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Dear Adrian,

Response to the consultation for the H&F Gambling Policy 2022-2025

Thank you for informing the Metropolitan Police Service of the consultation process Hammersmith & Fulham Council is currently undertaking regarding the renewal of the Gambling Policy.

As with previous communications, I'd like to highlight the following two opinions.

Removal of "No Casino" Policy

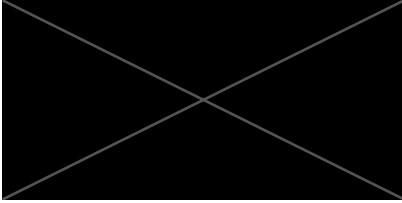
We would be supportive of this change in policy by H&F if they see fit. Concerns associated with an increase in crime and disorder if considered against similar operations in London, are unlikely to materialise. Crime figures for casinos are often on a par with other licensed premises with comparable footfalls.

Adult Gaming Centres

This area of the Gambling Act causes the most concern on an operational basis for frontline policing within H&F. This is due to the association of both crime and public nuisance associated to late night and 24/7 operations. These associations are difficult to produce analytical evidence to support other than those crimes within the premises. This is in part due to similar circumstances we see with LNR venues creating a congregation and an uplift in footfall in the locality. The proposal to limit these AGCs to a terminal hour of 2300hrs are fully supported by police.

If further explanation or comment is required, please do not hesitate to contact my team or me.

Yours sincerely,



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