

# Home Office: World Cup Consultation on Relaxation of Licensing Hours

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As anticipated in our recent Pub & Bar article accessible on our website at <http://cliftondavies.com/plan-ahead-world-cup/> the Home Office has today launched a two-week consultation on the proposal to relax licensing hours for the England matches in this year's World Cup (in June & July). The consultation will run from today 13 March until 23:45 on 26 March.

It is consulting on whether there should be a national relaxation of licensing or whether this should be a local decision using the existing system of Temporary Event Notices. The relaxation would apply to all England matches with a scheduled kick off time of 8pm or later (UK time). This would relate to the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises only and the provision of late-night refreshment in on-trade licensed premises. It would not cover regulated entertainment.

The Home Office states that it is keen to hear from everyone who would be affected by a national relaxation of licensing hours and it invites responses to the online consultation that is accessible at [www.gov.uk/government/consultations/world-cup-licensing-hours](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/world-cup-licensing-hours)

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