

## **Appendix B**

### **Have you read our proposed draft Statement of Licensing Policy?**

11 had read the policy before making a comment

6 read parts of the policy before making a comment

4 had not read the policy

1 did not answer

### **Do you take part in gambling/betting? - Taking part in gambling/betting**

15 Not at all

7 Occasionally

### **If you gamble, do you usually gamble online or go to gambling/betting premises? - Online/Premises**

4 Online

2 Equally online/premises

1 Gambling Premises

15 Not Answered

### **One of the purposes of the gambling policy is to prevent gambling and betting premises being used for crime or being associated with crime and disorder. How strong is the proposed draft Statement of Licensing Policy in preventing gambling premises being used as a source of crime or being associated with crime and disorder? - Prevention of gambling premises being uses as a source of crime**

5 Extremely strong

1 Very Strong

7 Moderately Strong

2 Slightly strong

4 Not strong at all

3 Don't know

**Protecting children and vulnerable people - To what extent do you agree or disagree the draft Statement of Licensing policy helps protect children and vulnerable people from harm? - Agree/ Disagree - protection of children or vulnerable people**

6 Strongly agree

5 Tend to agree

6 Strongly disagree

3 Tend to disagree

1 Neither agree nor disagree

1 Don't Know

**If you have any other comments you would like to tell us about on the Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-2025, then please tell us here. - Any other comments**

1. There are over 100,000 children addicted to gambling and this policy must be determined to address that - the language does not determine that.
2. No debate has taken place regarding the total banning of all forms of gambling, which is my firm belief. We as a society should not stand idly by and allow people's lives to be utterly ruined by this plague. The government were totally wrong in allowing this evil to be freely advertised drawing more and more people into this cruel deceit.
3. The betting industry must be held responsible for the harm they are doing and should forfeit massive compensation to their victims. It must not be profitable to cause this much distress.
4. The statement is comprehensive and I cannot add any further comments except I wish to see a total ban on gambling.
5. There should be a restriction on how many betting shops in an area, where located e.g. not near pubs or schools etc. FOBTS should be heavily controlled and restricted if not banned altogether in deprived areas as the speed of betting using FOBTS can swallow huge amounts of a gambler's money too quickly to be acceptable.
6. ATM s should not be available within say 500 metres of licensed premises. Some of the wording is badly phrased, or bad English, and may render the document inoperative. Couldn't see how all this regulation is going to be adequately policed.

7. I have previously working in a bookies for 5+ years and i would strongly agree that more needs to be done to stop children/vulnerable adults being able to observe gambling by other members of the public. I'm also aware of how much laundered money is used within gaming shops in order to make the funds legal and believe more should be done in order to prevent this.
8. My brother has a gambling problem. He stole almost £1m from my parents who died in poverty. He has ruined his own and others' lives. It started with slot machines at seaside arcades as a child and progressed to betting shops and online gambling. He has had a lot of help to give up gambling but none of it has worked. All gambling should be much more tightly regulated to prevent the same disaster happening again and again.
9. Stricter laws and policies need to be introduced to eradicate this societal evil of gambling. It is not a pastime or leisure activity - it is pure, greedy, blood-sucking evil.
10. Policy doesn't seem to detail ways in which betting shops and fixed odds betting terminals in them can harm children and families and therefore how this harm can be reduced? Evidence shows betting shops in UK are clustered in poorest areas around most deprived high streets. Seems to me that existing density of betting shops should be a consideration in allowing further licenses.
11. There are already too many gambling and betting shops in Northampton. They are focused close to each other and in areas which include pubs - a recipe for problem gambling. Just walk around the Market Square and along Wellingborough Rd in an evening to see the number of people smoking and hanging around outside betting shops to see the harm being caused to the individual, other local businesses and the general street life of the area.