

**SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:**

**GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ( PUBLISHED  
DECEMBER 2008) DRAFT CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

Eight responses were received in total during the consultation period for the above policy which closed on the fourth of March 2009. These are summarised as follows:

1. **Melksham without Parish Council**  
**First Floor, Crown Chambers, 7 Market Place. Melksham.**  
**Wiltshire. SN12 6ES**
  - a) The parish council felt they should be informed by letter of any proposal to have a gambling premises within the parish.
  - b) The consultation period should be advertised in the newspaper for two weeks in two newspapers.

*Officer Recommendations: a) not required by the current legislation.  
b) not required by current legislation.*

2. **Steeple Ashton Parish Council.**  
**Clerk: Mrs J Buxton Dean.19A Dark Lane South. Steeple Ashton.**  
**Trowbridge.**  
**Wiltshire. BA14 6EZ**

- a) No comments.

*Officer Recommendations: a) None.*

3. **Minety Parish Council**  
**Clerk: Mrs J g Lenton Ermanon. Silver Street. Minety.**  
**Malmesbury. Wiltshire**

- a) no comments but requested summary page of changes

*Officer Recommendations: a) Finalised policy to be sent out.*

4. **Limpley Stoke Parish Council**  
**Clerk: Andrea Griffiths. South View.4 Lower Stoke. Limpley Stoke.**  
**Bath.BA2 7FU**

- a) Requested more democratic input into the process and parish councils should not be relegated to an 'interested party'.
- b) Requested clearer understanding as to who can object and on what basis when an opportunity arises to make changes.

*Officer Recommendations: a) Not permitted by current legislation.  
b) It is expected that guidance will be produced for those who wish to object to an application.*

**5. Westbury Town Council.Town  
Clerk:Leslie J Fry. The Laverton. Bratten Road.  
Westbury.Wiltshire.**

- a) Paragraph 2.3 requested unemployment rates are checked and 'Bowyers' removed.
- b) Paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 – questioned the need for two statements.

*Officer Recommendations: a) Statement to be amended to ensure geographical and demographic information is the same in all three policies.  
b) Paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 are taken from the Gambling Commission's Statement of Principles template.*

**6. Durrington Town Council  
Chair: Mr D G Healing. 26 Westfield Close. Durrington. Salisbury.  
Wiltshire. SP4 8BY**

- a) Requested the parish council is notified of any application for gambling facilities and any conditions attached to such a licence.

*Officer Recommendations: a) The legislation requires the applicant to advise the defined responsible authorities of their application. They are also required to advertise the application both at the premises and in a local newspaper. If local authorities were to consult other bodies then this could be classed as soliciting objections which is not appropriate, bearing in mind the requirement to be completely impartial. It is for this reason that there is no intention to consult with Town and Parish Councils or any other body or individual.*

**7. The Racecourse Association Limited  
Racecourse Coordinator: Holly Roberts. Racecourse Services  
Coordinator.Winkfield Road. Ascot. Berkshire.SL5 7HX**

- a) Paragraph 1.7. Requested that the location of racecourses will not have altered since its foundation and cannot be transferred to another location
- b) Paragraph 1.22. Requested that in line with Government's Better Regulation Agenda that the council do not to impose further provisions relating to door supervisors
- c) Paragraph 7.3. Requested that additional conditions which can be imposed on racecourses to ensure the licensing conditions are met do not exceed the premises licences conditions outlined in the Premises Licence Mandatory and Default Conditions.
- d) Paragraph 7.5. Requested the Council should note racecourse do not hold Operating Licences and therefore betting machines are provided

- by other operators. Race courses contractually require these operators to fulfil any attendant conditions.
- e) Paragraph 7.6. Requested that it may not be practical for racecourses to print standard rules on the racecard but they will be displayed in line with the Premises Licence Mandatory and Default Conditions.
  - f) Paragraph 7.7. Requested that on the basis that the Association liaised closely with the DCMS to determine the requirements in relation to plans for race courses that the paragraph should be amended to reflect the agreement. It was further explained that since the whole premises is to be licensed it would not be necessary for each location of betting facilities to be shown on the plans which may alter depending on different days.
  - g) Paragraph 7.8. Requested that whilst the Gambling Commission considers it preferable to have separately licensed self contained premises operated by off course betting operators, that the Council notes this is not mandatory and should be reflected in the Statement.
  - h) Requested that the Council takes into consideration that the Gambling Commission is in the process of reviewing the Advice on Tracks which will be published to supplement the guidance.

*Officer Recommendations: a) Comments noted.*

*b) Each case will be decided on its own merits.*

*c) Paragraph 7.3. Comments noted.*

*d) Paragraph 7.5. Comments noted. No changes to statement required.*

*e) Paragraph 7.6. Comments noted Discretion of applicant.*

*f) Paragraph 7.7. The Licensing Authority will adhere to DCMS guidelines and any relevant regulations governing this issue.*

*g) Paragraph 7.8. Comments noted.*

*h) Paragraph 1.3 states that the Licensing Authority is 'aware that, according to Section 153, in making decisions about premises licences ,it should aim to permit the use of premises for gambling in so far as it thinks in accordance with any relevant code issued by the Gambling Commission.'*

**8 Salisbury District Council  
Democratic Services PO Box 2117 Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2  
2DF  
Licensing Committee 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009. Commencing 6pm.**

- a) The committee stated they would support a no casino policy if considered in the future
- b) Paragraph 2.2. Adult Gaming Centres. The committee felt strongly that the bullet point 'physical separation of area' should be removed. Adult gaming centres should be for adults only therefore separation of areas is unnecessary.

*Officer Recommendations: a) Paragraph 4.1 Comments noted.  
b) Physical separation is specifically referred to in the DCMS  
policy guidance and this simply reflects national policy.*

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