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### The Licensing Act

The Licensing Act received Royal Assent in July 2003. The Act reforms archaic licensing laws, strengthens competition and increases choice and flexibility for consumers.

It introduces tough new measures to tackle alcohol-related crime and disorder and encourage a more civilised café-style culture in pubs, bars and restaurants.

### Jonathan Tran

“I wanted to show the café-style feel that bars might now start to have with the Licensing Act. It’ll mean that eating and drinking here becomes much more continental and feels like more of a family activity, which is what it should be.” Jonathan studied at St Martin’s in London and at the Kent Institute of Art and Design and graduated last year.

### BBC Royal Charter Review

The BBC’s current Royal Charter, its seventh, expires on 31 December 2006. DCMS has started on the comprehensive review that takes place about every ten years, to determine the future role, structure and funding of the BBC. All aspects of its activities will be covered, subject to the Government’s firm commitment that the outcome will be a strong BBC, independent of Government. As part of the consultation, DCMS has been running an extensive programme of survey research and Ministerial visits throughout the UK, including public meetings and seminars with industry representatives.

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