#### NOTICE OF MEETING

# SPECIAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Friday, 4th June, 2021, 10.00 am - MS Teams (watch it here)

Members: Councillors Gina Adamou (Chair), Bob Hare, and Dhiren Basu.

Quorum: 3

#### 1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

Please note this meeting may be filmed or recorded by the Council for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site or by anyone attending the meeting using any communication method. Members of the public participating in the meeting (e.g. making deputations, asking questions, making oral protests) should be aware that they are likely to be filmed, recorded or reported on. By entering the 'meeting room', you are consenting to being filmed and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings.

The Chair of the meeting has the discretion to terminate or suspend filming or recording, if in his or her opinion continuation of the filming, recording or reporting would disrupt or prejudice the proceedings, infringe the rights of any individual, or may lead to the breach of a legal obligation by the Council.

#### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

#### 3. URGENT BUSINESS

It being a special meeting of the Sub Committee, under Part Four, Section B, Paragraph 17, of the Council's Constitution, no other business shall be considered at the meeting.

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:

- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and
- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members' Interests or the subject of a



pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct.

#### 5. SUMMARY OF PROCEDURE

The Chair will explain the procedure that the Committee will follow for the hearing considered under the Licensing Act 2003.

# 6. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE FOR AN ADULT GAMING CENTRE AT LITTLE VEGAS, 17 HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N22 (PAGES 1 - 220)

To consider an application for a premises licence for an adult gaming centre.

Fiona Rae, Principal Committee Co-ordinator Tel – 020 8489 3541 Fax – 020 8881 5218

Email: fiona.rae@haringey.gov.uk

Fiona Alderman Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer) River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, N22 8HQ

Wednesday, 26 May 2021

# Page 1

# Agenda Item 6

**Report for:** Licensing Sub Committee – 4 June 2021

**Title:** Determination of Application for a Premises Licence for an Adult

Gaming Centre Licence for Little Vegas, 17 High Road, Wood

Green, London, N22.

Report

authorised by: Director of Community and Environment

**Lead Officer:** Daliah Barrett, Licensing Team Leader

Ward(s) affected: Noel Park

Report for Key/

Non Key Decision: Non Key Decision

#### 1. Describe the issue under consideration

The purpose of this report is to advise the Sub-Committee that an application has been received for a Premises Licence (Adult Gaming Centre) under the Gambling Act 2005 ("the Act"). The application has drawn representations from a responsible authority and interested parties, therefore a hearing is required.

#### 2. Principles to be applied:

This application must be considered under the three licensing objectives:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime;
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

#### 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine whether to grant the application for an Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence at 17 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22. The application is submitted by Chongie Entertainment Ltd.
- 3.2 A copy of the application for the premises licence and accompanying documentation that the applicant submitted with their application is at **Appendix 1.**
- 3.3 On considering an application for a premises licence (whether at a hearing or not) a licensing authority shall:
  - (A) Grant it or
  - (B) Reject it.



3.4 A Licensing Authority shall not determine an application for a premises licence made in reliance on section 159(3)(b) until the relevant operating licence has been issued in a form which authorises the applicant to carry on the activity in respect of which the premises licence is sought.

#### 4. Reasons for decision

- 4.1 In exercising their functions under this part a licensing authority shall aim to permit the use of premises for gambling in so far as the authority think it-
  - (a) In accordance with the any relevant code of practice under section 24;
  - (b) In accordance with any relevant guidance issued by the Commission under section 25;
  - (c) Reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives (subject to paragraphs (a) and (b)); and
  - (d) In accordance with the statement published by the authority under section 349 (subject to paragraphs (a) to (c)).
- 4.2 In determining whether to grant a premises licence, a licensing authority may not have regard to the expected demand for the facilities which it is proposed to provide.

# 5. Alternative options considered

Not applicable.

#### 6. Background information

- 6.1 This report concerns an application made under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act) by Chongie Entertainment Ltd for a Premises Licence (Adult Gaming Centre) at 17 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22.
- 6.2 An application for a premises licence may only be made by a person who:
  - Holds an operating licence which authorises him to carry on the activity in respect of which the premises licence is sought; and
  - Who has a right to occupy the premises to which the application relates.
- 6.3 An Adult Gaming Centre (AGC) premises licence authorises a premises to be used for making available Category B, C and D gaming machines. An AGC premises licence may make available for use a number of Category B machines not exceeding 20% of the total number of gaming machines that are available at the premises and any number of Category C or D machines. Category B machines should be restricted to sub category B3 or B4 machines but not B3A machines.
- 6.4 Taken from the Gambling Commission Guidance to Local Authorities, attached at **Appendix 2** is the Summary of Machine Provisions by premises.



# Page 3

- 6.5 Attached at **Appendix 3** is Part 9 from the Gambling Commission Guidance to Local Authorities which concerns Premises Licence conditions.
- Attached at **Appendix 4** is Part 21 from the Gambling Commission Guidance to Local Authorities which concerns Adult Gaming Centres and this also includes the mandatory conditions that would automatically be attached to an Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence, if granted. Some types of gambling premises licence also have default conditions attached to them but there are currently no default conditions specific to Adult Gaming Centres.
- 6.7 Attached at **Appendix 5** is a copy of the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy and the Local Area Profile which is made reference to by the applicant in their risk assessment.

#### 7. Relevant representations

- 7.1 Three responsible authorities (the Licensing Authority, Police, and Public Health) and one interested party have made representations on this application and copies of the representations are attached at **Appendix 6.**
- 7.2 An interested party is defined in the Gambling Act 2005 as someone who:
  - Lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities:
  - Has business interests that might be affected by the authorised activities;
  - Represents persons in either of these two groups.
- 7.3 The applicant has been provided with a copy of the representations made and both the applicant and those making representations have been made aware of the date, time and details of joining the Sub Committee hearing.
- 7.4 The representations raise concerns about the following licensing objectives:
  - Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime.
  - Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.
- 7.5 The Metropolitan Police made a representation which is attached at **Appendix**6 but this matter has now been withdrawn, subject to agreement reached on the revised conditions shown at **Appendix 6A.** The applicants also reached out to the other parties to inform of the agreed conditions with the Police and to ask if they would consider their own original representation; these representations remain outstanding.

#### 8. Legal implications



# Page 4

- 8.1 The Section 153 of the Gambling Act 2005, provides that in determining applications the licensing authority shall aim to permit the use of the premises for gambling in so far as it thinks it is:
  - (a) In accordance with any relevant code of practice under section 24;
  - (b) In accordance with any relevant guidance issued by the Commission Under section 25:
  - (c) Reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives (subject to paragraphs (a) and (b)); and
  - (d) In accordance with the statement published by the authority under section 349 (subject to paragraphs (a) to (c)).
- 8.2 A copy of the Gambling Commission's sector specific Conditions and Codes of Practice applicable to Adult Gaming Centres can be seen at **Appendix 4**.
- 8.3 The latest version of the Gambling Commission's Guidance to Licensing Authorities is available on line at: <a href="https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/PDF/GLA5.pdf">https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/PDF/GLA5.pdf</a>
  - Parts 1 (General), 9 (Premises licence conditions) and 21 (Adult Gaming Centres) are relevant to this application.
- 8.4 A copy of the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy, published in accordance with section 349 of the Gambing Act 2005, can be seen at **Appendix 5.**

#### 9. Determination

- 9.1 Where a licensing authority grants or reject an application for a premises licence, they shall as soon as is reasonably practicable give notice to:
  - The applicant
  - The Gambling Commission
  - Any person who made representations about the application
  - The Chief Officer of Police for the area
  - Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs and Excise
- 9.2 If the application is granted, this notice:
  - (a) Must be in the prescribed form;
  - (b) If the licensing authority have attached a condition to the licence under section 169(1)(a) or excluded under section 169(1)(b) a condition that would otherwise have attached by virtue of section 168, must give the authority's reasons; and
  - (c) If representations were made about the application under section 161, must give the authority's response to the representations.
- 9.3 If the application is rejected, this notice:
  - (a) Must be in the prescribed form; and
  - (b) Must give the authority's reasons for rejecting the application.



- Where a licensing authority rejects an application for a premises licence, the applicant may appeal.
- 9.4 Where a licensing authority grant an application for a premises licence, either of the following may appeal:
  - (a) A person who made representations in relation to the application; and
  - (b) The applicant.
- 9.5 Appeals must be instituted in the Magistrates Court for the area within 21 days beginning with the day on which the appellant receives notice of the decision against which the appeal is brought.

#### 10. Decision

10.1 The Sub-Committee must consider and determine the application.

#### 10.2 The effect of the decision

The decision of the Sub-Committee may be subject to appeal and/or Judicial Review.

#### 10.3 **Risks**

An appeal against a decision of the Sub-Committee or a Judicial Review of the application process may present financial risks to the Council with regard to any award of costs against it.

#### 11. Equalities Impact

11.1 The arrangements for the Licensing Hearings seek to ensure that all applicants and other interested parties receive a fair hearing and that the process is accessible to all groups within the community.

#### 12. Environmental and Design Impact

12.1 The effective implementation of the Gambling Act 2005 will contribute to an improved environment for local residents and other stakeholders.

#### 13. Human Rights Act

- 13.1 The Human Rights 1998 (HRA) requires public bodies to ensure everything they do is compatible with Convention Rights and makes it unlawful for a public authority to act incompatibly with those Rights. **Article 6 (A6)** of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) is the right to a fair trial. The key elements of this include:
  - The right to a *fair* hearing;



# Page 6

- The right to a *public* hearing;
- The right to a hearing before an independent and impartial tribunal;
- The right to a hearing within a reasonable time.
- 13.2 When hearing an application, the proceedings of a non-judicial body such as the Licensing Sub Committee, as opposed to an actual Court, need not meet the full requirements of A6 where there is a right of appeal from the Licensing Sub Committee to a Court that does meet the full A6 standards and can consider all aspects of the case (even if that does not include a full re-hearing of the facts).
- 13.3 While it is good practice to make a hearing before the Licensing Sub Committee as A6 compliant as possible, it will not be a breach of the HRA if it is not. Further, the hearing of all applications is subject to the principles of Natural Justice and the requirement for decisions to be 'Wednesbury reasonable'.

#### 14. Freedom of Information/Data Protection Considerations

14.1 Protocols agreed in relation to Licensing Hearings are within the Council's Constitution and will be accessible as part of the Council's Publication Scheme maintained under the Freedom of Information Act.

#### 15. List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Application Forms & Risk Assessment.

Appendix 2 – Summary of Machine Provisions by premises.

Appendix 3 – Part 9, Gambling Commission Guidance to Local Authorities which concerns Premises Licence conditions.

Appendix 4 – Part 21, Gambling Commission Guidance.

Appendix 5 – Council's Statement of Gambling Policy & Local Risk

Assessment.

Appendix 6 – Relevant representations.

Appendix 7 – Supporting information submitted by the applicant.



# Appendix 1 – Application and Accompanying Information

# Application for a premises licence under the Gambling Act 2005 (standard form)

#### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you are completing this form by hand, please write legibly in block capitals using ink. Use additional sheets if necessary (marked with the number of the relevant question). You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

Where the application is -

- In respect of a vessel, or
- To convert an authorisation granted under the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 or the Gaming Act 1968,

the application should be made on the relevant form for that type of premises or application.

Part 1 - Type of prem	ises licence applied for		
Regional Casino	Large Casino	Small Casino	
Bingo	Adult Gaming Centre	Family Entertainment Centre	
Betting (Track)	Betting (Other)		
Do you hold a provisional statement in respect of the premises? Yes \sum No \times			
•	please give the unique reference age of the statement): [****]	number for the provisional statement (as set out	

Part 2	– Applicant Details
If you	are an individual, please fill in Section A. If the application is being made on behalf of an sation (such as a company or partnership), please fill in Section B.
Section Individ	n A dual Applicant
1	Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other (please specify)
2	Surname: [*****] Other name(s): [*****]
3	Applicant's address (home/business - ):
	[*****] [****] [****] Postcode: [****]
4(a)	The number of the applicant's operating licence (as set out in the operating licence): [*****]
4(b)	If the applicant does not hold an operating licence but is in the process of applying for one, give the date on which the application was made: [*****]
5	Tick the box if the application is being made by more than one person.
Section	n B
Applic	eation on Behalf of an organisation
6	Name of applicant business or organisation: Chongie Entertainment Limited
7.	The applicant's registered or principal address:
	3-5 Wardour Street, London
	Postcode: W1D 6PB
8(a)	The number of the applicant's operating licence (as given in the operating licence): <b>tbc</b>
8(b)	If the applicant does not hold an operating licence but is in the process of applying for one, give the date on which the application was made: 21.09.2020

9	Tick the box if the application is being made by more than one organisation.
Part 3	3 – Premises Details

- 10. Proposed trading name to be used at the premises (if known): Little Vegas
- 11. Address of the premises (or, if none, give a description of the premises and their location):

Postcode: N22 6BH

- Telephone number at premises (if known): [\*\*\*\*\*]
- If the premises are in only a part of a building, please describe the nature of the building (for example, a shopping centre or office block). The description should include the number of floors within the building and the floor(s) on which the premises are located.

#### Ground floor retail, two floors of residential above and retail either side

- 14(a) Are the premises situated in more than one licensing authority area? **No**
- 14(b) If the answer to question 14(a) is yes, please give the names of all the licensing authorities within whose area the premises are partly located, other than the licensing authority to which this application is made:

[\*\*\*\*\*]

# Page 11

Part 4	– Times	C $\cap$		•
	_ IImac	$\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{I}}$	noroi	$\mathbf{T}$

- 15(a) Do you want the licensing authority to exclude a default condition so that the premises may be used for longer periods than would otherwise be the case? **No**
- 15(b) If the answer to question 15(a) is yes, please complete the table below to indicate the times when you want the premises to be available for use under the premises licence.

	Start	Finish	Details of any seasonal variation
Mon	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[****]
Tues	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[****]
Wed	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[****]
Thurs	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[****]
Fri	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[****]
Sat	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[****]
Sun	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[*****]

If you wish to apply for a premises licence with a condition restricting gambling to specific periods in a year, please state the periods below using calendar dates:

[\*\*\*\*\*]

#### Part 5 - Miscellaneous

17	Proposed commencement date for licence (leave blank if you want the licence to commence as soon as it is issued): ASAP
18(a)	Does the application relate to premises which are part of a track or other sporting venue which already has a premises licence? <b>No</b>
18(b)	If the answer to question 18(a) is yes, please confirm by ticking the box that an application to vary the main track premises licence has been submitted with this application.
19(a)	Do you hold any other premises licences that have been issued by this licensing authority?
	No
19(b)	If the answer to question 19(a) is yes, please provide full details:

Please set out any other matters which you consider to be relevant to your application:

#### Part 6 – Declarations and Checklist (Please tick)

I/ We confirm that, to the best of my/ our knowledge, the information contained in this application is true. I/ We understand that it is an offence under section 342 of the Gambling Act 2005 to give information which is false or misleading in, or in relation to, this application.

 $\boxtimes$ 

 $\boxtimes$ 

 $\boxtimes$ 

 $\boxtimes$ 

 $\bowtie$ 

I/ We confirm that the applicant(s) have the right to occupy the premises.

Checklist:

• Payment of the appropriate fee has been made/is enclosed

• A plan of the premises is enclosed

• I/ we understand that if the above requirements are not complied with the

application may be rejected

I/ we understand that it is now necessary to advertise the application and

give the appropriate notice to the responsible authorities

# Part 7 – Signatures

21 Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent. If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity:

Signature:

Print Name: Woods Whur 2014 Limited

Date: 11.02.2021 Capacity: Solicitors for the Applicant

For joint applications, signature of 2nd applicant, or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent. If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity:

Signature:

Print Name: [\*\*\*\*\*]

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy) Capacity: [\*\*\*\*]

#### **Part 8 – Contact Details**

- 23(a) Please give the name of a person who can be contacted about the application: Paddy Whur
- 23(b) Please give one or more telephone numbers at which the person identified in question 23(a) can be contacted: 01132343055
- 24 Postal address for correspondence associated with this application:

Woods Whur 2014 Limited

St James House

28 Park Place

Leeds

Postcode: LS1 2SP

If you are happy for correspondence in relation to your application to be sent via e-mail, please give the e-mail address to which you would like correspondence to be sent: paddy@woodswhur.co.uk

Form A

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

This notice is issued in accordance with regulations made under section 160 of the Gambling Act 2005

Notice is hereby given that Chongie Entertainment Limited

of the following address:

3-5 Wardour Street, London W1D 6PB

who applied for an operating licence on 21 September 2020

has made an application for an Adult Gaming Centre premises licence.

The application relates to the following premises: 17 High Road, Wood Green N22 6BH

The application for a premises licence has been made to the following licensing authority: London Borough of Haringey, Licensing Team, Level 1 North - River Park House, 225 High Road, London

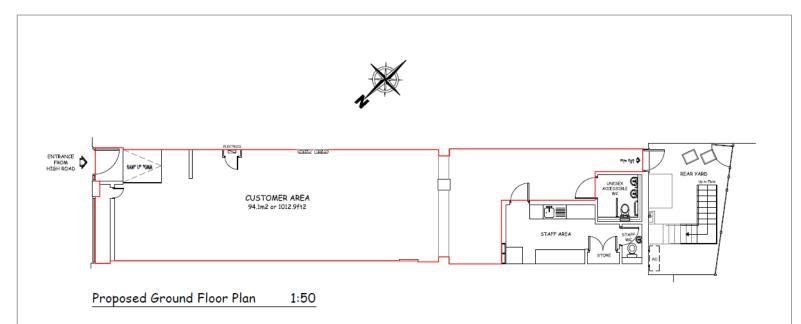
Postcode N22 8HQ

Website https://www.haringey.gov.uk

Information about the application is available from the licensing authority, including the arrangements for viewing the details of the application.

The following person connected with the applicant is able to give further information about the application: Paddy Whur, Woods Whur 2014 Limited, St James House, 28 Park Place, Leeds LS1 2SP

Any representations under section 161 of the Gambling Act 2005 must be made no later than the following date: 10 March 2021





Location Plan 1:1250

#### GAMBLING ACT 2005 LICENSING PLAN

Anything shown on plan that is not required by The Gambling Act 2005 (Premises Licences and Provisional Statements) Regulation 2007 is for illustrative purposes only and does not form part of the premises licence.

