

## Editor's Note

Welcome to the second edition of the Cornerstone Barristers Leisure Newsletter. Thanks for the positive feedback on the first, which seems to have been well-received.

This quarter sees Matt Lewin and Richard Hanstock deliver a comprehensive and fascinating view of the licensing implications of Uber, the increasingly popular and seemingly dominant taxi operator (or is it?). Ben du Feu provides some insight into a recent case involving a s.73 application to disapply a planning condition, in this case concerning the size of a cinema in a new leisure complex outside York, and tops it off with a groansome pun; Martin Edwards brings us up to date with two recent planning appeal decisions concerning leisure uses in the Green Belt (and paragraph 89 of the NPPF); and I have a look at some of the less headline-grabbing recommendations made by the House of Lords Select Committee on the Licensing Act 2003. I'm also very grateful to Tony Bowhill, of the Bowhill Planning Partnership, who provides a 'guest article' examining the present situation for pubs in a world of high alternative use values, and asks what the future might hold in planning terms for those owning or running pubs (or those that use them and might prefer that they stay, rather than being converted to more flats).

Happy reading; as ever I would be delighted to receive feedback, suggestions and comments on the contents.

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Editor

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