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## Introduction

Litter and waste are not issues that we can tackle alone. Litter is most assumed to include materials, often associated with smoking, eating, and drinking, that are improperly discarded.

According to the House of Commons briefing paper, CBP06984, litter is listed as the following within England:

*There is no statutory definition of litter, but the courts have taken a wide approach to the term. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 (as amended) (s.98) provides for certain items to be included in the definition of litter (e.g., cigarette ends and chewing gum) but does not provide a full definition of the term. The Government's Statutory Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (2013), gives a practical guide to the legislation and defines the terms litter, refuse and detritus.*

## Expected Standards

There are 4 licensing objectives of equal importance:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

## Reasons for the Prevention of Litter

Built up litter can:

- Block fire exits.
- Be detrimental to the reputation of the Union.
- Have an adverse effect on the environment.
- Cause health concerns.

## Prevention Measures

All members of staff are expected to proactively dispose of litter that has built up within the premises.

### Refuse Points

Suitable refuse collection points are made available in each premise and the surroundings, for example:

#### Phineas

- Glass bin behind the bar.
- Dry recycling bins located around the customer areas.
  - In the bar area, at reception, in the cafes, etc.

- General waste bins located around the customers areas.
  - In the bar area, at reception, in the cafes, etc.
- Dry recycling and general waste bins located behind the bar.

#### Huntley/Mully's

- Glass wheelie bins located at each bar.
- General waste bins located at each bar.
- Dry recycling collection spaces available at each bar – usually temporarily stored by the glass bins/in stores.
- Dry recycling bins located around the customer areas.
  - In the bar areas, at the foyer, in the cafes, etc.
- General waste bins located around the customers areas.
  - In the bar areas, at the foyer, in the cafes, etc.

#### The Institute

- Glass bin behind the bar.
- Dry recycling bins located around the customer areas.
  - In the bar area, at reception, in the cafes, etc.
- General waste bins located around the customers areas.
  - In the bar area, at reception, in the cafes, etc.
- Dry recycling and general waste bins located behind the bar.
- Food waste bins located in the kitchen.

### Waste Disposal – End of Night

At the end of each shift, waste and recycling is disposed of in the following ways:

#### Phineas

At Phineas, waste is removed from behind the bar (glass bottles are collected) and left within the bar to be disposed of by the cleaning staff the morning after – next booked day. Staff are expected to move the glass bin, dry and waste recycling bins as well as any excess collections to the middle of the bar (customer side).

#### Huntley/Mully's

At Hunley/Mully's, waste is removed from all surfaces, disposed of and then all bins are cleared and emptied into communal waste/recycling bins in Gower Court (Physics Yard).

#### The Institute

At The Institute, waste is removed from behind the bar (glass bottles are collected) and then all bins are cleared and emptied into communal waste/recycling bins to the far end of the IOE slip road.

## Litter Prevention Externally

The exterior of our premise is just as prone to litter build-up as within the premises. This is especially pertinent at The Institute; both on the way to the bar past the cattle grid, and on the terrace. One should also expect litter build-up during queue periods at both 25 Gordon Street and the Lewis Building.

Security staff should inform the bar team as soon as possible regarding litter build up. Staff should treat external spaces as an off shoot of customer areas – attending to and cleaning up as soon as possible.

## **Glass/Bottle Collection**

For glass/bottles, see the Glass Collection Policy / Spillage and Broken Glass Policy.