

UNDERTAKING THE OVERNIGHT SELF-ASSESSMENT

This is a street-level appraisal of the performance of the centre during the hours it is active. It allows you to compare the policy and data in the Snapshot with the reality on the ground. Purple Flag Assessors will compare it with their own findings and observations – to establish broad areas of agreement or to highlight any inconsistencies with you after their visit.

WHAT DOES IT CONTAIN?

It should cover the five Core Agenda Themes. This means that attractions, licensed premises, essential services and the public realm should all be included – in order to get a rounded appreciation of how the centre works and is managed at night.

WHO SHOULD DO IT?

Ideally the appraisal team should include representatives of the six Purple Flag stakeholder groups. It will help if they have personal and practical knowledge of the operation of the centre in the evening and at night. Some (for example licensing officers, police, public works officers, and venue managers) will be very familiar with aspects of the centre at night, but they may not have had the opportunity to step outside their specialist responsibilities to see things in the round.

HOW SHOULD IT BE DONE?

There are some key issues to monitor throughout the night and also things to look out for in each of the “after hours” time bands. There is a checklist to help (See Appendix). For example:

- **5-8pm - Early Evening.** Observe late night shopping, patterns of arrival for a night out, early or pre-theatre dining, street events, entertainment and the condition of the public realm.
- **8-11pm - Late Evening.** The arrival of the late crowd, the opening of late night venues, departure of diners and theatre-goers, behaviour on the streets, inebriation, CCTV coverage, policing and customer care.
- **11-2am – Night.** People leaving venues, crowd behaviour, their journey homewards, public transport, policing, surveillance, overnight cleansing.
- **2-5am – Late Night.** Venues still open, movement between venues, takeaways, cleansing, transport, policing and customer care.

NOTE:

Patterns of activity vary from place to place. Coverage of the later time bands may not be needed or may warrant a lighter touch.