

LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

GENERAL DIRECTION – SUGGESTED DATES

To the Clerk to the Licensing Board

Dear Sir/Madam,

As this is a special year, and to try and start getting back to a normal life, can you please advise what your Extended hours policy is going to be for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend? Have you, or are you planning to make a Section 67 general extension of licensed hours for all licensed premises?

You will be aware there is a four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

If you are able to let us know what the policy will be by return (or direct me to your decision), or if it is yet to be determined what date you will be making a decision on this?

This would be helpful so we can start our forward planning for the Royal weekend.

Thanks in anticipation!

As previous years I would like to highlight to the Board that most general extensions, particularly the festive dates, impact significantly on Police resources and to take this into consideration when granting same.

There are certain events that we consider unsuitable for a general extension, such as:

- In general, football fixtures categorised as high or increased risk. This is generally Rangers and Celtic home fixtures and some European club fixtures. Although never previously the subject of a S67 general direction, probably due to the lack of fixed dates, we would wish this type of event to be excluded from consideration; I think the exception to this will be the Qatar World Cup in November/December especially if Scotland qualify (lol). There will be fixtures scheduled for 10am kick-off (GMT) although the calendar of matches have yet to be finalised as FIFA are currently in talks with TV companies.
- Risk events particularly involving televised or indeed live boxing and UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship). This type of event can lead to incidences of violence, which we do not appear to experience with events involving other contact sports (such as wrestling);

- Events specifically for 'Freshers'. This demographic is experiencing the freedom associated with commencing university life and can result in young adults becoming vulnerable through intoxication. To be brief, the current licensed hours are more than sufficient for Freshers events.

Kind regards

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Good morning

Please find attached our suggestions for general extensions.

1. Halloween.

This is the biggest date in the whole trades calendar.

It requires two extensions.

a. Halloween whatever day it falls.

b. The Saturday closest to Halloween, this is our biggest day.

EG: Halloween 2022 falls on a Monday, however, the WHOLE TRADE's biggest night will be Saturday 29th October 2022, thus the extension should be given to maximize sales.

2. St Patricks Day on whatever day it lands.

3. All bank holiday Sundays, national and local.

The most important of all of these Sundays is May Day Sunday.

4. NYE & NYD whatever day it falls.

5. World Cup 2022 the whole tournament should be granted an extension of hours

Following on from the email received today from the LSO, we'd like to advocate for general extensions on the following dates:

1. Hogmanay

2. A designated weekend night in October, that falls closest to Halloween.

3. The Sunday evenings of all local holiday weekends.