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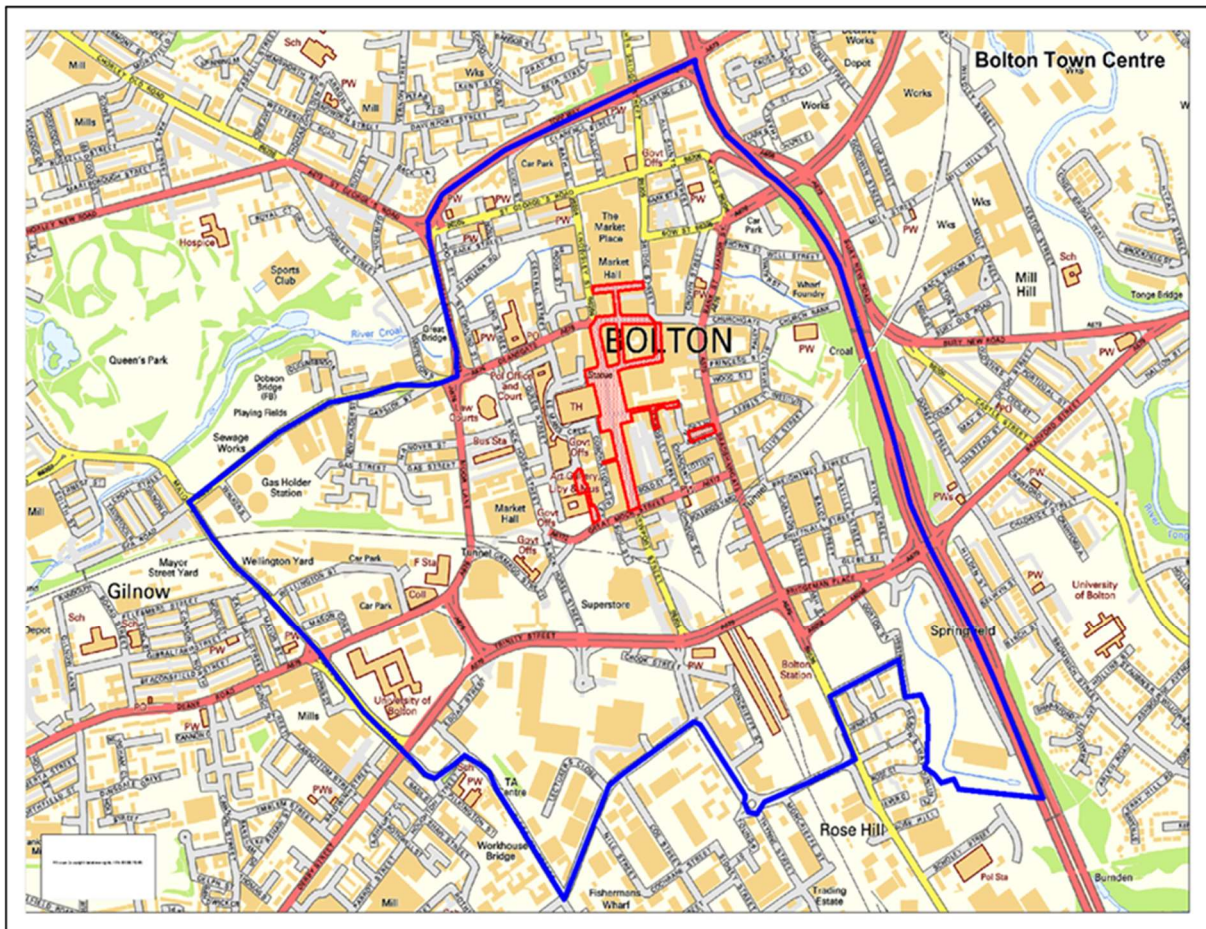
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Dear Sir/Madam

Introduction of a Late-Night Levy-

The Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011 allows a Licensing Authority to adopt a Late-Night Levy (levy). The levy raises contributions from late opening alcohol and refreshment (hot food & drink) premises, to support the cost of policing the night-time economy.

The Council has approved the introduction of a levy for a zoned area in Bolton Town Centre. The levy zone is outlined in blue on the map below:



You will be required to pay the levy charge, if your premises licence or club premises certificate is situated in the above zone, and if your licence/certificate authorises late night refreshment (hot food & drink) and/or the sale/supply of alcohol in the levy period.

The levy period is any day beginning at 3am and ending at 6am. The annual levy charge will be collected at the same time as the annual licence fee. The levy charges, outlined in the table below, will come into effect on 1 February 2025:

Annual Levy Charge	
Rateable Value Bands	Annual Levy Charge
A: no rateable value - £4'300	£299
B: £4,301 to £33,000	£768
C: £33,001 to £87,000	£1259
D: £87,001 to £125,000	£1365
E: £125,000 and above	£1493
* the multiplier would take D x 2 to £2730 ** the multiplier would take E x 3 to £4,440 The multiplier only applies to premises that primarily or exclusively supply alcohol for consumption on the premises.	

If you choose not to open during the levy period, but your licence/certificate authorises you to do so, you will still be liable to pay the levy charge.

In these circumstances you may wish to consider submitting a free 'Application to Vary a Premises Licence Under The Licensing Act 2003' and amend your hours of operation to prevent you operating in the levy period and being liable to the levy charge.

The application to vary your licence to avoid paying the levy charge must be completed by the 31st March 2025. The application to vary can be found using this link:

[Application to vary a premises licence.docx \(live.com\)](#).

Yours sincerely

Licensing Officer