



Westminster Resident

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Dear Resident

"Westminster After Dark" is the Council's first evening and night-time strategy.

Other London Boroughs and major cities in the UK or internationally which have produced similar strategies have focused purely on the evening and night-time economy. While the Westminster economy is extremely important, we believe the needs of business need to be balanced with those of residents and visitors.

This wider focus means that Westminster After Dark is considering a broad range of factors that affect how people live, work, learn, have fun and run businesses in the city. People have already spoken to us about later opening hours for parks and open spaces, improving availability of evening or night classes, facilitating community events, improving night-time transport links, increased action on ASB, crime prevention, etc.

Westminster After Dark is based on the following pillars:

- **Safe and Secure:** Ensuring the safety and security of all who live, work, and visit Westminster after dark.
- **Accessible and Positive Places:** Creating and maintaining public spaces that are welcoming, clean, and accessible to everyone.
- **Community and Culture:** Promoting cultural activities and community engagement to foster a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere.
- **Economic Development and Opportunities:** Supporting economic growth and opportunities while maintaining the quality of life for residents.

We will develop a strategic vision that sets out the Council's approach under each of these pillars and recognise that this is going to be different in the West End, Bayswater, Harrow Road or Paddington. This document will shape the development of Council policies related to planning, Licensing, public protection and many other areas.

We recognise that there will be challenges and conflicting views from stakeholders on certain issues or opportunities. The first step to achieving consensus is to acknowledge these differences and work together to find common ground.

Over the last few months, we have conducted extensive engagement and research into the issues and opportunities that may shape our strategy. We are now asking for additional insights from residents about their perceptions and use of their local evening and night-time environment.

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We have created a questionnaire for residents to share their views on the local evening and night-time environment, highlighting the positives and negatives that may encourage or deter you from using it.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WAD-Resident-Survey/>

The questionnaire is anonymous, and the responses will be reviewed alongside all other feedback as we develop our strategy. The deadline for residents to submit their responses is **Sunday 15th September**.

If, for any reason, residents wish to send additional information directly to the council, whether they have more to share than the questionnaire allows, a specific point not covered by the questionnaire, or certain documentation or other evidence, they can send it directly to the Westminster After Dark Project Team at westminsterafterdark@westminster.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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