Area in which facilities will be provided for gaming





Premises: 17 High Road, Wood Green N22 6BH

Premises Licence Number: TBC

Company Details: Chongie Entertainment Limited,

3-5 Wardour St, London

Operating Licence Number: TBC

Date Assessment: January 2021

**Assessor:** 

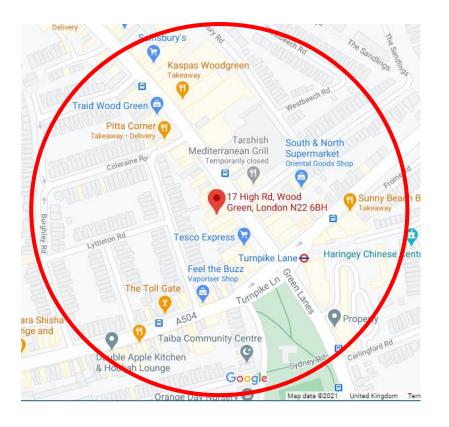
Sources Utilised: Gambling Local Area Profile January 2019

(London Borough of Haringey), The London

**Borough of Haringey Statement of Gambling** 

police 2019-2022, relevant guidance from the

**Gambling Commission, Open source** 



**Area Profile:** 

These premises are situated on the High Street in Wood Green, on the site of the old William Hill Betting Shop. Haringey is a London Borough to the north of the capital and is a well-connected hub of activity. Around half of its population are

from ethnic minority backgrounds and there is almost a 50/50 split male and female.

The machine mix is to be determined and will be supplied by a company licensed by the Gambling Commission.

Licensing Objective		Risks	Existing Control Measures	Level of Risk of Occurrence / Manageability
1.1	Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling	There are no schools or educational facilities within a 200m radius of the premises  The following are within 400m:  • English School Turnpike Ln, Hornsey, London N8 0DY  OTHER:  Student accommodation:  • TripAngle Homestay, Host Family, Residences, Host Families students in London 27 Westbury Ave, Wood Green, London N22 6BS  Family Services  • John Scott Health Centre Green Lanes, Hornsey, London N4 2NU  Job / Recruitment Agencies  There are no job or recruitment agencies within a 200m radius of the premises  Community centres  • Burghley Road Under 5s Community Centre 23 1/2 Burghley Rd, Wood Green, London N8 0QE	<ul> <li>Signage &amp; window display not to attract under 18s, and advice under 18's access is prohibited.</li> <li>Regular patrols of the premises, to identify any vulnerable and children</li> <li>Posters, 'Stay in Control' leaflets and GamCare leaflets will be on display (near toilets as well as in the main trading area)</li> <li>Staff will ensure a stock of leaflets (stay in control, self-exclusion &amp; Gamcare) through weekly checks of stock</li> <li>GamCare notices with contact number clearly displayed on machines</li> <li>Self-exclusion system in place provided by BACTA</li> <li>Photo equipment available for self-exclusions</li> <li>CCTV coverage of all public areas, all entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions with ability for management to review remotely online.</li> <li>Premises laid out to avoid blind spots</li> <li>Entrance readily visible from throughout the premises to allow customer</li> </ul>	High of Occurrence Initially , Low of not Managing

- Haringey Chinese Centre 211 Langham Rd, Wood Green, London N15 3LH
- Taiba Community Centre 30 Willoughby Rd, Hornsey, London N8 0JG

#### **Youth Centres**

• There are no youth centres within 200m of the premises

#### Fast food

- New Capital Kebab London 2 Turnpike Ln, Hornsey, London N8 OPX
- NAPOLI PIZZA & KEBABS 12 Turnpike Ln, Hornsey, London N8 0PT
- Selekt Chicken 16 Turnpike Ln, Wood Green, London N8 0PT
- Raza Spice 15 Turnpike Ln, Hornsey, London N8 0EP
- Roosters Piri Piri 6 High Rd, Hornsey, London N22 6BX
- Tennessee Fried Chicken 278 Langham Rd, London N15 3NP
- Subway 15, The High Road Wood Green, Wood Green, London N22 6BH
- Greggs 29 High Rd, Hornsey, London N22 6BH
- Pitta Corner

#### **Banks/Building Society**

- Nationwide Building Society 25 High Rd, Wood Green, London N22 6BH
- Santander 28 High Rd, Hornsey, London N22 6BQ
- Jamaica National Building Society 8
   Turnpike Ln, Greater, Hornsey, London

- monitoring
- Monitoring customers as they leave the premises
- Machines to be properly labelled

#### The Operation:

- Staff will patrol and supervise the whole of the premises, with particular care in identifying vulnerable
- Regular Test Purchasing
- "Know Your Customer" in place, developing customer interaction policies
   procedures (importance of behaviour, time and spend limits)
- Staff monitors customer activity and behaviour to interact early to recognise customer with potential gambling issues.
- Staff to be aware of the importance of social responsibility, the causes and consequences of gambling
- Adequate staffing levels to be maintained at all times
- Return the stake/retain the prize
- Staff will review self-excluded data to ensure continued exclusion
- Sharing of information by staff regarding concerns about customers
- Mystery shopper tests by BACTA

N8 OPT

#### Leisure, Sports Centres, cinemas

There are no leisure facilities within a 200m radius

#### Care Homes:

There are no care homes within a 200m radius

#### **Hospitals**

There are no hospitals within a 200m radius

#### **GP/Medical Centres**

- Millennium Dental Practice 41
   Willoughby Rd, Hornsey, London N8 0JG
- The Dental Design Studio 7A High Rd, Hornsey, London N22 6BH

#### Mental Health:

There are no mental health centres within a 200m radius

#### **Addiction/Recovery Centres**

There are no addiction or recovery centres within a 200m radius

#### **Hostels/Shelters**

There are no hostels or shelters within a 200m radius

#### Food banks

#### Age Verification procedures:

- Implementation of the BACTA Toolkit Policies & Procedures including Think / Challenge 25
- Anyone reluctant in providing identification or demonstrating suspicious behaviour will trigger further investigation. Incident to be logged and customer removed from the area.
- Age verification incident report (log)
  maintained on licensed premises and
  reviewed on regular basis by team staff
  members & Compliance Manager

#### **Staff Training:**

- Training of staff with 6 monthly refreshers/ local area profile/licence conditions
- Training and guidance is provided to staff members regarding customer interaction and the implementation of the ID verification procedure.
- Staff to be trained in Safeguarding Policy
- Staff to be aware of refusing customers entry due to alcohol or drugs

		There are no food banks within a 200m radius  Loan Shops, Pawn Brokers  There are loan shops or pawn brokers within a 200m radius  Parks/Playgrounds  Ducketts Common Harringay N15 3DX  Religious buildings  Kingdom of God Living Ministries 42	<ul> <li>Staff to be trained on Anti Money         Laundering, Proceeds of Crime nad         Suspicious Behavior</li> <li>Staff to be trained to look out for signs         of aggressive behaviour or problem play</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Whymark Ave, Noel Park, London N22 6DJ</li> <li>UCKG HelpCentre 54A High Rd, Hornsey, London N22 6BX</li> <li>Taiba Mosque Complex Community Centre 30 Willoughby Rd, Harringay, London N8 0JG</li> </ul>		
		New Development or Shopping centres  There does not appear to be any new developments in the area. There are no shopping centres within 200m of the premises.		
1.2	Preventing Gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime	LOCALITY  There are 3 betting shops within 200m:  • Bet Fred 679 Green Lanes, Hornsey, London N8 0QY  • Paddy Power 33 High Rd, Hornsey, London N22 6BH  • Ladbrokes 13 High Rd N22 6BH	CCTV coverage of all public areas, all entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions with ability for management	

There are 2 AGCs within 200 metres

- Admiral 9 High Rd N22 6BH
- Cashino 91 High Rd N22 6BB

There a 0 casinos.

There are several premises licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 within distance, including:

> • Shiii - Shisha Lounge / Café 31 Westbury Ave, Wood Green, London N22 6BS

Several premises are not operating at the time of this risk assessment due to Covid-19.

#### **LOCAL AREA PROFILE**

#### **Population**

- Haringey has a total population of 254,900. 49.5% of the population are male and 50.5% are female Around half of the population come from ethnic minorities.
- 63,400 of the population are aged between 0 and 19. This is 24.9% of the total population. (2011 Census)

#### Footfall

Haringey is a gateway to central London and there is a tube station nearby

#### Deprivation

- Haringey is ranked the 4<sup>th</sup> most deprived authorities in the country
- In 2019, this area was ranked 12,975 out of 32,844 LSOAs in England

to review remotely online.

Toughened/laminated glass to front window

#### The Operation

- Toilets to have a maglock fitted
- Machine door opening keys only available to management
- Log visits by Police, Local Authority and **Gambling Commission officers**
- Review unusual patterns of play (as per PoCA), 'non-regular' players and consider exclusion/reporting
- Exclude badly behaved customers and look out for problem behaviour or aggression
- Maintain contact with local traders and Police, including working with police to combat local issues
- Limited staff floats
- CCTV coverage over all cash transactions
- Full machine audit on all machines on a weekly basis – ad hoc spot-check in case of any suspicion
- Gaming machines are supplied and maintained by businesses licensed by the Gambling Commission
- Company registered to receive crime bulletins from BACTA.

Medium of Occurrence Initially / Low of not Managing (2019 IMD)

#### Unemployment

- There are approximately 8,200 businesses employing 64,700 people
- The unemployment rate is considered to be above average

#### Crime

- Noel Park is an area which has been identified by the council as having a high number of crimes relating to betting shops
- In December 2020 the following crimes were the most prevelant (www.police.uk)
   Anti-Social Behaviour (62)
   Theft from the person (47)
   Other theft (42)
   Vehicle Crime (34)

#### TRANSPORT & CAR PARK FACILITIES

The premises are on transport routes.

- Turnpike Lane Tube Station
- Bury Road Multi-Storey Car Park
   Bury Rd, Wood Green, London N22
   6JA
- Several bus stops

#### **Staff Training**

17 High Road, Wood Green

- Social Responsibility training and incident recording logs available to all staff.
- Staff trained to look out for unusual/dyed notes
- Staff & management to be alert to customers exchanging large volumes of paper notes for alternative denominations
- Staff to be alert to customer redeeming stake with little or no play
- Staff trained about AML basics, strange transaction behaviour
- Extra Training and guidance is provided to staff members regarding Anti-Social Behaviour
- Staff fully trained how to deal with homeless people seeking refuge
- Staff to be trained on local area risk assessment

#### **Customer Interaction and Monitoring**

- Suspicious activity to be written down in the log
- Customer interaction may provide knowledge of criminal background and/or association leading to closer security and monitoring of such a

			<ul> <li>Customers are efficiently monitored throughout the time they are on the premises to ensure prevention of machine related crime (money laundering).</li> <li>Knowledge activity to be handed over to Nominated Officer who will then report to NCA</li> </ul>
1.3	Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way	EQUIPMENT  Information must be clearly displayed  Maintenance to reduce potential issues  Compliance  PREMISES  Promotions  Advertising  CUSTOMERS  Treatment of customers  Complaints	<ul> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Machines only obtained from licensed suppliers</li> <li>Machines to be properly labelled</li> <li>Implementation of the BACTA Toolkit policies</li> <li>Machines to be maintained/serviced regularly / turned off if a fault occurs</li> <li>Procedure for making refunds</li> <li>Details of machine operation and winning</li> </ul>

		combinations to be clearly shown on	
		machines	
		Duamiaaa	
		Premises	Low / Low
		Clear terms & conditions provided within the	•
		licensed premises.	
		Any promotions or advertising to be ASA and	
		LCCP compliant	
		Staff Training	
		Training of staff with 6 monthly refreshers	
		Staff to have full understanding of stakes	
		and prizes, and odds associated with each	
		machine.	
		Customers	
		Review advertising material and promotions	
		for compliance with LCCP	
		Complaints policy visibly displayed for	
		customer information. All complaints to be	
		fully investigated in accordance with policy	
		and referred to nominated ADR 3rd party as	
		required	
		Suitable public liability Insurance	
		Council conditions openly displayed	
		Regular Compliance Audits	
 1	<u> </u>		

Licensing Objective	Risks	Existing Control Measures	Level of Risk of Occurrence / Manageability
2.1 Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling	<ul><li>U18s entering</li><li>Problem Gambling</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Equipment and Operation</li> <li>Machines to be properly labelled</li> <li>Staffing levels will be risk assessed to ensure they reflect any risk to staff, customers and promotion of the licensing objectives</li> <li>There would be no advertising locally. As part of the Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice issued by the Gambling Commission         <ul> <li>Any Media displayed on the premises will comply with LCCP: Social responsibility code</li> <li>5.1.6 (Compliance with advertising codes)</li> <li>The advertising of gambling products and services must be undertaken in a socially responsible manner and we must comply with the UK Advertising Codes issued by the Committees of Advertising Practice (CAP) and administered by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA). Advertising on the premises will not differ from that of any other Adult Gaming Centre premises in Haringey.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Premises         <ul> <li>CCTV coverage of all public areas, all entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Low/Low considering design features

			with ability for management to review remotely online.  Premises laid out to avoid blind spots  Ensure entrance readily visible from throughout the premises  Signage & window display not to attract under 18s, and advise under 18's access is prohibited.  The entrance layout to enable staff to monitor those entering the premises	
2.2	Preventing Gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime	CUSTOMERS Customer behaviour  PREMISES Layout to be considered:	<ul> <li>Staff Training</li> <li>Full Staff training on Money Laundering and the</li> <li>Proceeds of Crime Act as well as customer behaviour, particularly suspicious or aggressive customers</li> <li>Premises and Operation</li> <li>CCTV coverage of all public areas, all entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions with ability for management to review remotely online.</li> <li>Regular patrols of the premises, including external areas to identify any vulnerable and children</li> <li>Monitoring of customers as they leave the</li> </ul>	Low/Low considering design features

			premises  Design out crime to be implemented  Toughened/laminated glass to front window  Mag Lock on front door  Timer locked safe  Intruder alarm installed and regularly serviced  Panic Button linked to Police
2.3	Ensuring that gambling	PREMISES	Premises
	is conducted in a fair	• Promotions	CCTV coverage of all public areas, office,
	and open way	Advertising	frontage and rear door with recording device
			and ability for management to review
		EQUIPMENT	remotely online
		Information clearly displayed	Clear terms & conditions provided within the
		<ul><li>Maintenance</li><li>Compliance</li></ul>	licensed premises.
		·	
			Equipment
			Machines only obtained from licensed     suppliers
			Machines to be properly labelled
			Implementation of the BACTA Toolkit
			policies Low / Low
			Machines to be maintained/serviced
			regularly
			Machines to be turned off should a fault
			occur
			Procedure for making refunds
	1		'

	Details of machine operation and winning combinations to be clearly shown on machines
	Customers  • Complaints policy visibly displayed for
	customer information. All complaints to be fully investigated in accordance with policy and referred to nominated ADR 3rd party as
	required  • Suitable public liability Insurance  • Council conditions openly displayed
	Regular Compliance Audits

Appendix 2 – Gambling Commission Guidance to Local Authorities (Summary of Machine Provisions by Premises)

# **Summary of Machine Provisions by Premises**

	Machine Category									
Premises type	Α	B1	B2	B3		B4		С	D	
Large casino					Maximum	of 150	mach	ines		
(machine/table ratio of		Any combination of machines in categories B to D within the total limit of								
5-1 up to maximum)		150 (subject to machine/table ratio)								
Small casino					Maximun	n of 80 r	machii	nes		
(machine/table ratio of		Any combination of machines in categories B to D within the total limit of								
2-1 up to maximum)	80 (subject to machine/table ratio)									
Pre-2005 Act casino	, i						nber of C or D			
(no machine/table ratio)		machines instead								
Betting premises										
and tracks occupied		Maximum of 4 machines categories B2 to D								
by pool betting										
Bingo premises				Maximum of 20% of the						
			total number of gaming					No limit on category C		
			machines which are					or D machines		
					e for use on					
			premises categories B3							
Adult coming contro			or B4** Maximum of 20% of the							
Adult gaming centre			total number of gaming machines which are available for use on the				No limit on category C or D machines			
					s categories					
				or B4**						
Family entertainment										
centre (with premises									nit on category C	
licence)								OI	r D machines	
Family entertainment									No limit on	
centre (with permit)									category D	
Oluba anali i			-					]	machines	
Clubs or miners'					N4- ·	eximum of 3 machines in categories B3A				
welfare institute (with										
permits)  Qualifying alcohol-		-		+	(0)	(only one may be of B3A) or B4 to D*  1 or 2 machines of category				
licensed premises									c upon notification	
Qualifying alcohol-						0			f category C-D	
licensed premises									as specified on	
(with gaming machine									ermit	
permit)								F	•	
Travelling fair									No limit on	
									category D	
									machines	
		B1	B2	B3	B4		С		D	

<sup>\*</sup> It should be noted that members' clubs and miners' welfare institutes are entitled to site a total of three machines in categories B3A to D but only one B3A machine can be sited as part of this entitlement. Commercial clubs are entitled to a total of three machines in categories B4 to D.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Adult gaming centre and bingo premises are entitled to make available a number of Category B gaming machines not exceeding 20% of the total number of gaming machines which are available or use on the premises. Premises in existence before 13 July 2011 are entitled to make available four (adult gaming centre premises) or eight (bingo premises) category B gaming machines, or 20% of the total number of gaming machines, whichever is the greater. Adult gaming centre premises and bingo premises licences granted on or after 13 July 2011 but before 1 April 2014 are entitled to a maximum of four or eight category B gaming machines or 20% of the total number of gaming machines, whichever is the greater; from 1 April 2014 these premises will be entitled to 20% of the total number of gaming machines only. But not B3A machines.

