

APPENDIX 3

Responses to the Consultation on the Gambling Statement of principles 2025-2028

Responses received	Potential changes to be agreed by the licensing committee	Yes/No
Hatfield Town Council (1 on survey)		
<p>Hatfield Town Council believe the current approach and the new changes will only enhance the protection measures in place.</p> <p>Effective enforcement. Hatfield Town Council do not believe there is a problem at present. We believe this is in part due to the approach taken by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council. However, should a problem development we hope Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council would be able to take effective enforcement action.</p> <p>We recommend all the above noted points are included within the appropriate sections of the Gambling Statement of Principles.</p>	No Changes required	
Hertfordshire County Council (2 on survey)		
<p>HCC strongly agree with the Gambling policy statement because they will be launching a Gambling Harms Strategy by the end of 2024. It is currently out for public consultation. One of the proposed strategic priorities is Influencing the licencing and regulatory environment to protect vulnerable residents from the harm caused by gambling and be clear on the individual roles of the County Council and District and Borough Councils. The Hertfordshire JSNA Briefing: Gambling-related harms was published in February 2022. It provides a wealth of evidence which is recommended to be referred to in the Gambling Statement of Principles.</p>	<p>Added reference to 'Hertfordshire County Council's Joint Strategi Needs Assessment (JSNA) briefing: Gambling related harm' under 12.2 which refers to premises risk assessments.</p> <p>gambling-related-harms-jsna-briefing-2022.pdf (hertshealthevidence.org)</p>	
<p>Specific comments relating to the harm caused by problem gambling.</p> <p>Assessing the cumulative impact Hertfordshire Public Health recommends that the policy statement should also include that applications will be considered against the</p>	<p>Cumulative impact policies are not mentioned in the Gambling Act, secondary legislation or the guidance in relation to licensed premises.</p>	

<p>cumulative impact of applications locally to protect children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.</p>	<p>Councils cannot take into account demand for, or concentration of, gambling establishments.</p>	
<p>Concerns regarding premises in areas of deprivation.</p>	<p>No changes needed as this is covered in the Local Area Profile.</p> <p>The Gambling Commission's 5th Edition of the Guidance last updated in March 2024 recommends that Licensing Authorities complete their own assessment of local risks and concerns by developing local area profiles to help shape their statements.</p> <p>Our local area profile provides maps showing the proximity of premises which may be frequented by vulnerable people.</p> <p>The objective of the profile is to set out what the area is like; what risks this might pose to the licensing objectives and what the implications of this are for the Licensing Authority and operators.</p>	
<p>Welwyn Parish Council (3 on survey and email)</p>		
<p>Part A Section 4.1 and 4.2 We support these generally factual / statistical updates, but a useful addition would be links / references to the sources of the information.</p>	<p>Added a footnote that data collected from the office of national statistics.</p>	
<p>Section 5.1</p>	<p>Dates of consultation to</p>	

Dates were removed but the text still refers to a date range which appears incomplete	be added to finalised policy	
All other responses from Welwyn Parish Council confirmed that 'overall, these additional updates continue to enhance the clarity and comprehensiveness of the gambling policy and we remain generally in support.'	No changes required	
Number 4 on survey		
Comment that 'changes are minimal'	No changes requested	
Number 5 on survey		
I think it should be free for schools that are raising money - with budgets cut, schools rely on the PTA to make money for the school	No changes required Fees are set by the Gambling commission for small society lotteries £40 on application, £20 on renewal	