

Review of Barking and Dagenham's Gambling Policy

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

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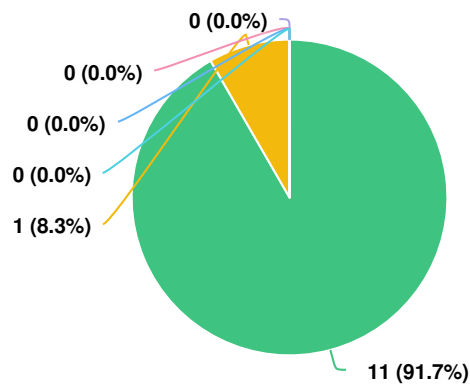
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SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Are you responding to this consultation as a...



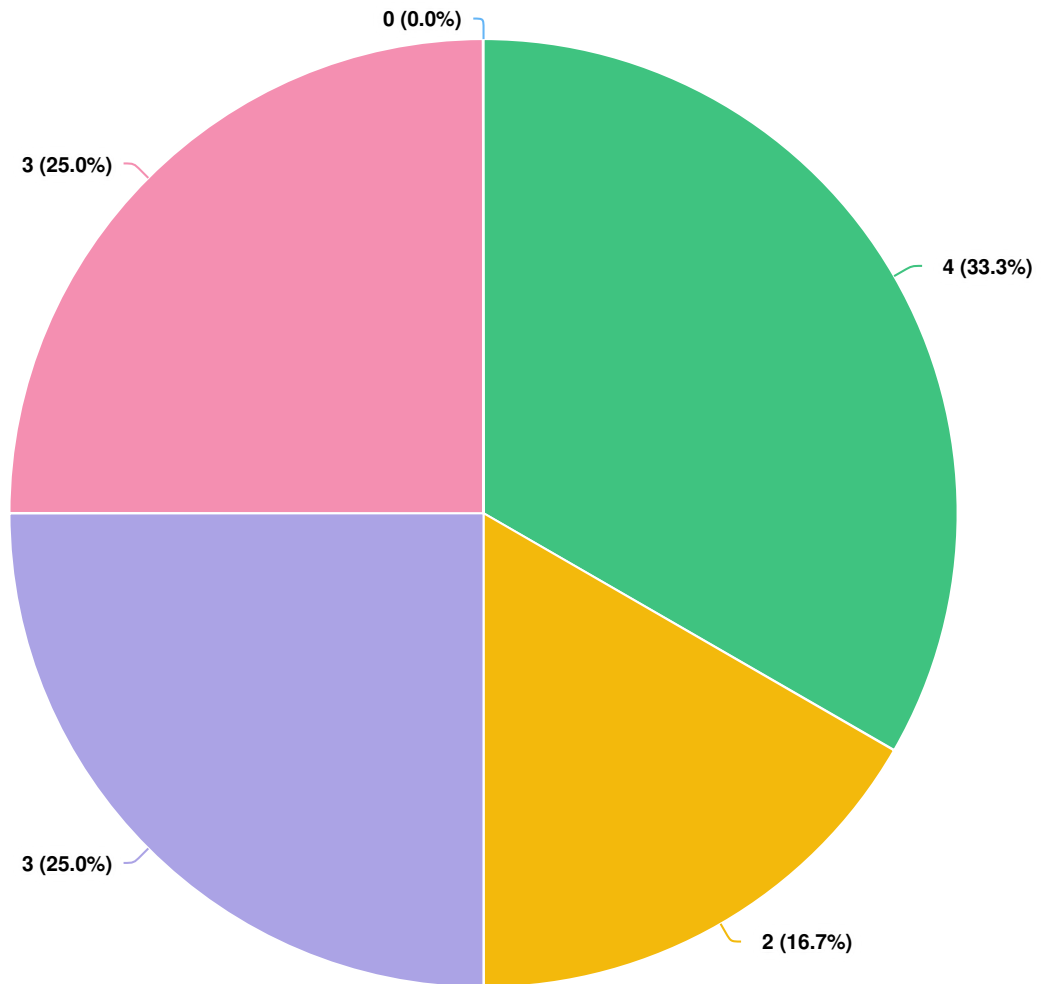
Question options

- Local resident
- Councillor
- Licensed gambling business
- Responsible authority
- Licensing solicitor or consultant
- Other (please state)

Optional question (12 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Do you agree that the draft revised Gambling Policy promotes the following objective?

