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<p>Consultation Question 1:</p> <p>Do you think that the proposed processes for Early Morning Restriction Orders include sufficient consultation with those likely to be affected by an EMRO?</p> <p>Yes No Don't know</p> <p>If no, please explain what else is needed</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Consultation Question 2:</p> <p>The government proposes that EMROs will not apply (i.e. will not restrict alcohol sales) between midnight on 31st December and 6am on 1st January of each year. Do you think that EMROs should apply on New Year's Eve?</p> <p>Yes – the EMRO should apply on New Year's Eve No– the EMRO should not apply on New Year's Eve Neither agree nor disagree Don't know</p> <p>Please give reasons for your answer</p>	<p>Yes the EMRO should apply on New years Eve.</p> <p>Reason – If the licensing authority after full consultation has found that there is a need to implement an EMRO in a particular area, there is no reason to relax that requirement on any specific date. A licensing authority would not consider the introduction of an EMRO lightly and it would be used as a last resort when other methods have not worked in order to promote the licensing objectives, therefore the EMRO should remain in place on New Years Eve</p>
<p>Consultation Question 3:</p> <p>Do you agree or disagree that the categories of premises above (premises with overnight accommodation, theatres and cinemas, community premises, and casinos and bingo halls with a membership scheme), should be exempt from EMROs?</p> <p>Agree – these categories of premises should be exempt from EMROs Disagree – these categories of premises should not be exempt from EMROs Neither agree nor disagree Don't know</p> <p>Please give reasons for your answer, specifying any exemptions that you disagree with</p>	<p>Agree. These category of premises do not generally contribute to the anti social behaviour linked to the late night economy, and therefore should not be subject to these types of restrictions..</p>

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<p>Consultation Question 4:</p> <p>Do you have any other suggestions on the types of premises that should be considered for an exemption from EMROs? Yes No Don't know If yes, please specify which other types of premises and give reasons.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Consultation Question 5:</p> <p>Do you think that there should be an option for local residents/ community groups to recommend the implementation of the levy in their area? Yes No Don't know If yes, do you have any suggestions on how this process should operate?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Consultation Question 6:</p> <p>Do you agree or disagree that licensing authorities should be able to exempt these premises (premises with overnight accommodation, restaurants, theatres, cinemas, casinos, bingo halls, community amateur sports clubs, community premises, and country village pubs) from the levy? Agree Disagree Please give reasons for your answer, specifying any exemptions that you disagree with</p>	<p>Agree as these types of premises would not benefit from the policing of the late night economy.</p>
<p>Consultation Question 7:</p> <p>Do you agree or disagree that licensing authorities should be able to exempt Business Improvement Districts from the late night levy? Agree – licensing authorities should be able to exempt</p>	<p>Agree – licensing authorities should be able to exempt Business Improvements Districts</p>

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<p>Business Improvements Districts Disagree – licensing authorities should not be able to exempt Business Improvement Districts Neither agree nor disagree Don't know</p>	
<p>Consultation Question 8: Do you think that premises operating under a club premises certificate should be exempt from the late night levy? Yes No Don't know Please give reasons for your answer</p>	<p>No. People are just as capable of consuming too much alcohol and contributing to the problems and anti social behaviour that would require extra policing in a members' club as they would be in any other premise.</p>
<p>Consultation Question 9: What are your views on affording a reduction from the late night levy to businesses that receive small business rate relief? Please give reasons for your answer</p>	<p>The late night levy could potentially cripple small businesses and could be harmful to an already diminishing trade. If individual premises are causing problems, they should be targeted on an individual basis. It is unfair to expect responsible licence holders to pay for the actions of irresponsible licence holders. It shouldn't be a requirement that a premise receives small business relief; the levy should not be applied across the board, it should only be applied to the premises that are causing or contributing to the problem.</p>
<p>Consultation Question 10: Do you agree or disagree that there should be an exemption for New Year's Eve? Agree – there should be an exemption for New Year's Eve Disagree - there should not be an exemption for New Year's Eve Neither agree nor disagree Don't know</p>	<p>Yes there should be an exemption as some premises may only stay open late that one night per year, and this should not then mean that they have to pay the levy.</p>
<p>Consultation Question 11: Do you agree or disagree that licensing authorities should be</p>	<p>Agree</p>

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<p>able to ask for a reduced levy payment from these businesses (Members of a Best Bar None scheme, members of Pubwatch etc, those who subscribe to Community Alcohol Partnership or pay a levy in a Business Improvement District) ? Agree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Don't know</p>	
<p>Consultation Question 12: Do you have any suggestions for benchmarks that can be applied to grassroots schemes to ensure members are actively working to reduce crime and disorder?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Consultation Question 13: Do you agree or disagree with this set-up of cumulative discounts? Agree Disagree Neither agree nor disagree Don't know</p>	<p>Disagree as this would be too difficult to administer. If there is going to be a reduction applied, it should be a one-off standard reduction.</p>
<p>Consultation Question 14: Should there be scope for further exemptions and reductions from the late night levy? Yes No If yes, please state what you think these should be and how this type of premises should be defined.</p>	<p>Yes. The introduction of a Late Night Levy is going to be an administrative nightmare that will be harmful to the trade as a whole. It would seem preferable for individual premises that are contributing to the problems surrounding the late night economy should be dealt with on an individual basis, rather than a blanket levy being applied to the whole district.</p>
<p>Consultation Question 15: What activities do you think licensing authorities should be able to fund with their retained proportion?</p>	<p>Taxi Marshalling. Street Cleansing. Safety Campaigns.</p>
<p>Consultation Question 16: What restrictions do you think there should be on the types of services that licensing authorities will be able to fund?</p>	<p>The types of services should not be limited to preventing and tackling alcohol related crime and disorder; they should extend to both preventing and tackling alcohol related crime and disorder and</p>

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	management of night time economy.
Consultation Question 17: If you have any comments on the Impact Assessment, please detail them here?	None
Consultation Question 18: If you are responding on behalf of a licensing authority, how many premises do you expect will be affected by EMROs in your area?	This is impossible to predict at this time.