Appendix 3 – Gambling Commission Guidance to Local Authorities – Part 9, Premises Licence Conditions

#### App 3

#### **GAMBLING COMMISSION GUIDANCE**

#### 1 - Introduction

- **9.1** The Act provides that licences may be subject to conditions in a number of ways:
  - they may attach automatically, having been set out on the face of the Act
  - they may attach through regulations made by the Secretary of State or Scottish Ministers
  - they may be attached to operating and personal licences by the Commission
  - they may be attached to premises licences by licensing authorities.
- **9.2** Conditions may sometimes be general in nature attaching to all licences or all licences of a particular class, or they may be specific to a particular licence.
- **9.3** Conditions on premises licences should relate only to gambling, as considered appropriate in the light of the principles to be applied by licensing authorities under s.153. Accordingly, if the Commission's Licence conditions and codes of practice (LCCP) or other legislation places particular responsibilities or restrictions on an employer or the operator of premises, it is not appropriate to impose the same through conditions on a premises licence.

# 2 - Conditions and authorisations by virtue of the Act

**9.4** The following paragraphs set out specific sections of the Act that provide for conditions to be attached automatically to premises licences, or for authorisations to be granted automatically. The Secretary of State/Scottish Ministers may make regulations requiring these conditions to be set out on the premises licence, and there is no discretion to decide not to include them or to modify them. The table after paragraph 9.18 summarises which sections of the Act apply to which types of premises licences.

# S.172 – number of gaming machines

**9.5** S.172 provides for premises licences to permit a specified number of gaming machines of particular categories in each type of gambling premises. These permissions are set out in detail in Part 16 of this guidance.

# S.173 – betting on virtual events

**9.6** S.173 authorises the holder of a casino premises licence or a betting premises licence to make facilities available for betting on virtual events. This is separate from betting on virtual events by means of a gaming machine. It is intended to cover facilities such as virtual horse and greyhound racing which are person-to-person transactions, involving virtual images that are not displayed on a machine.

# S.174 – gambling in addition to casino games

- **9.7** S.174 authorises the holder of a casino premises licence for a small or large casino to make available the following types of gambling in addition to casino games:
  - equal chance games
  - betting but not in pre-2005 Act casinos with grandfather rights and only with a betting operating licence
  - bingo but only in large casinos and only with a bingo operating licence.
- **9.8** For the purposes of the Act, equal chance games are ones which do not involve playing or staking against a bank and in which the chances are equally favourable to all players. Licensing authorities must not restrict the equal chance gaming available nor prohibit casino games that have not been prohibited by the Commission. Part 17 of this guidance provides details of the casino games authorised by the Commission.

# S.176 – access by children and young persons to casinos

- **9.9** S.176 requires the Commission to issue at least one code of practice about access to casino premises for children and young persons. In particular, the code must:
  - specify steps that the premises licence holder must take to ensure that under-18s do
    not enter casino premises, including ensuring that each entrance to the casino is
    supervised by at least one person who is responsible for compliance with the code of
    practice
  - require that, unless the supervisor is certain that a person seeking admittance is an adult, evidence of age must be provided by those seeking to enter the casino or gambling area.
- **9.10** S.176 makes it a condition of the premises licence that the licensee must comply with the code of practice issued by the Commission. Licensing authorities should note that the requirement under s.176 for supervision at each entrance is separate to any other condition that may be attached relating to 'door supervision' more generally.

# S.177 – giving of credit

- **9.11** S.177 attaches a condition to casino premises licences and bingo premises licences that prohibits the licensee from:
  - giving credit in connection with the gambling taking place on the premises
  - participating in, arranging, permitting or knowingly facilitating the giving of credit in connection with the gambling on the premises.
- **9.12** However, s.177 does not prevent the licensee from contracting a third party to install cash dispensers (ATMs) on their premises, which may accept both credit and debit cards. Such an arrangement is subject to requirements that the premises licence holder has no other commercial connection in relation to gambling with the provider of the ATMs (aside from the agreement to site the machines), does not profit from the arrangement, and does not make any payment in connection with the machines. All premises licences also include a mandatory condition which requires that any ATM made available for use on the premises must be located in a place that requires any customer who wishes to use it to cease gambling in order

# Page 34

to do so (Part 1(5) of The Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) Regulations).

**9.13** S.177 deals with the prohibition of credit in respect of casino and bingo premises licences. However equivalent prohibitions are placed on bingo and casino operating licences, as set out in s.81 of the Act, credit and inducements.

# S.178 – door supervision

**9.14** If a licensing authority attaches a condition relating to door supervision, and the person carrying out those duties are required by the Private Security Industry Act 2001 (opens in new tab) (PSIA) to hold a licence, s. 178 of the Gambling Act 2005 (opens in new tab) prescribes that the requirement under PSIA will be treated as if it were a condition of the premises licence. There is, however, an exemption from the PSIA licensing requirement for in-house employees working as door supervisors at casino and bingo premises, details of which can be found in Part 33 of this guidance.

**9.15** S.178 defines door supervision as requiring someone to be responsible for 'guarding the premises against unauthorised access or occupation, against outbreaks of disorder or against damage'.

# S.179 – pool betting

**9.16** S.179 provides that a betting premises licence in respect of a track may not authorise pool betting to take place, other than in respect of dog or horse racing and only where the acceptance of bets is by the holder of the betting premises licence, or in accordance with arrangements made by them. In the case of dog racing, this preserves the existing arrangements at dog tracks where the totalisator is operated by or on behalf of the occupier of the track.

# S.182 – access by children and young persons to tracks

**9.17** S.182 applies only to a betting premises licences in respect of tracks. It requires the licensee to ensure that children and young persons are excluded from any area in which facilities for betting are provided and from any area where a gaming machine (other than a category D gaming machine) is situated. The exception to this, for betting areas only, is on race days at dog and horse racing tracks, that is on those days when racing occurs or is expected to take place. In those cases, under-18s may have access to betting areas but licensing authorities should note that this exception does not affect the prohibition on betting by children and young persons.

# S.183 – Christmas day

**9.18** S.183 applies a condition to all premises licences that facilities for gambling must not be provided on Christmas day, namely the period of 00.01 hours on 25 December until 00.00 hours on 26 December.

# **Section of the Act**

Type of premises licence	s.172	s.173	s.174	s.176	s.177	s.178	s.179	s.182	s.183
All premises licences	X					X			X
Bingo premises licences					X				
Casino premises licences		X		X	X				
Small casinos			X						
Large casinos			X						
Betting premises licences		X							
Betting premises licence in respect of a track							X	X	

# 3 - Conditions attached through regulations made by the Secretary of State or Scottish Ministers – all premises

**9.19** The Secretary of State and Scottish Ministers have set out conditions to be attached to all premises licences in the Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 (opens in new tab) (SI 2007/1409), and the Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (opens in new tab) (SSI 2007/266).

- **9.20** Conditions under these regulations fall into two categories:
  - mandatory conditions made under s.167 of the Act that must be attached to premises licences
  - default conditions made under s.168 of the Act, that attach to the premises licence unless the licensing authority decides to exclude them, using its powers under s.169.
- **9.21** Licensing authorities should note that mandatory conditions made under these regulations are set with the intention that no further regulation in relation to that matter is required. Therefore, it is extremely unlikely that licensing authorities will need to impose individual conditions in relation to matters that are already dealt with by mandatory conditions. Licensing authorities should only consider doing so where there are regulatory concerns of an exceptional nature, and any additional licence conditions must relate to the licensing objectives.
- **9.22** Mandatory conditions applying to all premises licences are set out at paragraph 9.25 onwards. In addition, there are mandatory conditions that relate to particular category of premises licences. Details of these can be found in Parts 17 to 22 of this guidance.
- **9.23** Licensing authorities have more flexibility in relation to default conditions and may exclude a default condition and substitute it with one that is either more or less restrictive. Licensing authorities should note, however, that default conditions are intended to reflect normal industry operating practices. In circumstances where default conditions are excluded, the Commission would generally expect them to be replaced by other conditions, given the requirements of s.153. Where the condition is more restrictive, the licensing authority should ensure that they have clear regulatory reasons for doing so.
- **9.24** Default conditions under the regulations set out above relate to particular categories of premises licence and details can be found in Parts 17 to 22 of this guidance.

### **Mandatory conditions**

- **9.25** The following mandatory conditions apply to all premises licences:
  - the summary of the premises licence issued by the licensing authority must be displayed in a prominent place on the premises. In England and Wales this must include a summary of the terms and conditions of the premises licence.
  - the layout of the premises must be maintained in accordance with the plan that forms part of the premises licence.

- neither National Lottery products nor tickets in a private or customer lottery may be sold on the premises in England and Wales. Sale of National Lottery and private lottery tickets are prohibited in Scotland.
- **9.26** There are also mandatory conditions attaching to each type of premises licence controlling access between premises. There can be no direct access between one premises licensed under the Act and another premises licensed under the Act, with the following exceptions:
  - between licensed betting premises
  - between bingo premises and alcohol-licensed premises/clubs with a club gaming or club machine permit/family entertainment centres (FECs) and tracks
  - between tracks and alcohol-licensed premises/clubs with a club gaming or club machine permit/FECs/betting premises and bingo premises
  - between FECs and alcohol-licensed premises/bingo halls/clubs with club gaming or club machine permit and tracks.

#### **Default conditions**

- **9.27** S.169 of the Act gives licensing authorities:
  - the ability to exclude from premises licences any default conditions that have been imposed under s.168
  - the power to impose conditions on premises licences that they issue.
- **9.28** Licensing authorities should make decisions on conditions on a case-by-case basis, and in the context of the principles of s.153. They must aim to permit the use of premises for gambling and so should not attach conditions that limit their use except where it is necessary in accordance with the licensing objectives, the Commission's codes of practice and this guidance, or their own statement of policy. Conversely, licensing authorities should not turn down applications for premises licences where relevant objections can be dealt with through the use of conditions.
- **9.29** Licensing authority statements of policy will need to consider the local circumstances which might give rise to the need for conditions. Where there are specific risks associated with a particular locality, the licensing authority might decide to attach conditions to the premises licence to mitigate those risks. For example, local issues associated with a high crime rate may put a premises at risk of not being consistent with the licensing objectives, and specific conditions may be necessary to address the risk.
- **9.30** Where there are risks associated with a specific premises or class or premises, the licensing authority may consider it necessary to attach conditions to the licence to address those risks, taking account of the local circumstances.
- **9.31** Conditions imposed by the licensing authority must be proportionate to the circumstances which they are seeking to address. In particular, licensing authorities should ensure that the premises licence conditions are:
  - relevant to the need to make the proposed building suitable as a gambling facility

- directly related to the premises (including the locality and any identified local risks) and the type of licence applied for
- fairly and reasonably related to the scale and type of premises
- reasonable in all other respects.

# 4 - Conditions that may not be attached to premises licences by licensing authorities

**9.32** The Act sets out certain matters that may not be the subject of conditions:

- s.169(4) prohibits a licensing authority from imposing a condition on a premises licence which makes it impossible to comply with an operating licence condition
- s.172(10) provides that conditions may not relate to gaming machine categories, numbers, or method of operation
- s.170 provides that membership of a club or body cannot be required by attaching a condition to a premises licence (the Act specifically removed the membership requirement for casino and bingo clubs and this provision prevents it being reinstated)
- s.171 prevents a licensing authority imposing conditions in relation to stakes, fees, winnings or prizes.

Appendix 4 – Gambling Commission Guidance to Local Authorities – Part 21, Adult Gaming Centres and Mandatory Conditions

# App 4 Part 21 from the Gambling Commission Guidance

# Adult Gaming centre – Sector guidance 1 - Introduction

**21.1** Persons operating an adult gaming centre (AGC) must hold a gaming machines general operating licence (adult gaming centre) from the Commission and a premises licence from the relevant licensing authority. They are able to make category B, C and D gaming machines available.

### 2 - Protection of children and young persons

**21.2** No-one under the age of 18 is permitted to enter an AGC. The Act sets outs offences at s.46 ands.47 of inviting, causing or permitting a child or young person to gamble, or to enter certain gambling premises. In addition, Social Responsibility (SR) code 3.2.3(3) in the Licence conditions and codes of practice (LCCP) states that 'licensees must ensure that their policies and procedures take account of the structure and layout of their gambling premises in order to prevent underage gambling'.

**21.3** Licensing authorities will wish to have particular regard to the location of and entry to AGCs to minimise the opportunities for under-18s to gain access. This may be of particular importance in areas where young people may be unsupervised for example, where an AGC is in a complex, such as a shopping centre or airport. Licensing authorities should consider whether their statement of policy can be used to reflect such locally based considerations.

#### 3 - Self-exclusion

**21.4** Social Responsibility Code Provision 3.5.6 requires that all non-remote casino and bingo and betting licences (except those at a track) and holders of gaming machine general operating licences for adult gaming centres must offer self-exclusion schemes to customers requesting such a facility. There is also an Ordinary Code provision at 3.5.7. The full details can be found within the LCCP<sup>18</sup>.

# 4 - Gaming machines

**21.5** Gaming machine provisions by premises are set out at Appendix A. S.172(1) of the Act, as amended, provides that the holder of an AGC premises licence may make available for use a number of category B gaming machines not exceeding 20% of the total number of gaming machines which are available for use on the premises and any number of category C or D machines. For example, a premises with a total of 25 gaming machines available for use can make five or fewer category B3 gaming machines available on those premises.

**21.6** Premises subject to a licence granted before 13 July 2011 are entitled to make available four category B3/B4 gaming machines, or 20% of the total number of gaming machines, whichever is the greater. AGC premises licences granted on or after 13 July 2011 are entitled to 20% of the total number of gaming machines only. Regulations specify that the category B machines should be restricted to sub-category B3 and B4 machines, but not B3A machines (S1



# Page 41

2158 The Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations 2007 (opens in new tab)). Licensing authorities should ensure that gambling machines are made available for use in a manner consistent with our guidance within Part 16. For the purpose of calculating the category B machine entitlement in gambling premises, gaming machines should only be counted if they can be played simultaneously by different players without physical hindrance. This includes tablets.

**21.7** Where the operator of an existing AGC premises licence applies to vary the licence and acquire additional AGC premises licences - so that the area that was the subject of a single licence will become divided between a number of separate licensed premises - each separate licensed premises must only contain the permitted machine entitlement. For example, where two separate AGC premises have been created adjacent to each other by splitting a pre-existing premises, it is not permissible to locate eight category B3 gaming machines in one of the resulting premises and none in the other, as the gaming machine entitlement for that premises would be exceeded. Part 7 explains in greater detail what constitutes premises.

## 5 - AGC premises licence conditions

**21.8** Part 9 of this guidance discusses the mandatory and default conditions that attach to premises licences. Currently there are no default conditions specific to AGCs.

### **Mandatory conditions**

- **21.9** A notice must be displayed at all entrances to AGCs stating that no person under the age of 18 years will be admitted to the premises.
- **21.10** There can be no direct access between an AGC and any other premises licensed under the Act or premises with a family entertainment centre (FEC), club gaming, club machine or alcohol licensed premises gaming machine permit. (England and Wales only). There is no definition of 'direct access' in the Act or regulations, although licensing authorities may consider that there should be an area separating the premises concerned, such as a street or cafe, which the public go to for purposes other than gambling, for there to be no direct access.
- **21.11** Any ATM made available for use on the premises shall be located in a place that requires any customer who wishes to use it to cease gambling at any gaming machine in order to do so.
- **21.12** The consumption of alcohol in AGCs is prohibited at any time during which facilities for gambling are being provided on the premises. Additionally in Scotland the sale of alcohol on the premises is specifically prohibited. A notice stating this should be displayed in a prominent place at every entrance to the premises.





# Conditions and codes of practice applicable to

Gaming machine general: Adult gaming centre

licences

Gaming machine general: Family entertainment centre

licences

Including sector-specific extract of LCCP January 2020

# Page 43

# **Contents**

If using an electronic version of this document, please click on the headings to move to the relevant section or provision.

General introduction					
Part I:	Statutory conditions attached by virtue of the Act				
Part II:	Operating licence conditions	6			
1	Qualified persons and personal licences 1.1 Qualified persons 1.2 Personal licences	<b>6</b>			
4	Protection of customer funds	8			
5	Payment	8			
6	Provision of credit by licensees and the use of credit cards	9			
7	General 'fair and open' provisions	9			
12	Anti-money laundering	10			
14	Access to premises	10			
15	<ul> <li>Information requirements</li> <li>15.1 Reporting suspicion of offences etc</li> <li>15.2 Reporting key events and other reportable events</li> <li>15.3 General and Regulatory Returns</li> </ul>	<b>10</b> 10 11 14			
16	Responsible placement of digital adverts	15			

# Page 44

Part III:	Code of practice provisions				
	Introduction to code of practice	17			
1	General - Cooperation and responsibility for third parties				
2	Financial requirements - Anti-money laundering				
3	Protection of children and other vulnerable persons 3.1 Combating problem gambling 3.2 Access to gambling by children and young persons 3.3 Gambling management tools and responsible gambling information 3.4 Customer interaction 3.5 Self-exclusion 3.6 Employment of children and young persons 3.8 Money lending between customers	18 18 19 23 24 25 27 28			
4	'Fair and open' provisions	28			
5	Marketing				
6	Complaints and disputes				
7	Gambling licensees' staff				
8	Information requirements				
10	Assessing local risk				

# **General introduction**

- 1 This document sets out the Gambling Commission's general licence conditions and associated code of practice provisions (LCCP) under the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act) which are applicable to the specified sector(s).
- 2 The LCCP document sets out:

**Part I:** (in black) statutory conditions attached by virtue of the Act

Part II: (in orange) the suite of general conditions attached to

operating licences

Part III: (in blue) the principal code of practice, distinguishing

between 'social responsibility' provisions and 'ordinary' provisions (the social responsibility provisions are in shaded boxes within the text).

- An <u>index</u> to the provisions is provided at the end of this document, and if using an electronic version of this document, links are provided from both the contents and index pages to aid navigation.
- 4 Copies of LCCP can be obtained from the Commission's website: www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk or by writing to:

Gambling Commission Victoria Square House Victoria Square Birmingham B2 4BP T 0121 230 6666 F 0121 230 6720

E info@gamblingcommission.gov.uk

- The Commission also produces sector-specific extracts of LCCP and these will be made available on the website. Further information about the history of LCCP (such as the results of completed consultations) and potential future amendments to LCCP can also be found on the website.
- 6 This extract of LCCP comes into force on 1 January 2020.
- 7 Relevant requirements of the conditions and code provisions were notified in draft to the European Commission in accordance with Directive (EU) 2015/1535.

