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Dear Cristina,

Response to the consultation for the H&F Gambling Policy 2025-2028

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.

Having reviewed the policy, I'd like to highlight the following two opinions.

Gambling Vulnerability Zones/Cumulative impact areas

We would be supportive of this addition in policy by H&F. It is noted that there is a vulnerability index that has been developed which has identified high risk areas in H&F. This is supported by the police as it has helped identify the cumulative impact areas. The police support the action taken within these areas to ensure the operators take measures to ensure at the premise addresses any risk and the presumption that any new applications in these areas will be declined.

Adult Gaming Centres

This area of the Gambling Act causes the most concern on an operational basis for frontline policing. This is due to the association of both crime and public nuisance associated to late night and 24/7 operations. As mentioned in the policy there is a particular concern about venues of this sort around Shepherds Bush and North end road and the associated ASB and crime. The proposal to limit these AGCs to a terminal hour of 2200hrs 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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