Q2 Preventing gambling premises being a source of crime within the borough



Question options

- Strongly agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Agree

Optional question (12 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 Please tell us why?

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10/28/2022 09:49 PM

Barking has so much crime and I believe that the betting shops add to this

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11/03/2022 05:21 PM

The draft highlights how betting premises are a source of crime and ASB within the borough and how it exploits the most vulnerable residents, however there is no actual information on what will be done about this. It is not enough to say 'steps must be taken to reduce x, y, z.' What are the steps that will be taken? Why are these premises allowed to exist when residents' well-being is clearly at a detriment?

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11/17/2022 10:02 AM

People congregate in the open and make certain area's a no go area after a certain time

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11/30/2022 04:22 PM

There are far too many gambling premises on barking station parade which massively contribute to the sense of grime and poverty people get of the borough when coming out of barking station. The crime maps indicate crime is higher closer to these premises which is not a coincidence. The only way to reverse this is to remove some of these shops. There is no good reason to have so many of these shops on the same street (why are there multiple branches of Coral, for example). Education and licensing restrictions will only go so far as criminals will continue to loiter near these areas which has a snowball effect, driving away families, young professionals and economic contributors. Removing some of these is the best solution and a necessary step if the borough truly wants to achieve regeneration

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11/30/2022 07:23 PM

No draft can prevent crime and financial loss suffered by gambler and it's effect and trauma who lives with the gambler. There should be no betting shop in borough which itself prevent so many crime. People don't need your draft and policy but make it harder so people can't gamble at all.

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12/01/2022 03:42 PM

As evident in multiple heat maps, there is an unequivocal, strong correlation between gambling sites and high crime rates. Where there are more gambling shops, there is more crime. Whilst the legislation might make things a tiny bit better, ultimately crime rate will not drop unless the gambling shops are removed entirely

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12/08/2022 12:18 AM

The type of crime happening within the borough has nothing to do with gambling

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12/14/2022 10:33 PM

Gambling should be illegal. It destroys life. Every high street as least has 2 shops. What is this teaching our kids? We have a responsibility for our future generations.

