

## Fwd: Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles Review and Consultation

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From: **Catherine Sweet** <catherine.sweet@gamcare.org.uk>  
Date: 21 August 2018 at 16:29  
Subject: RE: Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles Review and Consultation  
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Hello,

Thank you for your email, we appreciate your interest in our work.

While we do not have the resources available to allow us to personally respond to each Local Authority which contacts us regarding their refreshed Statement of Principles, we have compiled a list of the issues or factors which we think it would be helpful to consider below, more information is available via the [Gambling Commission](#).

The function of the Statement is to reflect locally specific gambling concerns and to reflect the Council's wider strategic objectives. The active use of the Statement is one means by which you can make clear your expectations of gambling operators who have premises in your area. This allows operators to respond to locally specific requirements and adjust their own policies and procedures as required.

- A helpful first step is to develop a risk map of your local area so that you are aware of both potential and actual risks around gambling venues. A useful explanation of area-based risk-mapping has been developed with Westminster and Manchester City Councils, which gives some guidance on those who may be most vulnerable or at-risk of gambling-related harm. For more information please see [www.geofutures.com/research-2/gambling-related-harm-how-local-space-shapes-our-understanding-of-risk/](http://www.geofutures.com/research-2/gambling-related-harm-how-local-space-shapes-our-understanding-of-risk/)
- Consider that proposals for new gambling premises which are near hostels or other accommodation or centres catering for vulnerable people, including those with learning difficulties, and those with gambling / alcohol / drug abuse problems, as likely to adversely affect the licensing objectives set out by the Gambling Commission. This is also relevant regarding the proximity to schools, colleges and universities.
- A detailed local risk assessment at each gambling venue – pertinent to the environment immediately surrounding the premises as well as the wider local area – is a good way to gauge whether the operator and staff teams are fully aware of the challenges present in the local area and can help reassure the Local Licensing Authority that appropriate mitigations are in place.
- Does the operator have a specific training programme for staff to ensure that they are able to identify children and other vulnerable people, and take appropriate action to ensure they are not able to access the premises or are supported appropriately?
- Does the operator ensure that there is an adequate number of staff and managers are on the premises at key points throughout the day? This may be particularly relevant for premises situated nearby schools / colleges / universities, and/or pubs, bars and clubs.
- Consider whether the layout, lighting and fitting out of the premises have been designed so as not to attract children and other vulnerable persons who might be harmed or exploited by gambling.
- Consider whether any promotional material associated with the premises could encourage the use of the premises by children or young people if they are not legally allowed to do so.

We would suggest that the Local Licensing Authority primarily consider applications from [GamCare Certified operators](#). GamCare Certification is a voluntary process comprising an independent audit assessment of an operator's player protection measures and social responsibility standards, policy and practice. Standards are measured in accordance with the GamCare Player Protection Code of Practice. If you would like more information on how our audit can support Local Licensing Authorities, please contact [mike.kenward@gamcare.org.uk](mailto:mike.kenward@gamcare.org.uk)

For more information on GamCare training and other services available to local authorities, as well as recommended training for gambling operators, please see the attached brochures.

If there is anything else we can assist with please do let us know.

Kind regards,  
Catherine

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**Sent:** 21 August 2018 15:59

**Subject:** Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles Review and Consultation

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Dear Sir / Madam

I write to inform you of the consultation on Peterborough City Councils revised Gambling Act 2005 (the Act) Statement of Principles.

The consultation runs from 6 August to 23 September 2018. Should you wish to respond and make comment, please ensure that you do so prior to the end of the consultation period, to ensure your comments can be properly considered prior to determination.

The Act requires all licensing authorities to prepare and publish a Statement of Principles, setting out how it will administer its duties. The Statement must be published at least every three years and amended from time to time with any amended parts re-consulted upon and subsequently re-published.

Prior to publishing its statement the Act requires the licensing authority to consult the following on the statement or any subsequent revision;

- in England and Wales, the chief officer of police for the authorities area;
- one or more persons who appear to the licensing authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on the gambling businesses in the authorities area; and
- one or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under this Act.

Further information, including how to respond, may be found on the attachment to this email or on the councils website [here](#). Copies are also available from the Town Hall on Bridge Street, Bayard Place and Central Library on Broadway.

As part of the consultation process, we are writing to those likely to be affected by the policy and recognise that in some areas it may be difficult to identify the correct persons or bodies to consult. With this in mind, it would be appreciated if you could forward this email to the most appropriate person or body to respond, if necessary.

Yours faithfully

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 **GamCare Local Authorities Brochure 2018 (web-version).pdf**  
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 **GamCare Training Brochure 2017.pdf**  
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