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**From:** Brian Whittall on behalf of Licensing  
**Sent:** 16 May 2018 15:46  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Caroline Steven  
**Subject:** RE: Policy Statement Review

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the helpful feedback.

1. Busking is not a licensable activity because (a) It is not entertainment for an audience but rather incidental to another activity – for example people shopping; (b) under the Live Music Act 2012 a licence is not required between the hours of 0800 – 2300 for live music.
2. Noted. We shall amend accordingly
3. Good point. We can get something into the policy that we recommend pubwatch, however, it is not something we can insist that applicants specify.

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Re: Policy Statement Review

Hi Caroline,

In response to your letter on the councils licencing policy statement review, there's a couple of points for your consideration.

- 1) In paragraph 1.1 it notes that the performance of live music is licensable. However we're currently sat listening to the same exceptionally loud busker that is often causing a nuisance to many of the businesses. We'd like to formally suggest that busking becomes licensable in the town centre as per the government provision on it <https://www.gov.uk/busking-licence>. Obviously as we are businesses rather than residents, so can't make a formal noise complaint via environmental health, but licencing the busking activity in town would give us some control over what happens. I believe Nick Adkins at WDC has also been looking into this.
- 2) In paragraph 1.16 with regards to Partnership working, we are noted as "High Wycombe town centre partnership (HWBID CO)" whereas we are actually High Wycombe Business Improvement district company (HWBIDCO), In short we're a BID not a TCP.

- 3) Also in paragraph 1.16 it notes that WDC supports the local Pubwatch scheme, but it makes no further mention of that. It would be advantageous to have at least a recommendation that all licenced premises join the scheme.

That's about all I could find in terms of concern.

Thanks and regards,



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