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12/22/2022 03:07 PM

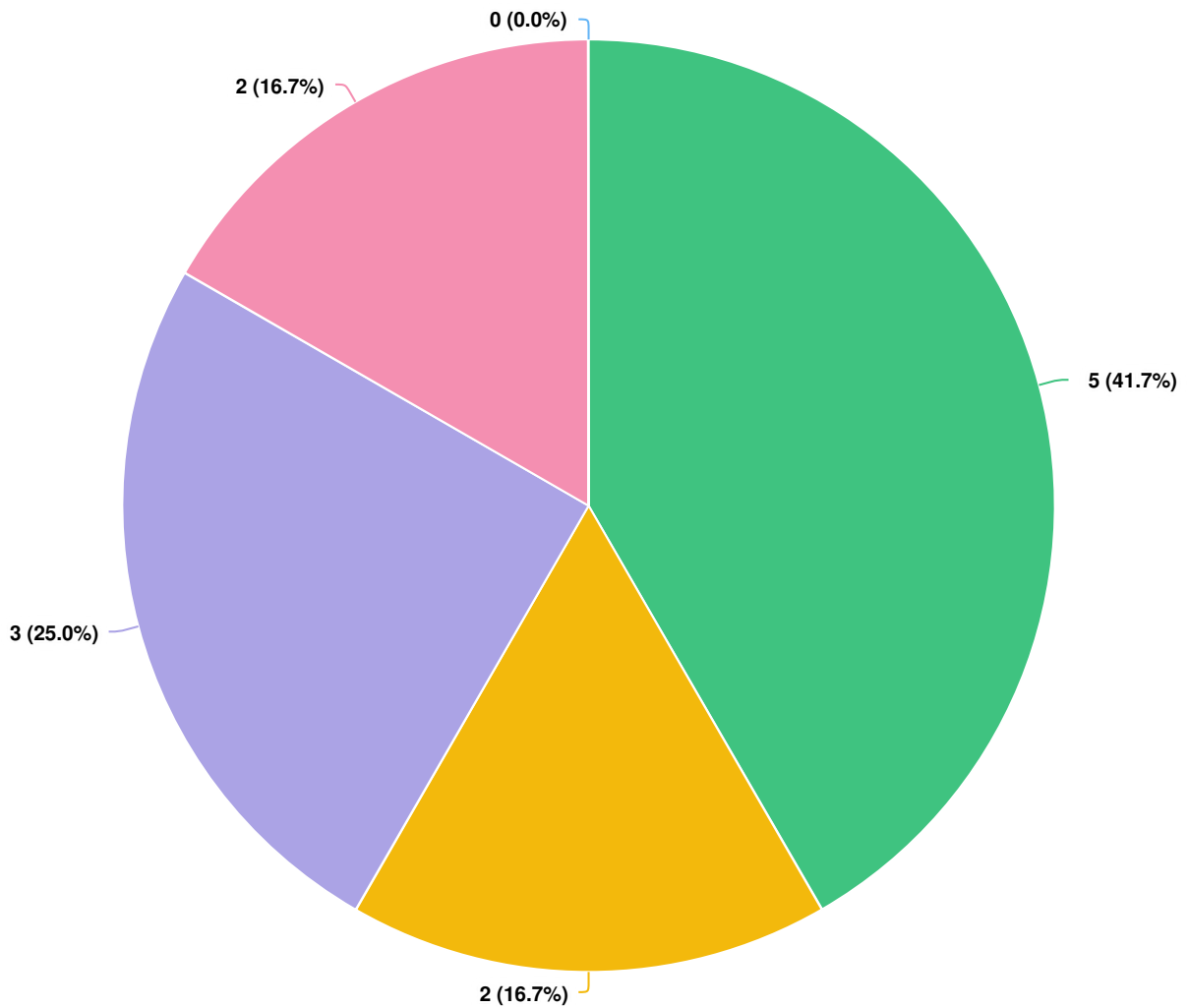
Any gambling establishment will attract the wrong type of people, police stats will show this.

Optional question (9 response(s), 3 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Do you agree that the draft revised Gambling Policy promotes the following objective?

Q4 | Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling



Question options

- Strongly agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Agree

Optional question (12 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q5 Please tell us why?

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10/28/2022 09:49 PM

This is not an affluent area and its the poorer members of our community who frequent these places and they can ill afford to loose what little money they have.

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As previously stated, the draft highlights how the most vulnerable residents are being exploited by betting premises but there is no concrete information on how this will be resolved. Clearly these sites are more detrimental than beneficial, so why are they allowed to operate? Especially in such large numbers. I would like to see a reduction of premises in the area, they need to be minimised and limited if they cannot be eradicated.

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11/20/2022 12:57 PM

Gambling is a addiction and a illness

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Age restrictions will not stop the consequences of gambling shops and irresponsible gamblers from exposing children to this world. The areas around these places attract alcoholics, drug users and antisocial behaviour. As they are on main roads and near Barking station, children will be exposed regardless.

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It's all rubbish and asking people opinions is silly

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Children should not be allowed in at all, period. They should not be exposed to the culture of gambling nor to the people who endorse and partake it in it. If you don't want children exposed, keep them as far away from it as possible

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12/08/2022 12:18 AM

Children?

