

## Appendix A – Consultation Response Summary

Respondent	Comment	Response or changes made
Alaric Pugh	<p>In my view Section 8 should at least two more elements to it.</p> <p>There should be something on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- risk to neighbours from attracting thieves of animals and other crimes</li> <li>- health risked from animal diseases and parasites</li> <li>- risk to the water supply</li> </ul> <p>Many of the restrictions need to mirror those applied to farmers.</p> <p>There should be strict regulations on the removal of waste.</p> <p>Having a larger section 8 gives you more to enforce against should it be necessary.</p>	<p>Applicants should have a preventative healthcare procedure in place to prevent animal diseases and parasites – this is a requirement for all licensees and stipulated within the policy statement.</p> <p>The policy statement sets out what is legally enforceable by the council. Additional conditions that are not sanctioned by statutory guidance, regulation or legislation are not possible to add.</p>
Suffolk Constabulary	<p>The only thing that jumps out is the need to ensure that inspections and enforcement are done, with a view to ensuring a strong message is sent to those that don't comply.</p> <p>We'd be more than happy to work with you on this, to lend support. It should be made harder for people to get any licence unless their standards are very high and they know that they will be inspected periodically.</p>	<p>We agree that inspections and enforcement are key to effective license administration and will consult with the Suffolk Constabulary on a case-by-case basis.</p>

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Red Lodge Parish Council	On behalf of Red Lodge parish council, I am writing to inform you that the parish council supports The Draft Animal Welfare Licensing Policy Statement.	Support noted.
House of Mutt	<p>Only comment relates to point 7 – WSC ‘will not issue licences to businesses operating from premises without the relevant planning permission and/or building regulations approval ...’.</p> <p>How would this affect Home Boarding I wonder?</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback querying this point. Upon review, we have found that the point as drafted was not compliant with DEFRA guidance. We have updated this point to reflect DEFRA requirements – the processing of an animal licence under the Animal Welfare Regulations 2018 is not dependent on the appropriate planning permission or building regulation being in place. All applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.</p>
Colchester Aquatics	<p>Having read through the document my only observation is that I do not feel that checks are being carried out on the shops that are primarily sending out livestock through either courier services or by post through the Royal Mail.</p> <p>All boxes should be polystyrene of a sturdy construction and heat packs should be used in the colder months, and all fish should be packed in oxygen. It is a growth market with lots of new businesses trading as online only.</p>	<p>All businesses are inspected in line with current DEFRA guidelines and conditions. All legal requirements for transportation are within the DEFRA guidance.</p> <p>Please see <a href="https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/defra-guidance-notes-for-conditions-for-selling-animals-as-pets">Defra Guidance notes for conditions for selling animals as pets (westsuffolk.gov.uk)</a> for more details.</p>
Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association (OATA)	<p>The one area which is not correct is Para 13 it is inconsistent with the regulations and statutory guidance.</p> <p>Attached Primary Advice, which states:</p>	<p>Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. This paragraph has been changed to reflect that the council is not able to add conditions to the Animal Welfare Regulations 2018.</p> <p>However, we can add conditions under the Dangerous Wild Animal Act 1976 and Zoo Licensing</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 Part 2 section 4(3) states: 'A local authority must attach to each licence granted or renewed (a) the general conditions (b) the relevant specific conditions'</li> <li>2. There is no provision in the Regulation for a local authority to impose its own licence conditions.</li> <li>3. Defra's intention is to maintain a set of consistent licence conditions throughout England and as such has published Guidance on the conditions.</li> <li>4. The Guidance explains the conditions that businesses need to meet in order to receive an animal activities licence.</li> <li>5. The link to these documents can be found below. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/animal-activities-licensing-guidance-for-local-authorities">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/animal-activities-licensing-guidance-for-local-authorities</a></li> </ol>	<p>1981. These would be specific conditions dependent on species being kept and would be applied on a case-by-case basis.</p>
RSPCA	<p>Read through the policy and it all looks really good. Nothing to add.</p>	<p>Support noted.</p>