# Part I: Statutory conditions attached by virtue of the Act

### Social responsibility

This licence is subject to a condition that the licensee ensures compliance with any relevant social responsibility provision of a code of practice issued by the Commission. The social responsibility provisions that are relevant to the activities authorised by this licence are set out in the section entitled Codes of Practice (Part III).

(Sections 24 and 82(1) Gambling Act 2005)

#### Return of stakes to children: AGC

# The following condition applies to gaming machine general: adult gaming centre operating licences only

This licence is subject to a condition that if the licensee (or anyone employed by the licensee to perform an operational function within the meaning of section 80 of the Act) becomes aware that a child or young person is using or has used facilities for gambling provided in reliance on the licensee;

- (a) must return any money paid in respect of the use of those facilities (whether by way of fee, stake or otherwise) by the child or young person as soon as is reasonably practicable: and
- (b) may not give a prize to the child or young person.

This condition does not apply to use of a Category D gaming machine.

(Section 83(1))

#### Return of stakes to children: FEC

# The following condition applies to gaming machine general: family entertainment centre operating licences only

This licence is subject to a condition that if the licensee (or anyone employed by the licensee to perform an operational function within the meaning of section 80 of the Act) becomes aware that a child or young person is using or has used facilities for gambling provided in reliance on the licensee;

- (a) must return any money paid in respect of the use of those facilities (whether by way of fee, stake or otherwise) by the child or young person as soon as is reasonably practicable; and
- (b) may not give a prize to the child or young person.

This condition does not apply to use of a Category D gaming machine, or equal chance gaming.

(Section 83(1))

# Part 1: Suite of general condition to operating licences under Section 75 of the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act)

# 1 Qualified persons and personal licences

## 1.1 Qualified persons

Licence condition 1.1.1

Qualified persons – qualifying position

All operating licences, except ancillary remote licences, issued to small-scale operators

- 1 In this condition the terms 'small-scale operator', 'qualifying position' and 'qualified person' have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by the Gambling Act 2005 (Definition of Small-scale Operator) Regulations 2006.
- 2 Schedule X<sup>1</sup> lists those individuals notified to the Commission as qualified persons.
- 3 If, whilst the licensee remains a small-scale operator, an individual begins or ceases to occupy a qualifying position in relation to the licensee, the licensee must within 28 days apply to the Commission under section 104(1)(b) of the Act for amendment of the details of the licence set out in Schedule X<sup>1</sup>.
- 4 An application for amendment under section 104(1)(b) of the Act may be made in advance of an individual beginning or ceasing to occupy a qualifying position provided it specifies the date from which the change to which it relates is to be effective.
- 5 In this condition 'qualified person' has the same meaning as in the Gambling Act 2005 (Definition of Small-scale Operator) Regulations 2006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The schedules mentioned here will be attached to individual licences.

#### 1.2 Personal licences

#### Licence condition 1.2.1

Specified management offices – personal management licences All casino, bingo, general and pool betting, betting intermediary, gaming machine general, gaming machine technical, gambling software and lottery managers licences, except ancillary remote licences

- 1 Subject to 6 and 7 below, licensees must ensure:
  - a that each individual who occupies one of the management offices specified in 2 below in respect of the licensee or in connection with the licensed activities holds a personal licence authorising the performance of the functions of that office (hereafter 'a personal management licence'); and
  - b that at least one person occupies at least one of those offices
- 2 The specified management offices are those offices (whether or not held by a director in the case of a licensee which is a company, a partner in the case of a licensee which is a partnership or an officer of the association in the case of a licensee which is an unincorporated association) the occupier of which is by virtue of the terms of their appointment responsible for:
  - a the overall management and direction of the licensee's business or affairs
  - b the licensee's finance function as head of that function
  - c the licensee's gambling regulatory compliance function as head of that function
  - d the licensee's marketing function as head of that function
  - e the licensee's information technology function as head of that function in so far as it relates to gambling-related information technology and software
  - f oversight of the day to day management of the licensed activities at an identified number of premises licensed under Part 8 of the Act or across an identified geographical area
  - g in the case of casino and bingo licences only, oversight of the day to day management of a single set of premises licensed under Part 8 of the Act.
- 3 The person responsible for the licensee's gambling regulatory compliance function as head of that function shall not, except with the Commission's express approval, occupy any other specified management office.
- 4 Licensees must take all reasonable steps to ensure that anything done in the performance of the functions of a specified management office is done in accordance with the terms and conditions of the holder's personal management licence.
- Where an individual is authorised by a personal licence and that licence comes under review under section 116(2) of the Act, the operating licensee must comply with any conditions subsequently imposed on that licence by the Commission about redeployment, supervision, or monitoring of the individual's work and any requirements of the Commission in respect of such matters applicable during the period of the review.
- 6 Paragraphs 1 to 5 above shall not apply to a licensee for so long as the licensee is a 'small-scale operator' as defined in the Gambling Act 2005 (Definition of Small-scale Operator) Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations').
- 7 During the period of 3 years commencing with the date on which a licensee ceases to be a small-scale operator paragraphs 1 to 6 above shall apply subject to the proviso that the phrase 'each individual' in paragraph 1a shall not include any individual who was a 'qualified person' (as defined in the Regulations) in relation to the licensee 28 days immediately prior to the licensee ceasing to be a small-scale operator.

#### 4 Protection of customer funds

#### 4.2 Disclosure to customers

#### Licence condition 4.2.1

**Disclosure to customers** 

All operating licences, except gaming machine technical, gambling software, host, ancillary, remote bingo, and ancillary remote casino licences

- 1 Licensees who hold customer funds must set out clearly in the terms and conditions under which they provide facilities for gambling information about whether customer funds are protected in the event of insolvency, the level of such protection and the method by which this is achieved.
- 2 Such information must be according to such rating system and in such form the Commission may from time to time specify. It must be provided in writing to each customer, in a manner which requires the customer to acknowledge receipt of the information and does not permit the customer to utilise the funds for gambling until they have done so, both on the first occasion on which the customer deposits funds and on the occasion of any subsequent deposit which is the first since a change in the licensee's terms in relation to protection of suchfunds.
- In this condition 'customer funds' means the aggregate value of funds held to the credit of customers including, without limitation:
  - a cleared funds deposited with the licensee by customers to provide stakes in, or to meet participation fees in respect of, future gambling;
  - b winnings or prizes which the customer has chosen to leave on deposit with the licensee or for which the licensee has yet to account to the customer; and
  - c any crystallised but as yet unpaid loyalty or other bonuses, in each case irrespective of whether the licensee is a party to the gambling contract.

# 5 Payment

# 5.1 Cash and cash equivalents, payment methods and services

### Licence condition 5.1.1

Cash and cash equivalents

All operating licences except gaming machine technical, gambling software and host licences

- 1 Licensees, as part of their internal controls and financial accounting systems, must implement appropriate policies and procedures concerning the usage of cash and cash equivalents (eg bankers drafts, cheques and debit cards and digital currencies) by customers, designed to minimise the risk of crimes such as money laundering, to avoid the giving of illicit credit to customers and to provide assurance that gambling activities are being conducted in a manner which promotes the licensing objectives.
- 2 Licensees must ensure that such policies and procedures are implemented effectively, kept under review, and revised appropriately to ensure that they remain effective, and take into account any applicable learning or guidelines published by the Gambling Commission from time to time.

# 6 Provision of credit by licensees and the use of credit cards

#### 6.1 Provision of credit

#### Licence condition 6.1.1

Provision of credit

All gaming machine general operating licences for adult gaming centres and family entertainment centres

- 1 Licensees must neither:
  - a provide credit themselves in connection with gambling; nor
  - **b** participate in, arrange, permit or knowingly facilitate the giving of credit in connection with gambling.

# 7 General 'fair and open' provisions

# 7.1 Fair and transparent terms and practices

#### Licence condition 7.1.1

Fair and transparent terms and practices

All operating licences except gaming machine technical and gambling software licences

- Licensees must ensure that the terms on which gambling is offered, and any consumer notices relating to gambling activity, are not unfair within the meaning of the Consumer Rights Act 2015. Licensees must comply with those terms.
- The contractual terms on which gambling is offered and any notices relating to gambling activity must be transparent within the meaning of the Consumer Rights Act 2015. The contractual terms on which gambling is offered must be made available to customers in an easily accessible way.
- 3 Licensees must ensure that changes to customer contract terms comply with the fairness and transparency requirements under the Consumer Rights Act 2015. Customers must be notified of material changes before they come into effect.
- 4 Licensees must ensure that they do not commit any unfair commercial practices within the meaning of the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008, at any stage of their interactions with consumers.

# 12 Anti-money laundering

### 12.1 Prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing

Licence condition 12.1.1

**Anti-money laundering** 

Prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing

All operating licences except gaming machine technical and gambling software licences

- 1 Licensees must conduct an assessment of the risks of their business being used for money laundering and terrorist financing. Such risk assessment must be appropriate and must be reviewed as necessary in the light of any changes of circumstances, including the introduction of new products or technology, new methods of payment by customers, changes in the customer demographic or any other material changes, and in any event reviewed at least annually.
- 2 Following completion of and having regard to the risk assessment, and any review of the assessment, licensees must ensure they have appropriate policies, procedures and controls to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing.
- 3 Licensees must ensure that such policies, procedures and controls are implemented effectively, kept under review, revised appropriately to ensure that they remain effective, and take into account any applicable learning or guidelines published by the Gambling Commission from time to time.

# 14 Access to premises

# 14.1 Access to premises

Licence condition 14.1.1 Access to premises All operating licences

1 Licensees must have and put into effect policies and procedures (including staff training programmes) designed to ensure that their staff co-operate with the Commission's enforcement officers in the proper performance of their compliance functions and are made aware of those officers' rights of entry to premises contained in Part 15 of the Act.

# 15 Information requirements

# 15.1 Reporting suspicion of offences

Licence condition 15.1.1

Reporting suspicion of offences etc - non-betting licences

All operating licences except betting, betting intermediary, ancillary remote betting, betting host and remote betting intermediary (trading rooms only) licences

1 Licensees must as soon as reasonably practicable provide the Commission or ensure that the Commission is provided with any information that they know relates to or suspect may relate to the commission of an offence under the Act, including an offence resulting from a breach of a licence condition or a code provision having the effect of a licence condition.

### 15.2 Reporting key events and other reportable events

#### Licence condition 15.2.1 Reporting key events All operating licences

A key event is an event that could have a significant impact on the nature or structure of a licensee's business. Licensees must notify the Commission, or ensure the Commission is notified, in such form or manner as the Commission may from time to time specify, of the occurrence of any of the following key events as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within five working days of the licensee becoming aware of the event's occurrence<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Operator status**

In the case of licensees which are companies, a petition being presented for their winding up or the winding up of any group company of theirs, or they or any group company being placed in administration or receivership or their directors proposing to creditors a composition in satisfaction of its debts or a scheme of arrangement of its affairs.

In the case of licensees which are bodies corporate, but not companies, any event substantially equivalent to those listed at 1 above.

In the case of a licensee who is an individual (or a partner in a partnership licensee) their being presented with a petition for their bankruptcy or sequestration or their entering into an individual voluntary arrangement.

#### Relevant persons and positions

In the case of licensees who are companies or other bodies corporate having a share capital, the name and address of any person who (whether or not already a shareholder or member) becomes a shareholder or member holding 3% or more of the issued share capital of the licensee or its holding company.

Any investment in a licensee which is not by way of subscription for shares.

The taking of any loan by the licensee, or by a group company who then makes an equivalent loan to the licensee, from any person not authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority: a copy of the loan agreement must be supplied.

The entering into an arrangement whereby a third party provides services to, or grants any licence concession or permission to, the licensee other than for full value: full details of the arrangements must be supplied.

The appointment of a person to, or a person ceasing to occupy, a 'key position': a 'key position' in relation to a licensee is:

- a in the case of a small-scale operator, a 'qualifying position' as defined in the Gambling Act 2005 (Definition of Small-scale Operator) Regulations 2006
- b in the case of an operator which is not a small-scale operator, a 'specified management office' as set out in (current) LCCP licence condition 1.2
- c a position the holder of which is responsible for the licensee's anti-money laundering procedures, including suspicious activity reporting
- d any other position for the time being designated by the Commission as a 'key position'. (Notification is required whether or not the person concerned is required to hold a personal management licence and whether or not the event notified requires the licensee to apply for a variation to amend a detail of their licence.)
- 9 Any change to the structure or organisation of the licensee's business which affects a 'key position' or the responsibilities of its holder.

#### **Financial events**

- 10 Any material change in the licensee's banking arrangements, in particular the termination of such arrangements or a particular facility and whether by the licensee or the provider of the arrangements.
- 11 Any breach of a covenant given to a bank or other lender.
- 12 Any default by the licensee or, where the licensee is a body corporate, by a group company in making repayment of the whole or any part of a loan on its due date.
- Any court judgments (in whatever jurisdiction) against the licensee or, where the licensee is a body corporate, a group company, remaining unpaid 14 days after the date of judgment.
- 14 Where the licensee is required to have their accounts independently audited, any qualification to an auditors' report; and any unplanned change of auditor including a change prompted by a dispute or resulting from auditors being unable or unwilling to sign an unqualified audit report.
- 15 Any change in the licensee's arrangements for the protection of customer funds in accordance with the general licence condition 4 relating to the protection of customer funds (where applicable).
- 16 Where the licensee holds customer funds in a separate bank account, any deficit on reconciliation of such bank account.
- 17 Any change in the licensee's arrangements as to the methods by which, and/or the payment processors through which, the licensee accepts payment from customers using their gambling facilities (this key event applies to remote casino, bingo and betting operating licences, except ancillary and remote betting intermediary (trading room only) licences).

#### Legal or regulatory proceedings or reports

- 18 The grant, withdrawal or refusal of any application for a licence or other permission made by the licensee, or in the case of a licensee which is a body corporate, any group company of theirs, to a gambling regulator in another jurisdiction. In the case of a withdrawal or refusal of the application, the licensee must also notify the reasons for such withdrawal or refusal. (This condition does not apply to applications for licences or other permissions to carry on activities which would fall outside the scope of a Gambling Commission operating licence if carried out in Britain or with customers in Great Britain.)
- 19a Any investigation by a professional, statutory, regulatory or government body (in whatever jurisdiction) into the licensee's activities, or the activities in relation to the licensed entity of a personal licence holder or a person occupying a qualifying position employed by them, where such an investigation could result in the imposition of a sanction or penalty which, if imposed, could reasonably be expected to raise doubts about the licensee's continued suitability to hold a Gambling Commission licence.
- **19b** Any criminal investigation by a law enforcement agency in any jurisdiction in relation to which:
  - the licensee is involved (including, but not limited to investigations of crimes allegedly committed against the licensee or involving the gambling facilities provided under the licence), AND
  - the circumstances are such that the Commission might reasonably be expected to
    question whether the licensee's measures to keep crime out of gambling had failed.
     Notification of the event must occur as soon as practicable after the licensee becomes
    aware of any such investigation in which the licensee is involved and measures may have
    failed.
- 20 The receipt of any report from a professional, statutory or other regulatory or government body (in whatever jurisdiction) of the outcome of a compliance assessment in relation to the gambling activity of the licensee or, where the licensee is a body corporate, of any group company in which at least one person who holds a key position in or in respect of the licensee holds a key position: a copy of the report should be provided where available to the licensee.

# Page 54

- 21 The referral to the licensee's Board, or persons performing the function of an audit or risk committee, of material concerns raised by a third party (such as an auditor) about the provision of facilities for gambling which are expressed (in whatever terms) as requiring attention as a high priority: a summary of the nature of the concerns must be provided.
- 22 The imposition by the licensee of a disciplinary sanction, including dismissal, against the holder of a personal licence or a person occupying a qualifying position for gross misconduct; or the resignation of a personal licence holder or person occupying a qualifying position following commencement of disciplinary proceedings in respect of gross misconduct against that person.
- 23 The commencement (in whatever jurisdiction) of any material litigation against the licensee or, where the licensee is a body corporate, a group company: the licensee must also notify the outcome of such litigation.
- 24 The making of a disclosure pursuant to section 330, 331, 332 or 338 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 or section 19, 20, 21, 21ZA, 21ZB or 21A of the Terrorism Act 2000 (a suspicious activity report): the licensee should inform the Commission of the unique reference number issued by the United Kingdom Financial Intelligence Unit of the National Crime Agency in respect of each disclosure and for the purposes of this key event the five working day period referred to above runs from the licensee's receipt of the unique reference number. The licensee should also indicate whether the customer relationship has been discontinued at the time of the submission.

#### **Gambling facilities**

- 25a Any breach in the licensee's information security that adversely affects the confidentiality of customer data or prevents customers from accessing their accounts for longer than 24 hours.
- 25b Where a gaming system fault has resulted in under or overpayments to a player (this includes instances where a fault causes an incorrect prize/win value to be displayed).
- 26 Any change in the identity of the ADR entity or entities for the handling of customer disputes, as required by the social responsibility code provision on complaints and disputes.
- 27 The reference of a dispute to an ADR entity other than one in respect of which contact details were given in accordance with the social responsibility code provision on complaints and disputes; the reason for selection of that ADR entity should be given.
- 28 In the case of remote gambling, the commencement or cessation of trading on website domains (including mobile sites or mobile device applications) or broadcast media through which the licensee provides gambling facilities.

#### In this condition:

'body corporate' has the meaning ascribed to that term by section 1173 of the Companies Act 2006 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof

- a in respect of a company, 'holding company' and 'subsidiary' have the meaning ascribed to that term by section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof
- b a 'group company' is any subsidiary or holding company of the licensee and any subsidiary of such holding company.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Key events can be reported securely online at the Commission's website through our eServices system www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk Alternatively, for operators unable to access this system, you can report a key event by email to: <a href="mailto:key.events@gamblingcommission.gov.uk">key.events@gamblingcommission.gov.uk</a> Alternatively, for operators unable to access this system, you can report a key event by email to: <a href="mailto:key.events@gamblingcommission.gov.uk">key.events@gamblingcommission.gov.uk</a>

#### Licence condition 15.2.2 Other reportable events All operating licences

- 1 Licensees must also notify the Commission in such form or manner as the Commission may from time to time specify, or ensure that the Commission is so notified, as soon as reasonably practicable of the occurrence of any of the following events<sup>1</sup>:
  - a the conclusion of a dispute referred to an ADR entity and in such case providing the Commission with a copy of the decision or note of the outcome<sup>2</sup>.
  - b any outcome adverse to the licensee of any proceedings taken against the licensee (in whatever jurisdiction) by a customer in relation to a gambling transaction; but excluding proceedings allocated to the County Court small claims track or equivalent in jurisdictions outside England and Wales.
  - c their becoming aware that a group company which is <u>not</u> a Commission licensee is advertising remote gambling facilities to those residing in a jurisdiction in or to which it has not previously advertised or their becoming aware of a sustained or meaningful generation of the 3% / 10% threshold being exceeded by the group.