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12/14/2022 10:33 PM

We need to look after our future generation from harm and debt. Gambling always has been evil as lots of family financial problems and kids have no food.

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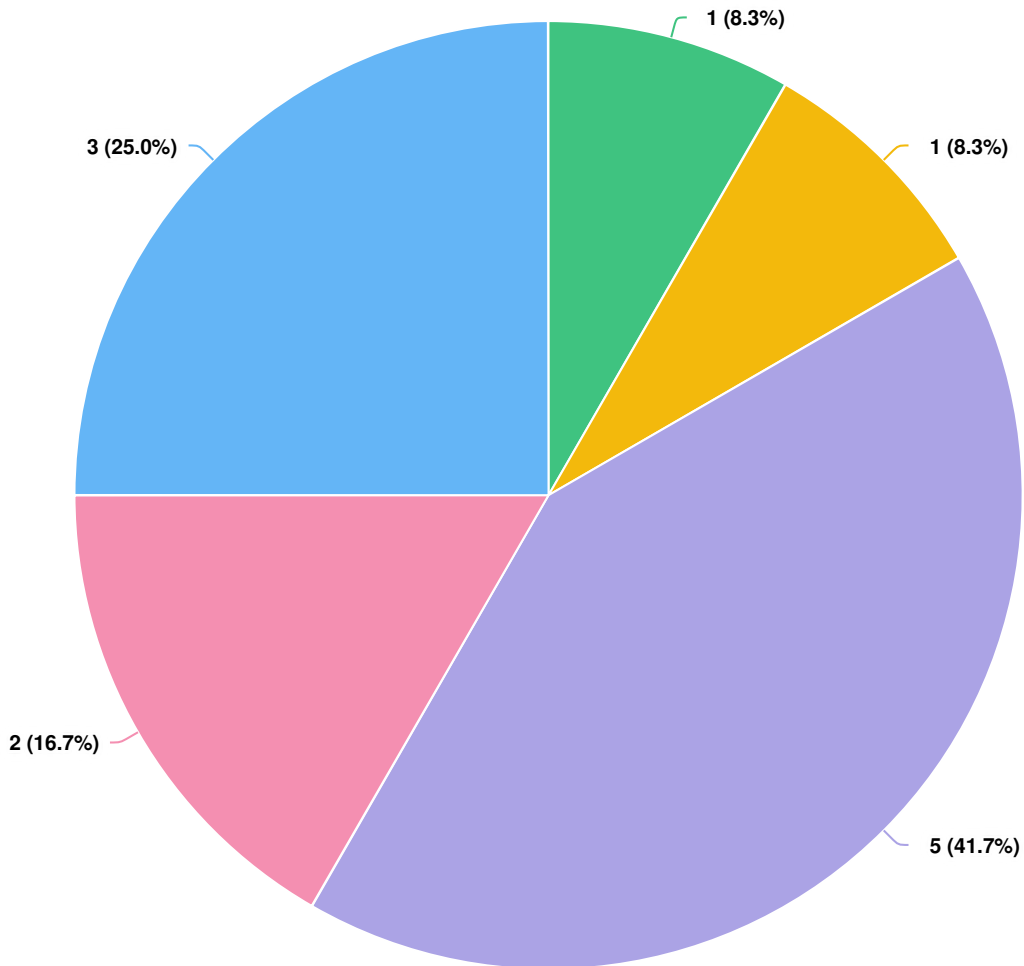
They will always find a way to gsmhle, by having these places you provide an opportunity at their doorstep.

Optional question (9 response(s), 3 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Do you agree that the draft revised Gambling Policy promotes the following objectives?

Q6 Ensuring gambling is open and fair within the borough



Question options

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Optional question (12 response(s), 0 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 Please tell us why?

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10/28/2022 09:49 PM

There are too many gambling establishments in Barking.

