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Sent: 31 October 2022 16:44
To: Licensing
Subject: Re: Gambling Licensing Policy Consultation 2022 to 2025

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Hi,

I defer to my colleagues that have licensing premises in their wards or are au fait with licensing policy and/or sit on the Committee. I am neither of these things.

One general observation I would make is that I would like to see the policy as strong as possible in terms of disincentivising new gambling premises, particularly on the Heathway and Barking Town Centre. An anecdote is that I use to work in Corals at Barking Town Centre 12 years ago and this week I've seen the same individuals, which were arrested a number of times when I worked there, still hanging outside. I saw a drunken man beaten up outside paddy power this week too. There seems to be very limited progress on that front.

Lever that (a) prevent new gambling premises open as much as possible and (b) place the onus - in terms of cost, where possible - on gambling premises to pay for the determinants of health that gambling premises exacerbate, would be useful. I know as a local authority we have very limited powers in this policy area. Also, I think it helpful if, in some way, we can signal what action we would want to take even if we are unable to do so as this sets a direction (like an *obiter* in the legal profession).

Westminster's gambling policy adopted late last year / earlier this year appeared to be fairly robust.

Best

From: Licensing <Licensing@lbbd.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 October 2022 17:38
To: >
Subject: Gambling Licensing Policy Consultation 2022 to 2025
Dear Councillor,

You may be aware that we have very recently commenced a public consultation on the content of the new draft revised Barking and Dagenham statement of gambling licensing policy. The policy sets out this Council's proposed approach for the next 3 years to the licensing and control of local gambling premises (including casinos, betting shops, adult gaming centres, bingo establishments, and family entertainment centres) and gaming machines.

We aim to encourage a broad response to this consultation. Your views are particularly relevant, and we would be grateful if you are able to spare some time to consider and respond to this consultation.

A copy of the Council's draft policy, together with an online questionnaire can be found by visiting the link provided.

<https://oneboroughvoice.lbbd.gov.uk/lbbd-gambling-policy-2022>

You may wish to provide a more detailed response to this consultation. If so, then please send this either by email to licensing@lbbd.gov.uk or in writing to The Licensing Team ,Regulatory Services ,Barking Town Hall, Town Hall Square, Barking IG11 7LU. The closing date for all responses is 30 December 2022.

All responses received will be considered and incorporated into the final committee report, when this matter is formally considered by the Assembly.

If you require further information on the draft policy please email licensing@lbbd.gov.uk.

Regards

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