#### In this condition:

- a 'group company' has the same meaning as in condition 15.2.1; and
- b without prejudice to section 327 of the Act, 'advertising' includes: having a home page directed towards a jurisdiction and written in, or in one of, that jurisdiction's official language(s), having arrangements enabling that jurisdiction's currency to be selected for gambling or the use of payment methods available only in that jurisdiction, and providing a specific customer service facility referable to that jurisdiction.
- <sup>1</sup> Events required to be notified to the Commission by 15.2.1 or 15.2.2 may be reported securely online at the Commission's website through our eServices system <a href="www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk">www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk</a> or by email to: <a href="https://key.events@gamblingcommission.gov.uk">key.events@gamblingcommission.gov.uk</a>
- <sup>2</sup> In respect of the referral of disputes to an ADR entity the licensee's attention is drawn to social responsibility code provision **6**.

# 15.3 General and regulatory returns

#### Licence condition 15.3.1 General and regulatory returns All operating licences

- On request, licensees must provide the Commission with such information as the Commission may require about the use made of facilities provided in accordance with this licence, and the manner in which gambling authorised by this licence and the licensee's business in relation to that gambling are carried on, including in particular information about:
  - a the numbers of people making use of the facilities and the frequency of such use
  - b the range of gambling activities provided by the licensee and the numbers of staff employed in connection with them
  - c the licensee's policies in relation to, and experiences of, problem gambling.
- In particular within 28 days of the end of each quarterly period or, for those only submitting annual returns, within 42 days of the end of each annual period, licensees must submit a Regulatory Return to the Commission containing such information as the Commission may from time to time require<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Regulatory returns can be submitted securely online at the Commission's website through our eServices system available at <a href="https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk">www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk</a>

# 16 Responsible placement of digital adverts

### 16.1 Responsible placement of digital adverts

# Licence condition 16.1.1 Responsible placement of digital adverts All licences

- 1 Licences must:
  - a Ensure that they do not place digital advertisements on websites providing unauthorised access to copyrighted content;
  - b take all reasonable steps to ensure that third parties with whom they contract for the provision of any aspect of their business related to the licensed activities do not place digital advertisements on websites providing unauthorised access to copyrighted content; and
  - ensure that the terms upon which they contract with such third parties enable them, subject to compliance with any dispute resolution provisions, to terminate the third party's contract promptly if, in the Licensee's reasonable opinion, the third party has been responsible for placing digital advertisements for the licensed activities on such websites.

# Part III: Code of practice

#### Introduction

This is the Commission's principal code of practice, issued under section 24 of the Gambling Act 2005.

There are two types of code provisions in this document:

- social responsibility code provisions: compliance with these is a condition of licences; therefore any breach of them by an operator may lead the Commission to review the operator's licence with a view to suspension, revocation or the imposition of a financial penalty and would also expose the operator to the risk of prosecution; these provisions are set out in shaded boxes
- ordinary code provisions: these do not have the status of operator licence conditions but set out good practice. Operators may adopt alternative approaches to those set out in ordinary code provisions if they have actively taken account of the ordinary code provision and can demonstrate that an alternative approach is reasonable in the operator's particular circumstances; or that to take an alternative approach would be acting in a similarly effective manner. Ordinary codes of practice are admissible in evidence in criminal or civil proceedings and must be taken into account in any case in which the court or tribunal think them relevant, and by the Commission in the exercise of its functions; any departure from ordinary code provisions by an operator may be taken into account by the Commission on a licence review, but cannot lead to imposition of a financial penalty; these code provisions are in the unshaded boxes in this section.

# **Code provisions**

#### 1 General

### 1.1 Cooperation and responsibility

#### Ordinary Code Provision 1.1.1 Cooperation with the Commission All licences

As made plain in its *Statement of principles for licensing and regulation*, the Commission expects licensees to conduct their gambling operations in a way that does not put the licensing objectives at risk, to work with the Commission in an open and cooperative way and to disclose anything which the Commission would reasonably need to be aware of in exercising its regulatory functions. This includes, in particular, anything that is likely to have a material impact on the licensee's business or on the licensee's ability to conduct licensed activities compliantly. Licensees should have this principle in mind in their approach to, and when considering their compliance with, their obligations under the conditions attached to their licence and in relation to the following provisions of this code.

#### Social responsibility code provision 1.1.2 Responsibility for third parties – all licences All licences

- 1 Licensees are responsible for the actions of third parties with whom they contract for the provision of any aspect of the licensee's business related to the licensed activities.
- 2 Licensees must ensure that the terms on which they contract with such third parties:
  - **a** require the third party to conduct themselves in so far as they carry out activities on behalf of the licensee as if they were bound by the same licence conditions and subject to the same codes of practice as the licensee
  - **b** oblige the third party to provide such information to the licensee as they may reasonably require in order to enable the licensee to comply with their information reporting and other obligations to the Commission
  - c enable the licensee, subject to compliance with any dispute resolution provisions of such contract, to terminate the third party's contract promptly if, in the licensee's reasonable opinion, the third party is in breach of contract (including in particular terms included pursuant to this code provision) or has otherwise acted in a manner which is inconsistent with the licensing objectives, including for affiliates where they have breached a relevant advertising code of practice.

# 2 Financial requirements

### 2.1 Anti-money laundering

Ordinary code provision 2.1.2
Anti-money laundering – other than casino
All licences except casino licences

1 As part of their procedures for compliance with the requirements in respect to the prevention and detection of money laundering in the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and the Terrorism Act 2000, licensees should take into account the Commission's advice on the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, Duties and responsibilities under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 – Advice for operators (excluding casino operators).

# 3 Protection of children and other vulnerable persons

## 3.1 Combatting problem gambling

# Social responsibility code provision 3.1.1 Combating problem gambling All licences

- 1 Licensees must have and put into effect policies and procedures intended to promote socially responsible gambling including the specific policies and procedures required by the provisions of section 3 of this code.
- 2 Licensees must make an annual financial contribution to one or more organisation(s) which are approved by the Gambling Commission, and which between them deliver or support research into the prevention and treatment of gambling-related harms, harm prevention approaches and treatment for those harmed by gambling.

### 3.2 Access to gambling by children and young persons

# Social responsibility code provision 3.2.3 Access to gambling by children and young persons – AGC SR code All adult gaming centre licences

- 1 Licensees must have and put into effect policies and procedures designed to prevent underage gambling, and monitor the effectiveness of these.
- 2 This must include procedures for:
  - **a** checking the age of apparently underage customers
  - **b** removing anyone who appears to be under age and cannot produce an acceptable form of identification
  - **c** taking action when there are attempts by under-18s to enter the premises.
- **3** Licensees must ensure that their policies and procedures take account of the structure and layout of their gambling premises.
- **4** Licensees must not deliberately provide facilities for gambling in such a way as to appeal particularly to children or young people, for example by reflecting or being associated with youth culture.
- **5** In premises restricted to adults, service must be refused in any circumstances where any adult is accompanied by a child or young person.
- **6** Licensees must take all reasonable steps to ensure that all staff understand their responsibilities for preventing underage gambling. This must include appropriate training which must cover all relevant prohibitions against inviting children or young persons to gamble or to enter gambling premises, and the legal requirements on returning stakes and not paying prizes to underage customers.
- 7 Licensees must only accept identification which:
  - a contains a photograph from which the individual can be identified
  - **b** states the individual's date of birth
  - c is valid
  - **d** is legible and has no visible signs of tampering or reproduction.
- **8** Licensees in fee category C or higher must conduct test purchasing or take part in collective test purchasing programmes, as a means of providing reasonable assurance that they have effective policies and procedures to prevent underage gambling, and must provide their test purchase results to the Commission.

# Page 61

# Ordinary code provision 3.2.4 Access to gambling by children and young persons – AGC ordinary code All adult gaming centre licences

- 1 The Commission considers acceptable forms of identification to include any identification carrying the PASS logo (for example Citizencard or Validate); a military identification card; a driving licence (including a provisional licence) with photocard; or a passport.
- 2 Licensees should put into effect procedures that require their staff to check the age of any customer who appears to them to be under 21.
- 3 Licensees should consider permanent exclusion from premises for any adult accompanied by a child or young person on more than one occasion to premises restricted to adults, or if there is reason to believe the offence was committed knowingly or recklessly.
- 4 Procedures should be put into effect for dealing with cases where a child or young person repeatedly attempts to gamble on premises restricted to adults, including oral warnings, reporting the offence to the Gambling Commission and the police, and making available information on problem gambling.
- 5 Licensees in fee categories A or B should consider how they monitor the effectiveness of their policies and procedures for preventing underage gambling (for example by taking part in a collective test purchasing programme) and should be able to explain to the Commission or licensing authority what approach they have adopted.
- 6 In providing training to staff on their responsibilities for preventing underage gambling, licensees should have, as a minimum, policies for induction training and refresher training.

# Social responsibility code provision 3.2.5 Access to gambling by children and young persons – bingo and FEC SR code All non-remote bingo and family entertainment centre licences

- 1 Licensees must have and put into effect policies and procedures designed to prevent underage gambling, and monitor the effectiveness of these.
- 2 This must include procedures for:
  - a checking the age of apparently underage customers
  - **b** refusing entry to any adult-only areas to anyone unable to produce an acceptable form of identification
  - **c** taking action when there are unlawful attempts to enter the adult-only areas.
- **3** Licensees must ensure that their policies and procedures take account of the structure and layout of their gambling premises.
- 4 Licensees must not permit children or young people to gamble in the adults-only areas of premises to which they have access. If there is a 'no under-18s' premises policy, licensees must pay particular attention to the procedures they use at the entrance to the premises to check customers' ages.
- 5 Licensees must take all reasonable steps to ensure that all staff understand their responsibilities for preventing underage gambling. This must include appropriate training which must cover:
  - **a** all relevant prohibitions against inviting children or young persons to gamble on agerestricted products or to enter age-restricted areas;
  - **b** the legal requirements on returning stakes and not paying prizes to underage customers; and
  - **c** procedures for challenging any adult who may be complicit in allowing a child or young person to gamble.
- **6** Licensees must only accept identification which:
  - a contains a photograph from which the individual can be identified
  - **b** states the individual's date of birth
  - c is valid
  - **d** is legible and has no visible signs of tampering or reproduction.
- 7 Licensees in fee category C or higher must conduct test purchasing or take part in collective test purchasing programmes, as a means of providing reasonable assurance that they have effective policies and procedures to prevent underage gambling, and must provide their test purchase results to the Commission.

# Page 63

#### Ordinary code provision 3.2.6

# Access to gambling by children and young persons – bingo and FEC ordinary code All non-remote bingo and family entertainment centre licences

- 1 The Commission considers acceptable forms of identification to include: any identification carrying the PASS logo (for example Citizencard or Validate); a military identification card; a driving licence (including a provisional licence) with photocard; or a passport.
- 2 Licensees should require a person who appears to relevant staff to be under the age of 21 to be asked to produce proof of age, either at the point of entry to the gambling area or as soon as it comes to the attention of staff that they wish to access gambling facilities.
- 3 Licensees should have procedures for dealing with cases where an adult knowingly or recklessly allows a child or young person to gamble. These procedures might include refusing to allow the adult to continue to gamble, removing them from the premises, and reporting the incident to the police or local authorities, or taking action where forged identification is produced.
- 4 Procedures should be put into effect for dealing with cases where a child or young person repeatedly attempts to gamble on their premises, including oral warnings, reporting the offence to the Gambling Commission and the police, and making available information on problem gambling to the child or young person concerned.
- 5 Where it is likely that customers' young or otherwise vulnerable children will be left unattended on or adjacent to their premises, licensees should consider reminding customers of their parental responsibilities and assess whether there is a need to develop procedures for minimising the risk to such children.
- 6 Licensees in fee categories A or B should consider how they monitor the effectiveness of their policies and procedures for preventing underage gambling (for example by taking part in a collective test purchasing programme) and should be able to explain to the Commission or licensing authority what approach they have adopted.
- 7 In providing training to staff on their responsibilities for preventing underage gambling, licensees should have, as a minimum, policies for induction training and refresher training.

# 3.3 Gambling management tools and responsible gambling management information

# Social responsibility code provision 3.3.1 Responsible gambling information

All licences, except gaming machine technical, gambling software, host, ancillary remote bingo, ancillary remote casino and remote betting (remote platform) licences

- 1 Licensees must make information readily available to their customers on how to gamble responsibly and how to access information about, and help in respect of, problem gambling.
- **2** The information must cover:
  - **a** any measures provided by the licensee to help individuals monitor or control their gambling, such as restricting the duration of a gambling session or the amount of money they can spend
  - b timers or other forms of reminders or 'reality checks' where available
  - **c** self-exclusion options
  - **d** information about the availability of further help or advice.
- 3 The information must be directed to all customers whether or not licensees also make available material which is directed specifically at customers who may be 'problem gamblers'.
- 4 For gambling premises, information must be available in all areas where gambling facilities are provided and adjacent to ATMs. Information must be displayed prominently using methods appropriate to the size and layout of the premises. These methods may include the use of posters, the provision of information on gambling products, or the use of screens or other facilities in the gambling premises. Information must also be available in a form that may be taken away and may also be made available through the use of links to be accessed online or using smart technology. Licensees must take all reasonable steps to ensure that this information is also readily accessible in locations which enable the customer to obtain it discreetly.

#### Ordinary code provision 3.3.2

#### Responsible gambling information – foreign languages

All licences, except gaming machine technical, gambling software, host, ancillary remote bingo and ancillary remote casino licences

- 1 Licensees who market their services in one or more foreign languages should make available in that, or those, foreign languages:
  - a the information on how to gamble responsibly and access to help referred to above
  - b the players' guides to any game, bet or lottery required to be made available to customers under provisions in this code
  - the summary of the contractual terms on which gambling is offered, which is required to be provided to customers as a condition of the licensee's operating licence.

#### 3.4 Customer interaction

Social responsibility code provision 3.4.1 Customer interaction

All licences, except non-remote lottery, gaming machine technical, gambling software and host licences

- 1 Licensees must interact with customers in a way which minimises the risk of customers experiencing harms associated with gambling. This must include:
  - **a** identifying customers who may be at risk of or experiencing harms associated with gambling.
  - **b** interacting with customers who may be at risk of or experiencing harms associated with gambling
  - **c** understanding the impact of the interaction on the customer, and the effectiveness of the Licensee's actions and approach.
- 2 Licensees must take into account the Commission's guidance on customer interaction

#### 3.5 Self-exclusion

Social responsibility code provision 3.5.1
Self-exclusion – non-remote and trading rooms SR code
All non-remote licences (except lottery, gaming machine technical and gambling software licences) and remote betting intermediary (trading rooms only) licences

- 1 Licensees must have and put into effect procedures for self-exclusion and take all reasonable steps to refuse service or to otherwise prevent an individual who has entered a self-exclusion agreement from participating in gambling.
- **2** Licensees must, as soon as practicable, take all reasonable steps to prevent any marketing material being sent to a self-excluded customer.
- 3 Licensees must take steps to remove the name and details of a self-excluded individual from any marketing databases used by the company or group (or otherwise flag that person as an individual to whom marketing material must not be sent), within two days of receiving the completed self-exclusion notification.
- 4 This covers any marketing material relating to gambling, or other activities that take place on the premises where gambling may take place. However, it would not extend to blanket marketing which is targeted at a particular geographical area and where the excluded individual would not knowingly be included.
- 5 Licensees must close any customer accounts of an individual who has entered a self-exclusion agreement and return any funds held in the customer account. It is not sufficient merely to prevent an individual from withdrawing funds from their customer account whilst still accepting wagers from them. Where the giving of credit is permitted, the licensee may retain details of the amount owed to them by the individual, although the account must not be active.
- **6** Licensees must put into effect procedures designed to ensure that an individual who has self-excluded cannot gain access to gambling. These procedures must include:
  - **a** a register of those excluded with appropriate records (name, address, other details, and any membership or account details that may be held by the operator);
  - **b** photo identification (except where the Licensee can reasonably satisfy themselves that in the circumstances in which they provide facilities for gambling an alternative means of identification is at least as effective) and a signature;
  - c staff training to ensure that staff are able to administer effectively the systems; and
  - **d** the removal of those persons found in the gambling area or attempting to gamble from the premises.
- 7 Licensees must ensure that their procedures for preventing access to gambling by self-excluded individuals take account of the structure and layout of the gambling premises.
- **8** Licensees must, when administering the self-exclusion agreement, signpost the individual to counselling and support services.

