City of Parramatta is undergoing significant change, including accommodating for our current and future residents, existing and new businesses, visitors, workers and students. We want to grow our night time economy, but also note that a number of current and new stakeholders need to be aware of our expectations of what is considered acceptable for a vibrant night time economy.

Similarly, we want our current and incoming residents to understand Council’s vision for a welcoming, diverse and vibrant night time economy, and what this may mean in terms of living in a cosmopolitan area. The City brings more convenience, public transportation, restaurants, bars, live music and new cultural infrastructure. While we want more places open later at night and more eyes on the street, this may mean there will also be more entertainment noise and later trading venues in certain areas of our City such as the city centre.

The Draft Late Night Trading Management Control Plan seeks to set these expectations for all stakeholders and give a degree of certainty on Council’s position for a vibrant and welcoming nightlife.

The Draft Late Night Trading Management Control Plan will not impact on well managed venues. It will also not impact on existing venues that operate within an existing development consent and liquor licence.

**FAQ**

**What is this work about?**
Council is seeking to formalise criteria for late night trading premises within Parramatta CBD, Harris Park and Epping. The proposed DCP framework will ensure that there is a benchmark approach for trading hours, considerations for assessment and plans of management for premises. These controls are considered as part of a development application.

**Why is Council looking to include a late night trading management DCP?**
Council wants to be transparent and consistent about the application of criteria for Development Applications for late night trading premises opening in our local government area.

**How does this Draft DCP affect you?**

**What does it mean for my business if I own or run an existing venue?**
The Draft Late Night Trading DCP will not impact any venues which have an existing development consent and liquor licence.

**What does it mean if I want to extend and refurbish my existing venue?**
The DCP does not apply if you want to make changes that will not increase the intensity of operations of the premise. For example minor refurbishments such would not activate the DCP. The Draft Late Night Trading DCP will apply if you are submitting a development application to increase floor space and/or extending trading hours. Council officers will also take into consideration the existing development application and the liquor licence that the venue operates under.
What does this mean if I want to open a late night trading venue?
Any new development application for any late night trading premises within the LGA will have to address the controls within the proposed DCP.

What are trial periods?
NSW Planning Legislation (Environmental Planning and Assessment Act Section 80A) enables Councils to apply trial periods for different land uses as a condition of the development consent. These trial conditions cannot be included in an existing Development Consent or a Liquor Licence. A trial period allows Council to examine the impact of a particular use on its surrounding context and how these impacts were mitigated or managed.

What are base hours and extended hours?
To encourage a vibrant night time economy, base hours are proposed to give certainty to new late night trading premises. Approval of base hours is permanent. Extended hours are considered on a trial basis provided the application shows that the venue will be managed well and has tried to minimise the impact on its surrounding.

How does this Draft DCP impact on outdoor dining?
The proposed DCP will not impact outdoor dining, as outdoor dining is governed by Council’s Outdoor Dining Policy. Currently, outdoor dining hours are determined with consideration to the relevant development approval. Council is also part of the NSW Business Commissioner’s Outdoor Dining Trial which will commence in September 2017.

Where can I view the Draft Late Night Trading DCP?
The Council report, Draft DCP and supporting information will be on public exhibition from Tuesday 25 July to Friday 15 September 2017 and can be inspected in the following ways:

- Visit Parramatta Central Library, 1-3 Fitzwilliam Street, Parramatta: Monday – Friday 9.30am to 8pm; Saturday 9.30am to 4pm; Sunday 2.00pm to 5.00pm
- Visit Epping Branch Library, Ct Epping, Monday – Friday 10am-9pm, Saturday 9.30am -12 noon, Sunday 2pm-5pm

What are the next steps?
Council officers will consider all formal submissions made and will report back to Council on the public exhibition period including all submissions made and public consultation undertaken.

Where can I get more information?
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