



PRS for Music
Licensing Firework Displays and Light Show Events
Summary of consultation responses

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1. Introduction

On 28th April 2022 we launched a 4 week consultation proposing a new tariff to specifically license the use of PRS repertoire in firework displays and outdoor light shows (Tariff F&L). The aim of the consultation was to invite customers and members to review and comment on the proposal.

The consultation was undertaken in accordance with our Code of Conduct, which requires us to consult relevant parties whenever significant changes are proposed to our Public Performance Tariffs.

As part of the consultation process, we approached customers within the sector, as well as current members and welcomed comments from all interested parties. We accepted responses via email or by web form through the dedicated Fireworks and Outdoor light shows consultation section on our website, which also hosted all relevant consultation materials and documentation.

The consultation resulted in a total of 75 responses. Collectively these responses represent customers within this sector along with some of our membership. In terms of volume, we believe we have secured a satisfactory consultation response.

The sections of this document follow the questions asked as part of the response form set out in the consultation. In each section we have gathered the responses received and summarised them. Any comments that were not relevant to the consultation topics have been excluded from this summary.

The questions asked were designed to highlight the main changes in how we would license the Firework displays and outdoor light shows.

2. Tariff F&L General

Do you agree that a new tariff would be beneficial to you when licensing Fireworks and Light Show displays?

The majority of those who responded to the consultation agreed that a tariff designed specifically for these events is required.

3. Charging Metric

Do you agree that the bandings per 100 persons capacity make it simpler to calculate the licence fee?

Respondents were overwhelmingly in favour of the charging metric one even citing the previous method was confusing.

"Yes that is a lot easier to calculate as I find your system very very confusing"

Erewash Borough Council.

If not, what alternatives do you think may be suitable?

Overall, respondents agreed that capacity bandings were the most appropriate metric to charge for such events. Alternative suggestions were variations on the banding size, some wishing to broaden them to per 500 or even per 1,000 persons. A percentage of revenue charge was also suggested but our research concluded that not all events charge for admission, and capacities vary therefore we believe a percentage of revenue charge would not be a fair metric to charge customers.

4. Music Usage

Are you content that this new proposed tariff covers all the music usage you would require at your event?

Most respondents were satisfied that the new tariff covers the necessary music usage.

5. Next Steps

Following this consultation, we have taken all comments on board and provided a response summary that fulfils our consultation requirements under our code of conduct.

PRS will introduce the new tariff F&L “Fireworks and Outdoor Light Shows” on the 15th August 2022. An official notification will be sent to all PPL PRS customers in advance of the launch date.

We would like to thank all those who have responded to the Firework Displays & Outdoor Light Shows Tariff consultation.



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