# Page 67

#### Ordinary code provision 3.5.2

Self-exclusion - non-remote ordinary code

All non-remote licences and remote betting intermediary (trading rooms only) licences, but not gaming machine technical and gambling software licences

- 1 Self-exclusion procedures should require individuals to take positive action in order to self-exclude. This can be a signature on a self-exclusion form.
- 2 Individuals should be able to self-exclude without having to enter gambling premises.
- 3 Before an individual self-excludes, licensees should provide or make available sufficient information about what the consequences of self-exclusion are.
- 4 Licensees should take all reasonable steps to extend the self-exclusion to premises of the same type owned by the operator in the customer's local area. In setting the bounds of that area licensees may take into account the customer's address (if known to them), anything else known to them about the distance the customer ordinarily travels to gamble and any specific request the customer may make.
- 5 Licensees should encourage the customer to consider extending their self-exclusion to other licensees' gambling premises in the customer's local area.
- 6 Customers should be given the opportunity to discuss self-exclusion in private, where possible.
- 7 Licensees should take steps to ensure that:
  - a the minimum self-exclusion period offered is of a duration of not less than 6 nor more than 12 months
  - b any self-exclusion may, on request, be extended for one or more further periods of at least 6 months each
  - c a customer who has decided to enter a self-exclusion agreement is given the opportunity to do so immediately without any cooling-off period. However, if the customer wishes to consider the self-exclusion further (for example to discuss with problem gambling groups), the customer may return at a later date to enter into selfexclusion
  - d at the end of the period chosen by the customer, the self-exclusion remains in place for a further 6 months, unless the customer takes positive action in order to gamble again
  - e where a customer chooses not to renew the self-exclusion, and makes a positive request to begin gambling again during the 6 month period following the end of their initial self-exclusion, the customer is given one day to cool off before being allowed access to gambling facilities. The contact must be made via telephone or in person
  - f notwithstanding the expiry of the period of self-exclusion chosen by a customer, no marketing material should be sent to them unless and until they have asked for or agreed to accept such material.
- 8 The licensee should retain the records relating to a self-exclusion agreement at least for the length of the self-exclusion agreement plus a further 6 months.
- 9 Please note that the Commission does not require the licensee to carry out any particular assessment or make any judgement as to whether the previously self-excluded individual should again be permitted access to gambling. The requirement to take positive action in person or over the phone is purely to a) check that the customer has considered the decision to access gambling again and allow them to consider the implications; and b) implement the one day cooling-off period and explain why this has been put in place.
- 10 Licensees should have, and put into effect, policies and procedures which recognise, seek to guard against and otherwise address, the fact that some individuals who have self-excluded might attempt to breach their exclusion without entering a gambling premises, for example, by getting another to gamble on their behalf.
- 11 Licensees should have effective systems in place to inform all venue staff of self-excluded individuals who have recently attempted to breach a self-exclusion in that venue, and the licensees neighbouring venues.
- 12 In providing training to staff on their responsibilities for self-exclusion, licensees should have, as a minimum, policies for induction training and refresher training.

Social responsibility code provision 3.5.6
Self-exclusion – multi-operator non-remote SR code

All non-remote casino, bingo and betting licences (except in respect of the provision of facilities for betting in reliance on a track premises licence) and holders of gaming machine general operating licences for adult gaming centres

1 Licensees must offer customers with whom they enter into a self-exclusion agreement in respect of facilities for any kind of gambling offered by them at licensed gambling premises the ability to self-exclude from facilities for the same kind of gambling offered in their locality by any other holder of an operating licence to whom this provision applies, by participating in one or more available multi-operator self-exclusion schemes.

#### Ordinary code provision 3.5.7

Self-exclusion - multi-operator non-remote ordinary code

All non-remote casino, bingo and betting licences (except in respect of the provision of facilities for betting in reliance on a track premises licence) and holders of gaming machine general operating licences for adult gaming centres

1 Licensees should contribute to and participate in the development and effective implementation of multi-operator self-exclusions schemes with the aim of making available to customers the ability to self-exclude from facilities for gambling provided by other licensed operators within their local area(s).

### 3.6 Employment of children and young persons

#### Ordinary code provision 3.6.5 Employment of children and young people – AGCs All adult gaming centre licences

- 1 Licensees who employ children (under-16-year-olds) and young persons (those aged 16 and 17) should be aware that it is an offence:
  - a to employ them to provide facilities for gambling;
  - b if gaming machines are sited on the premises, for their contracts of employment to require them, or for them to be permitted, to perform a function in connection with a gaming machine at any time; and
  - c to employ them to carry out any other function on adult gaming centre licensed premises while any gambling activity is being carried on in reliance on the premises licence.
- 2 As to 1b, it should be noted that in the Commission's view the relevant provision of the Act applies to any function performed in connection with a gaming machine. This includes servicing or cleaning such a machine.
- 3 Accordingly, licensees should have and put into effect policies and procedures designed to ensure that:
  - a children and young persons are never asked to perform tasks within 1a or 1b, above
  - b all staff, including those who are children or young persons themselves, are instructed about the laws relating to access to gambling by children and young persons.
- 4 Licensees should consider adopting a policy that:
  - a children and young persons are not employed to work on adult gaming centre licensed premises at any time when the premises are open for business
  - b gaming machines are turned off if children and young persons are working on the premises outside the hours when the premises are open for business.

#### Ordinary code provision 3.6.6 Employment of children and young people – FECs All family entertainment centre licences

- 1 Licensees who employ children (under-16-year-olds) and young persons (those aged 16 and 17) should be aware that it is an offence:
  - a to employ them to provide facilities for gambling; and
  - **b** if gaming machines are sited on the premises, for their contracts of employment to require them, or for them to be permitted, to perform a function in connection with a gaming machine at any time.
- 2 As to 1b, it should be noted that in the Commission's view the relevant provision of the Act applies to any function performed in connection with a gaming machine. This includes servicing or cleaning such a machine.
- 3 Accordingly, licensees should have and put into effect policies and procedures designed to ensure that:
  - a children and young persons are never asked to perform tasks within 1a or 1b, above; and
  - b all staff, including those who are children or young persons themselves, are instructed about the laws relating to access to gambling by children and young persons.
- 4 Licensees should consider adopting a policy that:
  - a children and young persons are not employed to carry out any work in an adult-only area of family entertainment licensed premises at a time when any gambling is taking place; and
  - b gaming machines sited in adult-only areas are turned off if children and young persons are working on the premises outside the hours when the premises are open for business.

# 3.8 Money lending between customers

Ordinary code provision 3.8.2

Money-lending - other than casinos

All non-remote bingo, general betting, adult gaming centre, family entertainment centre and remote betting intermediary (trading rooms only) licences

1 Licensees should seek to prevent systematic or organised money lending between customers on their premises. As a minimum, they should have arrangements in place to ensure staff are requested to report any instances of substantial money lending when they become aware of them.

# 4 'Fair and open' provisions

#### 4.1 Fair terms

Social responsibility code provision 4.1.1

All licences, except gaming machine technical and gambling software licences

1 Licensees must be able to provide evidence to the Commission, if required, showing how they satisfied themselves that their terms are not unfair.

# 5 Marketing

#### 5.1 Rewards and bonuses

#### Social responsibility code provision 5.1.1

Rewards and bonuses - SR code

All licences (including ancillary remote licences), except gaming machine technical and gambling software licences

- 1 If a licensee makes available to any customer or potential customer any incentive or reward scheme or other arrangement under which the customer may receive money, goods, services or any other advantage (including the discharge in whole or in part of any liability of his) ('the benefit') the scheme must be designed to operate, and be operated, in such a way that:
  - **a** the circumstances in which, and conditions subject to which, the benefit is available are clearly set out and readily accessible to the customers to whom it is offered;
  - **b** neither the receipt nor the value or amount of the benefit is:
    - i dependent on the customer gambling for a pre-determined length of time or with a pre-determined frequency; or
    - ii altered or increased if the qualifying activity or spend is reached within a shorter time than the whole period over which the benefit is offered.
  - c if the value of the benefit increases with the amount the customer spends it does so at a rate no greater than that at which the amount spent increases; and further that:
  - d if the benefit comprises free or subsidised travel or accommodation which facilitates the customer's attendance at particular licensed premises the terms on which it is offered are not directly related to the level of the customer's prospective gambling.

#### Ordinary code provision 5.1.2

**Proportionate rewards** 

All licences (including ancillary remote licences), except gaming machine technical and gambling software licences

1 Licensees should only offer incentive or reward schemes in which the benefit available is proportionate to the type and level of customers' gambling.

# Social responsibility code provision 5.1.6 Compliance with advertising codes All licences, except lottery licences

- **1** All marketing of gambling products and services must be undertaken in a socially responsible manner.
- 2 In particular, Licensees must comply with the advertising codes of practice issued by the Committee of Advertising Practice (CAP) and the Broadcast Committee of Advertising Practice (BCAP) as applicable. For media not explicitly covered, licensees should have regard to the principles included in these codes of practice as if they were explicitly covered.
- 3 The restriction on allowing people who are, or seem to be, under 25 years old (ie: those in the 18-24 age bracket) to appear in marketing communications need not be applied in the case of non-remote point of sale advertising material, provided that the images used depict the sporting or other activity that may be gambled on and not the activity of gambling itself and do not breach any other aspect of the advertising codes.

# Ordinary code provision 5.1.8 Compliance with industry advertising codes All licences

1 Licensees should follow any relevant industry code on advertising, notably the Gambling Industry Code for Socially Responsible Advertising.

#### Social responsibility code provision 5.1.9 Other marketing requirements All licences

- 1 Licensees must ensure that their marketing communications, advertisement, and invitations to purchase (within the meaning of the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008) do not amount to or involve misleading actions or misleading omissions within the meaning of those Regulations.
- 2 Licensees must ensure that all significant conditions which apply to marketing incentives are provided transparently and prominently to consumers. Licensees must present the significant conditions at the point of sale for any promotion, and on any advertising in any medium for that marketing incentive except where, in relation to the latter, limitations of space make this impossible. In such a case, information about the significant conditions must be included to the extent that it is possible to do so, the advertising must clearly indicate that significant conditions apply and where the advertisement is online, the significant conditions must be displayed in full no further than one click away.
- **3** The terms and conditions of each marketing incentive must be made available for the full duration of the promotion.

# Ordinary code provision 5.1.10 Online marketing in proximity to information on responsible gambling All licences

1 Licensees should ensure that no advertising or other marketing information, whether relating to specific offers or to gambling generally, appears on any primary web page/screen, or micro site that provides advice or information on responsible gambling

#### Social Responsibility code provision 5.1.11 Direct electronic marketing consent All licences

1 Unless expressly permitted by law consumers must not be contacted with direct electronic marketing without their informed and specific consent. Whenever a consumer is contacted the consumer must be provided with an opportunity to withdraw consent. If consent is withdrawn the licensee must, as soon as practicable, ensure the consumer is not contacted with electronic marketing thereafter unless the consumer consents again. Licensees must be able to provide evidence which establishes that consent.

# 6 Complaints and disputes

### 6.1 Complaints and disputes

#### Social responsibility code provision 6.1.1

**Complaints and disputes** 

All licences (including ancillary remote licensees) except gaming machine technical and gambling software licences

- 1 Licensees must put into effect appropriate policies and procedures for accepting and handling customer complaints and disputes in a timely, fair, open and transparent manner.
- 2 Licensees must ensure that they have arrangements in place for customers to be able to refer any dispute to an ADR entity in a timely manner if not resolved to the customer's satisfaction by use of their complaints procedure within eight weeks of receiving the complaint, and where the customer cooperates with the complaints process in a timely manner.
- 3 The services of any such ADR entity must be free of charge to the customer.
- 4 Licensees must not use or introduce terms which restrict, or purport to restrict, the customer's right to bring proceedings against the licensee in any court of competent jurisdiction. Such terms may, however, provide for a resolution of a dispute agreed by the customer (arrived at with the assistance of the ADR entity) to be binding on both parties.
- **5** Licensees' complaints handling policies and procedures must include procedures to provide customers with clear and accessible information on how to make a complaint, the complaint procedures, timescales for responding, and escalation procedures.
- **6** Licensees must ensure that complaints policies and procedures are implemented effectively, kept under review and revised appropriately to ensure that they remain effective, and take into account any applicable learning or guidance published by the Gambling Commission from time to time.
- 7 Licensees should keep records of customer complaints and disputes in such manner as the Commission may from time to time specify in advice or guidance. They must provide information to the Commission about customer complaints, disputes, the outcomes of disputes referred to ADR, and court proceedings adverse to the licensee, also in such manner as the Commission may from time to time specify.

#### In this code, 'ADR entity' means

- a A offering alternative dispute resolution services whose name appears on the list person maintained by the Gambling Commission in accordance with the 'Alternative Dispute Resolution for Consumer Disputes (Competent Authorities and information) Regulations 2015, and
- **b** Whose name appears on the list of providers that meet the Gambling Commission's additional standards found in the document 'Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in the gambling industry standards and guidance for ADR providers'.

Both lists are on the Commission's website and will be updated from time to time.

# 7 Gambling licensees' staff

### 7.1 Gambling licensees' staff

Social responsibility code provision 7.1.2
Responsible gambling information for staff
All licences, including betting ancillary remote licences, but not other ancillary remote licences

1 Licensees must take all reasonable steps to ensure that staff involved in the provision of facilities for gambling are made aware of advice on socially responsible gambling and of where to get confidential advice should their gambling become hard to control.

# 8 Information requirements

#### 8.1 Information requirements

#### Ordinary code provision 8.1.1 Information requirements – ordinary code All licences

- As stated earlier in this code, the Commission expects licensees to work with the Commission in an open and cooperative way and to inform the Commission of any matters that the Commission would reasonably need to be aware of in exercising its regulatory functions. These include in particular matters that will have a material impact on the licensee's business or on the licensee's ability to conduct licensed activities compliantly and consistently with the licensing objectives.
- 2 Thus, licensees should notify the Commission, or ensure that the Commission is notified, as soon as reasonably practicable and in such form and manner as the Commission may from time to time specify<sup>1</sup>, of any matters which in their view could have a material impact on their business or affect compliance. The Commission would, in particular, expect to be notified of the occurrence of any of the following events in so far as not already notified in accordance with the conditions attached to the licensee's licence<sup>2</sup>:
  - any material change in the licensee's structure or the operation of its business
  - b any material change in managerial responsibilities or governance arrangements
  - c any report from an internal or external auditor expressing, or giving rise to, concerns about material shortcomings in the management control or oversight of any aspect of the licensee's business related to the provision of gambling facilities.

Alternatively, for operators unable to access this system, you can these events by email to: key.events@gamblingcommission.gov.uk

<sup>2</sup> Events which *must* be reported, because the Commission considers them likely to have a material impact on the nature or structure of a licensee's business, are set out in general licence condition 15.2.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These matters can be reported securely online at the Commission's website through our eServices system www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk

Alternatively, for operators unable to access this system, you can these events by email to:

# 10 Assessing local risk

### 10.1 Assessing local risk

# Social responsibility code provision 10.1.1 Assessing local risk

All non-remote casino, adult gaming centre, bingo, family entertainment centre, betting and remote betting intermediary (trading room only) licences, except non-remote general betting (limited) and betting intermediary licences.

- 1 Licensees must assess the local risks to the licensing objectives posed by the provision of gambling facilities at each of their premises, and have policies, procedures and control measures to mitigate those risks. In making risk assessments, licensees must take into account relevant matters identified in the licensing authority's statement of licensing policy<sup>1</sup>.
- 2 Licensees must review (and update as necessary) their local risk assessments:
  - a to take account of significant changes in local circumstances, including those identified in a licensing authority's statement of licensing policy;
  - **b** when there are significant changes at a licensee's premises that may affect their mitigation of local risks;
  - c when applying for a variation of a premises licence; and
  - d in any case, undertake a local risk assessment when applying for a new premises licence.

<sup>1</sup>This is the statement of licensing policy under the Gambling Act 2005.

# Ordinary code provision 10.1.2

**Sharing local risk assessments** 

All non-remote casino, adult gaming centre, bingo, family entertainment centre, betting and remote betting intermediary (trading room only) licences, except non-remote general betting (limited) and betting intermediary licences

1 Licensees should share their risk assessment with licensing authorities when applying for a premises licence or applying for a variation to existing licensed premises, or otherwise on request.

making gambling fairer and safer

www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk

# Appendix 5 – Statement of Gambling Policy and the Local Area Profile

# HARINGEY STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY 2019-2022



# Contents

Part A	Statement of Gambling Policy	5
1.	Introduction	5
2.	Consultation	6
3.	Objectives	7
4.	Declaration	8
5.	Responsible Authorities	8
6.	Interested parties	9
7.	Exchange of information	10
8.	Gambling Prevalence and Problem Gambling	10
9.	Gambling in Haringey	11
Part B	Promotion of the licensing objectives	11
10. or b	Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or discreting used to support crime	
11.	Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way	12
12.	Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling	13
13	Protection of vulnerable people	13
Part C	Types of Gambling Premises licences	14
15	Definition of "premises"	15
16.	Licence Conditions Code of Practice (LCCP)	16
17	Local Area Profile and Risk Assessments	17
18.	Duplication with other regulatory regimes	20
19	Conditions	20
20.	Door supervision	21
21.	Adult gaming centres	21
22.	Licensed family entertainment centres (FECs)	22
23.	Casinos	23
24.	Bingo premises	23
25.	Betting premises	24
26.	Tracks	24
28.	Travelling fairs	25
29.	Provisional statements	25
Part D	- Permits, notices and lottery registrations	26
30.	Unlicensed family entertainment centre gaming machine permits (UFECs)	26
31	Gaming machine permits in premises licensed for the sale of alcohol	27
32.	Prize gaming permits	28
33.	Club gaming and club machine permits	29

34	. Temporary use notices	. 30
35	Occasional use notices (for tracks)	. 31
36	i. Small society lottery registrations	. 31
Part	E	. 32
37	'. Enforcement	. 32
38	Legislation, Policies and Strategies	. 33
39	). Decision Making	. 35
40	Reviews	. 36
41	. Diversity and Equality	. 37
42	. Human Rights	. 38
De	efinitions	. 41

#### Foreword – Cllr Amin (Cabinet Member)

Haringey is the Future of London, an exciting, vibrant borough with a wide range of leisure and cultural opportunities. This includes gambling, a legal entertainment activity that brings enjoyment to many Haringey residents. The Council's policy is that residents should have the opportunity to enjoy gambling in safe, controlled way, free from harm. This is only possible if the specific risks associated with gambling in Haringey are understood by all, if the Council takes a strong approach to licensing, and if gambling operators show genuine responsibility in the steps they take to respond to risks.

This Gambling Policy lays out the risks associated with gambling that we face in Haringey, and what the Council expects of gambling operators in terms of their response to those risks. The risks we are concerned about include those covered by the licensing objectives of the Gambling Act 2005 - crime and disorder, and the harm/exploitation of children and other vulnerable persons. There are also Haringey-specific risks - we are particularly concerned about the clustering of betting shops in Haringey's most deprived communities, where there is also a higher incidence of crime, mental health conditions and demand for debt advice. Haringey is particularly concerned about the health impacts of problem gambling. In particular there are significantly higher risks associated with category B Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) in gambling addictions and the associated harm to health and wellbeing.