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Barking town centre/station has an unfairly high concentration.

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Barking borough is encouraging gambling and playing with peoples life

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Gambling destroys families and life ifva person. Every gambling sector must be closed.

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We live in one of the most deprived areas of London and you want to encourage those that have next to nothing to gamble? Gambling is not fair or open. It serves only the companies and empties pockets of addicts and the poor in society.

Optional question (5 response(s), 7 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q8 Do you have any comments on the findings of the Local Area Profile, including the identification of the Betting Premises Clusters?

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Yes - there are too many gambling premises in Barking and this makes for an unattractive town centre.

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I think it is crystal clear that there is a correlation between clusters of betting premises and the levels of violence, crime and ASB within the borough. As a woman in my 20s, I certainly feel at risk walking home from the station due to the characters that hang around the premises. But I am also concerned for the people who are being exploited. There are people begging on the streets who immediately go into a betting premises when they get coins, and if they are sent away from one, they walk a few metres down the road to the next. What steps will be taken to help them? I want to see a minimisation in betting premises for the good of all residents.

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You have a cluster at the Heathway Dagenham there are more gambling premises than any other business

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The use of these maps is a good idea as they indicate how irresponsible it is providing new licences in certain areas. I think it is also telling that the areas that are purely residential, like parts of longbridge ward with little or no gambling shops, have the highest levels of household income. This is something that should be strived for in the rest of the borough.

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Barking station can be a good example of Boroughs failure

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It is clear that high crime rates and gambling go hand in hand. If it was up to me, I would remove all of the gambling premises completely. If they must remain, they should be reduced in number and away from busy areas that residents and non-residents use. It is absolutely scandalous that there are 6-8 gambling premises next to Barking station - a busy station where there are many children, families and professionals. It is impossible to escape the stink of the gambling shops. the gamblers themselves and all of the unsightliness that they bring with them. Barking station should be the pride and flagship of the borough, instead it's reputation has been stained and the area ruined by numerous gambling premises permitted by the council.. If you insist on having gambling shops, move them away from the station, food shops and anywhere where children and women are around. Move them as far away as possible to a dark, corner where they belong.

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12/14/2022 10:33 PM

Its disgusting to see gambling shops next to tuition centers, next to places of worship and on every corner of our high street. How is this benefiting the public. It makes people in loss.

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12/22/2022 03:07 PM

Yes why do we allow these in high poverty areas. If you go to say Kensington or Wanstead will you see Gambling or offlicenses every few yards? You don't so why do this?

Optional question (8 response(s), 4 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q9 Do you have any comments on the data used in the Local Area Profile?

Screen Name Redacted That they should be considered more throughly
10/28/2022 09:49 PM

Screen Name Redacted There are too many slot machine stores and betting shops in local
11/20/2022 12:57 PM area

Optional question (2 response(s), 10 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q10 If you have any other comments you would like to make regarding the policy, please let us know.

Screen Name Redacted I think if betting shops must operate they should do so in less
11/30/2022 04:22 PM prominent areas and not in areas such as directly opposite a station as is the case outside barking station. It massively impacts the levels of perceived safety and will only make people think poorly of the borough on their first impression. It's shocking how many loiterers, drinking and drug use, homelessness etc., is seen with the first steps out of barking station especially at night. I believe betting shops play a massive part in that that shouldn't be overlooked. There are other, healthier ways to drive income instead such as food destinations or culture spots, arcades etc.

Screen Name Redacted What a joke and waste of time for producing draft to prevent crime
11/30/2022 07:23 PM related to gambling

Screen Name Redacted Please try to remove the gambling premises
12/01/2022 03:42 PM

Screen Name Redacted Gambling to be banned. Then the borough will benefit because
12/14/2022 10:33 PM families will bond and less abuse happen.

Screen Name Redacted Restrictions on Gambling places in areas of high deprivation.
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Optional question (5 response(s), 7 skipped)

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