday Hours Extension

Premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises are permitted an automatic extension to remain open until 1am on this Friday and Saturday nights (i.e. 1am during the early morning of 11 and 12 June 2016). Premises already licensed to sell alcohol until 1am or later do not benefit from any extension.

Night-Mayor or Mare?

London's new Mayor, Sadiq Khan, has prioritised the protection of London's under-threat pub and nightclub scene. In recognising the importance of London's night-time economy, he aims to appoint a "Night Czar". The role would look at protecting and encouraging independent venues from closure and action by local councils following noise complaints.

Hackney Consultation on Evening and Night-time Economy

Regular readers may remember Hackney's u-turn on their new licensing policy consultation last year. They have launched a new consultation questionnaire: [Hackney Consultation](#). Responses need to be submitted by 17 July 2016.

Westminster Policy Relaxation – A Reminder

Our [March E News](#) reported on Westminster's relaxation of the stress area (now named the 'Cumulative Impact Area') policy in relation to ancillary sales of alcohol prior to 8pm. For example, a shop or cafe with a small bar may be able to obtain a Licence until 8pm without the usual conditions requiring alcohol to be sold with a meal. That change will be attractive to cafes and similar uses, who, until-now, have been unable to serve alcohol without a meal. Please contact us if you would like to discuss such a change.

Revised Stress Area for Berkeley Street

Westminster previously asked for comments as to what areas might be included in an extended saturation area in their last policy consultation. As a result of those comments, they will be carrying out further consultation over the summer. It seems highly likely that Berkeley Street, and perhaps its environs, will be the subject of a further policy change. It's been indicated that it won't necessarily be a stress area (or now called a cumulative impact area) but there will be special policies that apply to that area. No doubt they will be similar in effect to the current cumulative impact areas. We will keep you updated as soon as we receive further information.

What we have been up to...

- Acting *pro bono* for the [Elton John Aids Foundation](#)
- Licensing the new [Citizen M Hotel](#) in Shoreditch
- Obtaining a Licence for the new Hawksmoor sibling restaurant [Foxlow](#) in Soho despite objections
- Assisting [Shaftesbury plc](#) with their special events on [Carnaby Street](#) and [Seven Dials](#)
- An extension of hours for Gerry Calabrese's [Laundry](#) in London Fields

- Obtaining a new Licence for Japan Centre's new food hall and sake bar
- Licensing the 2016 Udder Belly Festival on the South Bank
- Continuing to assist London Union with all their markets across London, including Street Feast
- Assisting Patty & Bun with their continued expansion

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