We welcome the requirement of the Gambling Commission's Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice, for licensees to assess and respond to the local risks to the licensing objectives posed by the provision of gambling facilities at their premises. We will ensure that the local risks assessments produced by gambling operators are meaningful and reflective of the real risks in Haringey. This policy lays out the evidence for what those local risks are, identifies the particular borough wards in which risks are most manifest, and crucially, clearly defines what sorts of policies, procedures or control measures we expect gambling operators to put in place to mitigate the risks.

Considering local risks is only part of the overall approach needed to control gambling we are still reliant on gambling operators demonstrating genuine social responsibility and responding to the spirit, not just the letter, of their responsibilities around local risk assessments. We work with operators to strive to meet expectations in full and put in place policies, procedures and control measures that make a genuine difference in reducing the risk of gambling related harms. In particular, we call on operators to respond to our concerns about FOBTs, through policies that promote verified accounts and enable problem gambling to be identified early in a way that triggers effective interventions.

For these reasons, this Authority has set out to establish a gambling licensing policy which recognises good industry practice and intends to support responsible operators but sets out to offer adequate protections to our local community.

The clarity of our expectations and our commitment to constructive partnership working with operators, means there is no excuse for inadequate risk assessments or policy proposals from operators. We will continue to monitor the impact of gambling on our communities in detail and listen to the views of our residents, public sector partners and voluntary sector. Whilst self-regulation is important if operators consistently fail to respond to Haringey's specific risks and exercise social responsibility and governance, we will not hesitate to lead the call for greater licensing powers to be granted to Local Authorities.

Integral to this has been the analysis of gambling related harm which informs this policy. The analysis explored local area based vulnerability to gambling related harm and, as such,

provided both context to this policy and a 'local area profile'. This enables consideration to be given to local issues that must be addressed by local operators and to the extent to which any further development of a gambling offer within the borough may be appropriate.

### Part A Statement of Gambling Policy

#### 1. Introduction

The London Borough of Haringey (the Council) became a "Licensing Authority" under the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act), which came into force in 2007 and established a new regime for the regulation of commercial gambling whilst repealing a number of pieces of older law.

- 1.1. The policy opens with a more general introduction to Haringey (Section A), followed by detail on the objectives this Authority will rely on in fulfilling its licensing responsibilities (section B). Section C of this policy sets out the principles and considerations this Authority will go through in determining gambling premises licences. All new and current operators must have regard to this section when compiling local risk assessments and should make this section their starting point when absorbing the content of this policy alongside the Local Area Profile supplementary guidance. The steps that this and other responsible authorities would wish to see given appropriate consideration within risk assessments and operating schedules. It is intended to reflect and enhance industry good practice. This section is also intended to make clear certain aspects of the applications process for the benefit of all. This includes information on consultation, responsible authorities, interested parties and relevant objections. Sections D (permits etc) sets out in some detail the various permits, Section E deals with enforcement matters, establishing how this Authority and partner service and external agencies intend to work collaboratively together, in a fair, transparent, open and consistent manner, to provide intelligent directed regulation.
- 1.2. The Act requires the Council, along with all other licensing authorities, to publish a statement of Gambling Policy that will be applied when carrying out its licensing functions. This statement of Licensing Policy (the statement) fulfils that statutory requirement and details the Council's general approach to the making of decisions under the Act. Where updates are required due to changes in national legislation, statutory guidance or contact details the council reserves the right to amend this policy without consultation where it is necessary to ensure policy reflects national legislation or statutory guidance.
- 1.3. The main function of the Council as a Licensing Authority, through its licensing committee, will be to licence premises where gambling is to take place and issue a range of licences, permits and authorisations for gambling in its area. The Licensing Authority will also have power to impose conditions and review licences.
- 1.4. The Council will be empowered by the Act to take enforcement action when an offence under the legislation has been committed. Offences include when premises or activities are unlicensed, or licence conditions are not complied with; to support this enforcement there are powers of entry and inspection.
- 1.5. This policy refers to the Gambling Commission, which has wider functions under the Act and with whom the Council will work alongside as a dual regulator. However, it does not discuss the role and responsibilities of the Commission and any references in this policy will only be insofar as it impacts on, or clarifies, this Authority's functions. For example, the Commission is exclusively responsible for issuing operator and personal licences, which is a necessity before the Council can consider an application for a premises licence.

1.1 The Gambling Commission is also mentioned in this policy as being responsible for issuing Codes of Practice and Guidance to licensing authorities regarding the manner in which they are to exercise their functions. This policy endorses the principles set out in the Gambling Commission Guidance and key licensing objectives and confirms that the Council will take account of all such guidance. This statement must be published at least every three years. The statement must also be reviewed from "time to time" and any amended parts re-consulted upon. The policy must then be re-published.

#### 2. Consultation

Haringey Council consulted widely upon this Policy statement before finalising and publishing. A list of those persons consulted is provided below, in line with the Act and the Gambling Commission's Guidance.

- The Chief Officer of Police;
- The Fire Authority
- One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area;
- 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 the Gambling Act 2005.
- Services within the Council with an interest in the gambling process (Responsible Authorities)
- Local Safeguarding Children Board
- Councillors
- H.M Revenue and Customs
- Other organisations that appear to be affected by licensing matters covered in the Policy.
- Neighbouring boroughs.
- Local residents association
- 2.1. Our consultation took place between 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and we followed the HM Government Code of Practice on Consultation (published July 2012).
- 2.2. The full list of comments made and the consideration by the Council of those comments is available/will be available by request to: Licensing@haringey.gov.uk / via the Council's website at: <a href="www.haringey.gov.uk/licensing">www.haringey.gov.uk/licensing</a>
- 2.3. The policy was approved at a meeting of the Full Council on (TBC) and was published via our website on. Copies were placed in the public libraries of the area as well as being available in the Civic Centre.
- 2.4. Should you have any comments as regards this policy statement please send them via e-mail or letter to the following contact:

Licensing Team
Level 1 River Park House
225 High Road, Wood Green
London
N22 8GH
licensing@haringey.gov.uk

2.5. It should be noted that this statement of licensing policy will not override the right of any person to make an application, make representations about an application, or apply for a review of a licence, as each will be considered on its own merits and according to the statutory requirements of the Gambling Act 2005. The council acknowledges that it may need to depart from this policy and from the guidance issued under the Act in individual and exceptional circumstances, and where the case merits such a decision in the interest of the promotion of the licensing objectives. Any such decision will be taken in consultation with the appropriate legal advisors for the Licensing Authority, and the reasons for any such departure will be fully recorded.

#### 3. Objectives

In exercising most of its functions under the Gambling Act 2005 the Council as the Licensing Authority must have regard to the following licensing objectives:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or used to support crime;
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.
- 3.1. It should be noted that the Gambling Commission has stated: "The requirement in relation to children is explicitly to protect them from being harmed or exploited by gambling".
- 3.2. The Council is aware that, as per Section 153, in making decisions about premises licences and temporary use notices it should aim to permit the use of premises for gambling insofar as it thinks it is:
  - In accordance with any relevant code of practice issued by the Gambling Commission;
  - In accordance with any relevant guidance issued by the Gambling Commission:
  - Reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives;
  - In accordance with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy. In particular, the Council requires operators to take account of the local area profile of the borough contained within this policy.

The Council is required under the Act to:

- Be responsible for the licensing of premises where gambling activities are to take place by issuing Premises Licences;
- Issue Provisional Statements;
- Regulate members' clubs who wish to undertake certain gaming activities via issuing Club Gaming Permits and/or Club Machine Permits; Issue Club Machine Permits to Commercial Clubs;
- Grant permits for the use of certain lower stake gaming machines at unlicensed family entertainment centres;
- Receive notification from alcohol licensed premises (under the Licensing Act 2003) of the use of two or fewer gaming machines;
- Issue Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits for premises licensed to sell/supply alcohol for consumption on the licensed premises, under the Licensing Act 2003, where there are more than two machines;
- Register small society lotteries below prescribed thresholds;
- Issue Prize Gaming Permits; Receive and endorse Temporary Use Notices;

- Receive Occasional Use Notices:
- Provide information to the Gambling Commission regarding details of licences issued (see section below on information exchange);
- Maintain registers of the permits and licences that are issued under these functions.
- 3.3. It should be noted that local licensing authorities are not involved in licensing remote gambling at all, which is regulated by the Gambling Commission via Operator Licences.
- 3.4. The Council recognises that the licensing function is only one means of promoting delivery of the three objectives and should not therefore be seen as a means for solving all problems within the community. The Council will therefore work in partnership with neighbouring authorities, Metropolitan Police Service, the Community Safety Partnership, local businesses, local people and those involved in child protection to promote the licensing objectives as outlined. In addition, the Council recognises its duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, with regard to the prevention of crime and disorder.
- 3.5. The scheme of delegation is set out at Appendix 1.

#### 4. Declaration

This statement of licensing policy will not override the right of any person to make an application, make representations about an application, or apply for a review of a licence, as each will be considered on its own merits and according to the statutory requirements of the Gambling Act 2005.

4.1. In producing this document, the council declares that it has had regard to the licensing objectives of the Gambling Act 2005, the guidance issued by the Gambling Commission, and any responses from those consulted on the policy statement.

#### 5. Responsible Authorities

The Act empowers certain agencies to act as responsible authorities so that they can employ their particular area of expertise to help promote the licensing objectives. Responsible authorities are able to make representations about licence applications, or apply for a review of an existing licence. Responsible authorities will also offer advice and guidance to applicants.

- 5.1. The council is required by regulations to state the principles it will apply to designate, in writing, a body which is competent to advise the authority about the protection of children from harm. The principles are:
  - The need for the body to be responsible for an area covering the whole of the licensing authority's area and the need for the body to be answerable to democratically elected persons, rather than any particular vested interest group etc.
  - Answerable to democratically elected Councillors and not to any particular interest group.
- 5.2. In accordance with the regulations the Council designates the Director of Children Services for this purpose.

- 5.3. The following are Responsible Authorities:
  - The Gambling Commission
  - Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs and Excise (now known as Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs)
  - The Metropolitan Police Service
  - The London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority
  - The Council, as Licensing Authority
  - The Council, as Planning Authority
  - The Council's Director of Children's Services
  - The Council's Environmental Health Service
  - The Council's Public Health Service
  - Any other person or body who may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport ('the Secretary of State')
- 5.4. Contact details of all the Responsible Authorities under the Gambling Act 2005 are available on the Council's web site. Contact details of all the responsible authorities under the Gambling Act 2005 are available on the council's website within the guidance documents at Appendix 5.

#### 6. Interested parties

Interested parties are certain types of people or organisations that have the right to make representations about licence applications, or apply for a review of an existing licence. These parties are defined in the Gambling Act 2005 as follows:

"For the purposes of this Part a person is an interested party in relation to an application for or in respect of a premises licence if, in the opinion of the licensing authority which issues the licence or to which the applications is made, the person-

lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities,

has business interests that might be affected by the authorised activities, or represents persons who satisfy paragraph (a) or (b)"

- 6.1. The Council is required by regulations to state the principles it will apply to determine whether a person is an interested party. The principles are:
  - Each case will be decided upon its merits. The council will not apply a rigid rule to its decision making. It will consider the examples of considerations provided in the Gambling Commission's Guidance to local authorities.
  - Within this framework the Council will accept representations made on behalf of residents and tenants associations.
  - In order to determine if an interested party lives or has business interests, sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the gambling activities, the council will consider factors such as the size of the premises and the nature of the activities taking place.
- 6.2. The following are not valid reasons to reject applications for premises licences:
  - a) Moral objections to gambling
  - b) The 'saturation' of gambling premises unless there is evidence that the premises poses a risk to the licensing objectives in that locality

- c) A lack of 'demand'
- d) Whether the proposal is likely to receive planning or building regulations consent
- 6.3. The council will provide more detailed information on the making of representations in a separate guidance note. The guidance note has been prepared in accordance with relevant Statutory Instruments and Gambling Commission guidance.

#### 7. Exchange of information

Licensing authorities are required to include in their policy statement the principles to be applied by the authority with regards to the exchange of information between it and the Gambling Commission, as well as other persons listed in Schedule 6 to the Act.

7.1. The principle that the council applies is that it will act in accordance with the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005 in its exchange of information which includes the provision that the Data Protection Act 2018 will not be contravened. The council will also have regard to any guidance issued by the Gambling Commission to local authorities on this matter, as well as any relevant regulations issued by the Secretary of State under the powers provided in the Gambling Act 2005.

#### 8. Gambling Prevalence and Problem Gambling

In 2015 the Gambling Commission commissioned research by NatCen to study gambling behaviour in the UK. The research aim was to:

- Describe the prevalence of gambling participation, at-risk gambling and problem gambling and;
- Explore characteristics associated with gambling participation, at-risk gambling, and problem gambling.
- 8.1. It found that 63% of adults (16+) in Great Britain had gambled in the previous year, with men (66%) being more likely than women (59%) to do so. Previous year gambling participation varied by age with participation rates being highest among the middle age groups and lowest among the very young or very old. This pattern was the same for men and women. Rates of previous year gambling are heavily influenced by the popularity of the National Lottery. Overall, 45% of British adults had gambled on other activities in the past year. When National Lottery only gamblers are excluded, gambling participation was highest among younger adults. Among both men and women the most popular forms of gambling were: purchase of tickets for the National lottery (46%); purchase of scratch cards (23%), and participation in other lotteries (15%).
- 8.2. At-risk gambling was measured using the Problem Gambling Severity Index (PGSI). This identifies people who have experienced some difficulty with their gambling behaviour but who are not classified as problem gamblers. Two groups are identified: gamblers at 'low risk of harm' (a PGSI score of 1-2) and gamblers at 'moderate risk' of harm (a PGSI score of 3-7). Overall, 2.8% of adults were low risk gamblers (a PGSI score of 1-2) and a further 1.1% were moderate risk gamblers (a PGSI score of 3-7), meaning that overall 3.9% of adults had a PGSI score which categorised them as 'at-risk' gamblers. Rates of low risk and moderate risk gambling were higher among men than women and were higher among younger age groups.
- 8.3. The highest rates of problem gambling were among those who had participated in spread betting (20.1%), betting via a betting exchange (16.2%), playing poker in pubs or

- clubs (15.9%), betting offline on events other than sports or horse or dog racing (15.5%) and playing machines in bookmakers (11.5%).
- 8.4. Problem gambling was more prevalent among people who had participated in a number of gambling activities in the past year (prevalence was 11.9% for those who participated in seven or more activities compared to 0.3% of those who had taken part in just one gambling activity in the last year).
- 8.5. The GamCare annual review (2016-2017)2 reported the following:
  - 43,367 calls/webchats were answered by Help Line in 16/17 compared to 34,198 the year before a 23% in calls.
  - An even split of calls made in relation to online and offline gambling.
  - 77% of calls were made by the gambler, 20% were made by an affected other.
  - The greatest impact of problem gambling reported is anxiety/stress, financial difficulties and family/relationship difficulties.
  - 2 million unique visitors to the website, which was double to last year.
  - 1,200 more clients treated this year compared to last year.

#### 9. Gambling in Haringey

- In Haringey we currently have 64 Betting shops, 5 AGCs, 1 Bingo premises and 2 track betting premises.
- 9.1 In April 2011 a Haringey scrutiny report noted that betting shops were located disproportionately within the east of the borough (85%), and that here was a correlation between the location of betting shops and social deprivation with 43% of betting shops are located in the most deprived super output areas (10%) of the borough.
  - 9.2 Although gambling is a legal entertainment activity it can, in some locations have a negative impact on individuals and the wider community. The Council has worked to understand how gambling can affect its residents and visitors. The Council has also sought to identify individuals who live in the local area who are potentially vulnerable to gambling related harm. Haringey has considered the evidence gathered on the health/social impacts of gambling through our partners such as Public Health and Citizens advice Centres to bring together the local area profile. We expect license applicants/holders to take account of that information to mitigate those impacts effectively through their risk assessments and thereby have meaningful dialogue with the Council, Police and other partners in addressing the concerns identified.

#### Part B Promotion of the licensing objectives

- 10. Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
- 10.1. This licensing authority is aware that the Gambling Commission will be taking a leading role in preventing gambling from being a source of crime, and that regulatory issues arising from the prevention of disorder are likely to focus almost exclusively on premises licensing, which is the remit of the Licensing Authority. The Gambling Commission's guidance does however envisage that licensing authorities should pay attention to the proposed location of gambling premises in terms of this licensing objective. Where an area is known to have high levels of crime this authority will consider carefully whether gambling premises are suitable to be located there, taking into account such factors as,
  - · levels of recorded crime,
  - the type of that crime,
  - levels of ASB related complaints.
- 10.2. Applicants are advised to examine crime and ASB statistics that relate to the vicinity of their application. This will allow for the application to be tailored to the specific locality and to include any additional measures potentially required to support the objective to be set out in the application. This may also reduce the likelihood of objections being made to the application. Advice about accessing such data can be provided by the Licensing Authority.
- 10.3. This Licensing Authority accepts that issues of nuisance cannot be addressed via the Gambling Act provisions, although preventing gambling from being a source of disorder is a licensing objective. The Licensing Authority is also mindful that what starts as nuisance may subsequently escalate to disorder, and that such disorder can have a serious effect on the lives of local residents. If an application for licence review were to be made on the basis of disorder the authority will then distinguish between disorder and nuisance, considering factors such as:
  - whether police assistance was required;
  - how threatening the behaviour was to those who could see it;
  - how frequently it is reported;
  - prevalence of persons loitering outside;
  - · the times of day when disorder is reported;
  - the impact on residents.
- 10.4. Issues of nuisance cannot be addressed by the Gambling Act provisions however problems of this nature can be addressed through other legislation as appropriate.
  - 11. Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
  - 11.1. The council is aware that except in the case of tracks (see section 21) generally the Gambling Commission does not expect licensing authorities to become concerned with ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way as this will be addressed via operating and personal licences.
  - 11.2. However the council will familiarise itself with operator licence conditions and will communicate any concerns to the Gambling Commission about misleading advertising or any absence of required game rules or other matters as set out in the Gambling Commission's Licence Conditions and Code of Practice.

