

APPENDIX 5

Please note that the data for questions which did not receive comments can be found at Appendix 8

Question 1: One of the three licensing objectives of the Gambling Act 2005 is preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime.

The Council's main role is to try and promote this objective with regard to actual premises. So, where an area has known high levels of organised crime the Council will carefully consider whether gambling premises are suitable to be located there and whether conditions may be required such as the provision of door supervision or reduced operating hours.

Do you feel the Policy does enough to promote this objective?

You talk about organised crime - we should be looking at all crime, particularly drink related and street crime.
--

If possible, I would prefer that the council prohibited gambling establishments in Shepherds Bush area - as it is very likely to attract criminal behaviour and is counter productive in the council's aim to rejuvenate Shepherds Bush.
--

Question 2: One of the three licensing objectives of the Gambling Act 2005 is ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.

Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way is generally addressed by the Gambling Commission, via operating and personal licences. The Council will communicate any concerns to the Gambling Commission about misleading advertising or any absence of required game rules or other information.

Do you feel the Policy does enough to promote this objective? If no, what changes do you think we should consider?

As mentioned, I would prefer that the council had a non gambling policy in establishments

Question 3: One of the three licensing objectives of the Gambling Act 2005 is protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

This licensing objective means preventing children from taking part in gambling (as well as restriction of advertising so that gambling products are not aimed at or are particularly attractive to children). The Council will therefore consider whether specific measures are required at particular premises with regard to this licensing objective.

Appropriate measures may include supervision of entrances/machines, segregation of areas etc. The Council will pay particular attention to any Codes of Practice which the Gambling Commission issues regarding this licensing objective. Do you feel the Policy does enough to promote this objective? If no, what changes do you think we should consider?

We should ban gambling adverts, regardless of who they are aimed at as children look to follow the example of adults depicted in some adverts.
Gambling targets vulnerable people and it is well known that the house always win in the long run. It also attracts crimes and therefore I would prefer non gambling in Shepherds Bush
Mental health and other categories of vulnerable adults need to be specifically addressed. I suggest that it is essential that you also consult with the National Problem Gambling Clinic. https://www.cnwl.nhs.uk

Question 5: Are there any other categories of persons who you feel the Council should mention in the Policy who fall under the category of vulnerable? If yes, who else do you think we should consider?

Gambling is like addictive and it is meant to create addictive behaviour - therefore anyone is at risk.
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Those with gambling addictions2. Those with mental health issues3. Those who have currently or have a previous history of addictions of any type in the past4. Those who feel trapped in poverty and who are desperate to get out5. Those with learning difficulties <p>As mentioned previously, I believe that it is essential that you also consult with the National Problem Gambling Clinic - https://www.cnwl.nhs.uk</p>
First time users of the establishment - there should be regular visits by council officials to gambling establishments to determine whether there is clear signage and information about the games / amusements on offer. There should also be information on support visible and warnings about

the dangers of becoming addicted to gambling.

Question 12: Please add any other comments you wish to make regarding the summary of changes made to the current 2019 Statement of Gambling Policy or the Gambling Act.

Thank you. I have nothing more to add

As mentioned I would like to see a more restrictive policy
Gambling will not aid rejuvenation that is much needed in Shepard's Bush
- the area would be much better off without gambling facilities with more
focus on culture and activities for teenagers and young adults

There are far too many betting shops on the high streets. Not only do they
do they have the potential to do a great deal of harm to those who are
vulnerable who use them (one could argue that, that is everyone who uses
them). They also destroy the high street, increase the deprivation, lower
the tone and are an eyesore. I am sure that they generate a good income
for the government and council, but they come at a great cost and seem to
have overtaken many of our high streets.