11.3. Examples of the specific steps the council may take to address this area can be found in the various sections covering specific premises types in Part C of this document and also in Part D which covers permits and notices.

# 12. Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

#### 12.1 Protection of children

This licensing objective means preventing children from taking part in most types of gambling. The council will therefore consider whether specific measures are required at particular premises, with regard to this licensing objective. Appropriate measures may include supervision of entrances / machines, segregation of areas etc.

- 12.2 In premises that may attract children this Authority expects licence holders to train staff to recognise child sexual exploitation, and for staff to be able to demonstrate an understanding of the steps they should take if their suspicions are aroused.
- 12.3 The Act provides the following definition for child and young adult in Section 45: Meaning of "child" and "young person"
  - (1) In this Act "child" means an individual who is less than 16 years old.
  - (2) In this Act "young person" means an individual who is not a child but who is less than 18 years old.

For the purpose of this section protection of children will encompass both child and young person as defined by the Act.

- 12.4 The council will pay particular attention to any codes of practice which the Gambling Commission issues as regards this licensing objective in relation to specific premises.
- 12.5 Examples of the specific steps the council may take to address this area can be found in the various sections covering specific premises types in Part C of this document and also in Part D which covers permits and notices.

#### 13 Protection of vulnerable people

The council is aware of the difficulty in defining the term "vulnerable person".

- 13.1 The Gambling Commission, in its Guidance to Local Authorities, does not seek to offer a definition for the term "vulnerable people" but will, for regulatory purposes assume that this group includes people:
  - "who gamble more than they want to, people who gamble beyond their means, elderly persons, and people who may not be able to make informed or balanced decisions about gambling due to a mental impairment, or because of the influence of alcohol or drugs."
- 13.2 The Department of Health document "No Secrets" offers a definition of a vulnerable adult as a person:
  - "who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation."
- 13.3 In the case of premises licences the council is aware of the extensive requirements set out for operators in the Gambling Commissions Code of Practice. In this document the

Gambling Commission clearly describe the policies and procedures that operators should put in place regarding:

- · Combating problem gambling;
- Access to gambling by children and young persons;
- Information on how to gambling responsibly and help for problem gamblers;
- Customer interaction;
- Self-exclusion;
- Employment of children and young persons.
- 13.4 All applicants should familiarise themselves with the operator licence conditions and codes of practice relating to this objective and determine if these policies and procedures are appropriate in their circumstances. The council will communicate any concerns to the Gambling Commission about any absence of this required information.
- 13.5 Applicants should consider the following proposed measures for protecting and supporting vulnerable persons, for example:
  - leaflets offering assistance to problem gamblers should be available on gambling premises in a location that is both prominent and discreet, such as toilets;
  - training for staff members which focuses on building an employee's ability to maintain a sense of awareness of how much (e.g. how long) customers are gambling, as part of measures to detect persons who may be vulnerable;
  - trained personnel for the purpose of identifying and providing support to vulnerable persons;
  - self-exclusion schemes;
  - operators should demonstrate their understanding of best practice issued by organisations that represent the interests of vulnerable people;
  - posters with GamCare Helpline and website in prominent locations;
  - windows, entrances and advertisements to be positioned or designed not to entice passers-by.
- 13.6 It should be noted that some of these measures form part of the mandatory conditions placed on premises licences.
- 13.7 The council may consider any of the above or similar measures as licence conditions should these not be adequately addressed by any mandatory conditions, default conditions or proposed conditions by the applicant.

# Part C Types of Gambling Premises licences

- 14. Premises licences are subject to the requirements set-out in the Gambling Act 2005 and regulations, as well as specific mandatory and default conditions which are detailed in regulations issued by the Secretary of State. Licensing authorities are able to exclude default conditions and also attach others, where it is believed to be appropriate.
- 14.1 The Council is aware that in making decisions about premises licences it should aim to permit the use of premises for gambling in so far as it thinks it: is:

- in accordance with any relevant code of practice issued by the Gambling Commission:
- in accordance with any relevant guidance issued by the Gambling Commission;
- reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives; and
- in accordance with the authority's statement of licensing policy.
- 14.2 It is appreciated that as per the Gambling Commission's Guidance for local authorities "moral objections to gambling are not a valid reason to reject applications for premises licences" (except as regards any 'no casino resolution') and also that unmet demand is not a criterion for a licensing authority.
- 14.3 The council will issue premises licences to allow those premises to be used for certain types of gambling. For example premises licences will be issued to amusement arcades, bingo halls, bookmakers and casinos.
- 14.4 Applicants should also be aware that the Gambling Commission has issued Codes of Practice for each interest area for which they must have regard. The council will also have regard to these Codes of Practice.

#### 15 Definition of "premises"

Premises are defined in the Act as "any place". Different premises licences cannot apply in respect of a single premises at different times. However, it is possible for a single building to be subject to more than one premises licence, provided they are for different parts of the building and the different parts of the building can be reasonably regarded as being different premises. Whether different parts of a building can properly be regarded as being separate premises will always be a question of fact in the circumstances.

- 15.1 The council will take particular care in considering applications for multiple licences for a building and those relating to a discrete part of a building used for other (non-gambling) purposes. In particular the council will assess entrances and exits from parts of a building covered by one or more licences to satisfy itself that they are separate and identifiable so that the separation of different premises is not compromised and that people do not 'drift' into a gambling area.
- 15.2 The council will pay particular attention to applications where access to the licensed premises is through other premises (which themselves may be licensed or unlicensed). Issues that the council will consider before granting such applications include whether children can gain access, compatibility of the two establishments; and the ability to comply with the requirements of the Act. In addition, an overriding consideration will be whether, taken as a whole, the co-location of the licensed premises with other facilities has the effect of creating an arrangement that otherwise would, or should, be prohibited under the Act.

# 15.3 The Gambling Commission's relevant access provisions for each premises type are reproduced below

10p10dd00d b0l0tt	
Type of Premises	Access Provisions
Casinos	• the principal entrance to the premises must be from a 'street'

AGCs	<ul> <li>no entrance to a casino must be from premises that are used wholly or mainly by children and/or young persons</li> <li>no customer must be able to enter a casino directly from any other premises which holds a gambling premises licence.</li> <li>no customer must be able to access the premises directly from any other licensed</li> </ul>
	gambling premises.
Betting shops	<ul> <li>access must be from a 'street' or from other premises with a betting premises licence</li> <li>no direct access from a betting shop to another premises used for the retail sale of merchandise or services. In effect there cannot be an entrance to a betting shop from a shop of any kind unless that shop is itself a licensed betting premises.</li> </ul>
Tracks	no customer must be able to access the premises directly from a casino or AGC
Bingo premises	no customer must be able to access the premises directly from a casino, an AGC or a betting premises, other than a track
FECs	• no customer must be able to access the premises directly from a casino, an AGC or a betting premises, other than a track.

15.4 An applicant cannot obtain a full premises licence until they have the right to occupy the premises to which the application relates.

# 16. Licence Conditions Code of Practice (LCCP) - Application of Social Responsibility Codes.

- 16.1 The Gambling Commission has issued 'Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice (LCCP) under the Gambling Act 2005 which came into effect on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018. These were a significant update on previous LCCP and are in three parts:
  - General Conditions attached to operating licences
  - Principal Code of Practice: Social Responsibility provisions and Ordinary provisions
  - General Conditions attached to Personal Licences.
- 16.2 Haringey will expect all applicants to have considered the LCCP and included relevant parts within their application.
- 16.3 In particular, all non-remote licensees 'must assess the local risks to the licensing objectives posed by the provision of gambling facilities at each of their premises, and have policies, procedures and control measures to mitigate those risks. In making risk assessments, licensees must take into account relevant matters identified in the licensing authority's statement of licensing policy' (Social responsibility (SR) code

- 10.1.1); and 11.4 Local risk assessments must be reviewed when there are significant changes in local circumstances (including those identified in a licensing authority's statement of licensing policy) or at the premises, or when applying for a new licence or variation of a licence (SR code 10.1.2).
- 16.4 Haringey may, at its discretion, add conditions from the Gambling Commission LCCPs to any applicants licence as it sees fit.

#### 17 Local Area Profile and Risk Assessments

Haringey is an improving progressive borough, however, as can be seen from the analysis provided under the local area profile, the east of the borough compares poorly with the west and carry's high levels of deprivation that potentially puts people in those areas at risk to gambling related harm. From 6 April 2016, it is a requirement of the Gambling Commission's Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice (LCCP), under section 10 for licensees to assess the local risks to the licensing objectives posed by the provision of gambling facilities at their premises and have policies, procedures and control measures to mitigate those risks. In making risk assessments, licensees must take into account relevant matters identified in this policy.

- 17.1 This position gives rise to serious concerns of the impact of any further increase in the number of gambling premises in those most vulnerable and 'at risk' areas of the borough. This Authority considers that it is necessary to seek to control the number of facilities for gambling in areas where its most vulnerable residents may be placed at increasing risk, and in line with the duty, to aim to permit gambling insofar as it is reasonably consistent with the pursuit of the licensing objectives. All areas shown within the local area profile as being at high overall risk of gambling related harm, are generally considered inappropriate for further gambling establishments, which would tend to raise the risk of gambling related harm to vulnerable people living in those areas. Operators are asked to consider very carefully whether seeking to locate new premises or relocating existing premises within these areas would be consistent with the licensing objectives. Wherever the facilities are proposed, operators should consider, having regard to the individual mapping provided, each of the specific characteristics of their local area. Each premises' specific risk-assessment should recognise these and provide appropriate proactive mitigation or control measures.
- 17.2 The council is aware that demand issues (e.g. the likely demand or need for gambling facilities in an area) cannot be considered with regard to the location of premises but that considerations in terms of the licensing objectives can. The council will pay particular attention to the protection of children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling, as well as issues of crime and disorder.

  With regards to these objectives it is the council's policy, upon receipt of any relevant representations to look at specific location issues including:
  - the possible impact a gambling premises may have on any premises that provide services to children or young people, i.e. a school, or vulnerable adult centres in the area;
  - the possible impact a gambling premises may have on residential areas where there may be a high concentration of families with children;
  - the size of the premises and the nature of the activities taking place;
  - any levels of organised crime in the area.

- 17.3 It is a requirement of the code that such risk assessments should be shared with the Council when applying for a new licence, making a variation or when there is a significant change in local circumstances (including any update of the Gambling Policy). Where there are significant changes at a licensee's premises that may affect the mitigation of local risk, or otherwise on request from the Authority. The LB Haringey expects that such risk assessments will automatically be shared for all premises and to take into account the following:
- 17.4 Any special risks created by geographic location. To include schools, colleges or establishments frequented by children and young people, residential areas where there may be a high concentration of children and young persons, and the measures proposed to reduce any specific risk of children and young people from these premises accessing gambling facilities at the licensee's premises and to identify any potential risks to vulnerable persons. Assessment of risk covers the following:
  - a. Identify risk factors
  - b. Who can be harmed and how
  - c. Evaluate the risk
  - d. Record and score findings
  - e. Monitor and review
- 17.5 Other matters that the assessment may include:
  - local area crime statistics;
  - whether the premises is in an area of deprivation;
  - whether the premises is in an area subject to high levels of crime and/or disorder;
  - the ethnic profile of residents in the area;
  - the demographics of the area in relation to vulnerable groups;
  - the location of services for children such as schools, playgrounds, toy shops, leisure centres and other areas where children will gather;
  - the training of staff to recognise child sexual exploitation and the steps to be taken if it is suspected;
  - details as to the location and coverage of working CCTV cameras, and how the system will be monitored;
  - the layout of the premises so that staff have an unobstructed view of persons using the premises;
  - the number of staff that will be available on the premises at any one time. If at any time that number is one, confirm the supervisory and monitoring arrangements when that person is absent from the licensed area or distracted from supervising the premises and observing those persons using the premises;
  - arrangements for monitoring and dealing with under age persons and vulnerable, which may include dedicated and trained personnel, leaflets, posters, self-exclusion schemes, window displays and advertisements not to entice passers-by etc;
  - the provision of signage and documents relating to games rules, gambling care providers and other relevant information be provided in both English and the other prominent first language for that locality;
  - where the application is for a betting premises licence, other than in respect of a track, the location and extent of any part of the premises

- which will be used to provide facilities for gambling in reliance on the licence:
- the training of staff in brief intervention when customers show signs of excessive gambling, the ability of staff to offer brief intervention and how the manning of premises affects this.
- 17.6 Such information may be used to inform the decision the council makes about whether to grant the licence, to grant the licence with special conditions or to refuse the application.
- 17.7 A good risk assessment accompanying an application will:
  - Enable the licensing authority to see that the applicant has considered the community and the risks within it;
  - Provide greater clarity for operators leading to improved premises licence applications, with the operator already incorporating controls and measures to mitigate risk in their application;
  - Enable the licensing authority to make robust but fair decisions, based on a clear, published set of factors and risks, which are therefore less susceptible to challenge;
  - Encourage a proactive approach to risk that is likely to result in reduced compliance and enforcement action.
- 17.8 In any case the local risk assessment should show how vulnerable people, including people with gambling dependencies, are protected.
- 17.9 There is evidence that some groups in the population may be more vulnerable to gambling related harm. This does not only apply to people on low incomes but also people who are less able to make reasoned decisions because of poor mental health or addiction. Children and young people may be particularly susceptible, as their youth and inexperience may make them more inclined to risk-taking behaviour and less able to manage the consequences of those decisions.
- 17.10 To help support applicants and licence holders to better understand their local environment, an analysis of gambling related harm has been prepared as a 'local area profile'. A copy of the document is provided at Appendix 2. By drawing on relevant and reliable published socio-economic and public health data sets together with local police data concerning anti-social behaviour, the local area profile uses special analysis techniques to provide a model of area-based vulnerability to gambling related harm across the borough. Both current operators and potential new operators to the borough are asked to consider the detail provided carefully, and should have regard to both the overall summary map and the individual mapping provided in respect of each relevant data set.
- 17.11 This policy does not preclude any application being made and each application will be decided on its merits, with the onus being upon the applicant to show how the concerns can be overcome. Assessing local risk should therefore provide a means for licensees to address local concerns about gambling premises; and for licensing authorities and gambling licensees to work collaboratively with a view to minimising risks, within the framework of aiming to permit gambling where reasonably consistent with licensing objectives.

#### 18. Duplication with other regulatory regimes

The council will seek to avoid any duplication with other statutory/regulatory systems where possible, including planning. The council will not consider whether a licence application is likely to be awarded planning permission or building regulations approval, in its consideration of it. It will though, listen to, and consider carefully, any concerns about proposed conditions which are not able to be met by the applicant due to planning restrictions, should such a situation arise, this may include consideration of the proposed hours of operation. The Council will consider the hours proposed in accordance to the risk assessment and area profile.

#### 19 Conditions

The Council is aware that the Secretary of State has set mandatory conditions and default conditions. The Gambling Commission has set Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice which are necessary for the general good conduct of gambling premises. The Council will not seek to impose further individual conditions in relation to matters that have already been dealt with.

- 19.1 Where there are specific risks or problems associated with a particular locality, or specific premises, or class of premises, the council will attach individual conditions to address this.
- 19.2 Any conditions attached to a licence issued by the council will be proportionate and will be:
  - relevant to the need to make the proposed building suitable as a gambling facility;
  - directly related to the premises and the type of licence applied for, and/or related to
  - the area where the premises is based;
  - fairly and reasonably related to the scale, type and location of premises;
  - consistent with the licensing objectives, and
  - reasonable in all other respects.
- 19.3 Decisions about individual conditions will be made on a case by case basis, although there will be a number of control measures the council will consider using, such as supervision of entrances, supervision of adult gaming machines, appropriate signage for adult only areas etc. There are specific comments made in this regard under each of the licence types in this policy. The council will also expect the applicant to offer his/her own suggestions as to the way in which the licensing objectives can be met effectively.
- 19.4 Where certain measures are not already addressed by the mandatory/default conditions or by the applicant, the council may consider licence conditions to cover issues such as:
  - proof of age schemes;
  - CCTV:
  - supervision of entrances;
  - supervision of machine areas;
  - a reduction in the number of betting machines (betting premises);
  - the staffing of premises;
  - physical separation of areas;

- location of entrance points;
- notices / signage;
- specific opening hours;
- a requirement that children must be accompanied by an adult;
- enhanced CRB checks of the applicant and/or staff;
- support to persons with gambling addiction;
- policies to address seasonal periods where children may more frequently attempt to gain access to premises and gamble such as pre and post school hours, half terms and summer holidays;
- policies to address the problems associated with truant children who may attempt to gain access to premises and gamble;
- any one or a combination of these measures.
- 19.5 This list is not mandatory or exhaustive and is merely indicative of examples of certain measures which may satisfy the requirements of the licensing authority and the responsible authorities, depending on the nature and location of the premises and the gambling facilities to be provided.
- 19.6 There are conditions which the council cannot attach to premises licences which are:
  - any condition on the premises licence which makes it impossible for the applicant to comply with an operating licence condition;
  - conditions relating to gaming machine categories, numbers, or method of operation;
  - conditions which provide that membership of a club or body be required (the Gambling Act 2005 specifically removes the membership requirement for casino and bingo clubs and this provision prevents it being reinstated) and
  - conditions in relation to stakes, fees, winnings or prizes.

#### 20. Door supervision

The council will consider whether there is a need for door supervision in terms of the licensing objectives of protection of children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling, and also in terms of preventing premises becoming a source of crime. It is noted though that the Gambling Act 2005 has amended the Private Security Industry Act 2001 and that door supervisors at casinos or bingo premises are not required to be licensed by the Security Industry Authority. Where door supervisors are provided at these premises the operator should ensure that any persons employed in this capacity are fit and proper to carry out such duties. Possible ways to achieve this could be to carry out a criminal records (CRB) check on potential staff and for such personnel to have attended industry recognised training.

#### 21. Adult gaming centres

Under the Act a premises holding an adult gaming centre licence will be able to make category B, C and D gaming machines available and no one under 18 will be permitted to enter such premises.

21.1 The council will specifically have regard to the need to protect children and vulnerable persons from harm or being exploited by gambling in these premises. The council will expect applicants to satisfy the authority that there will be sufficient measures to ensure that under 18 year olds do not have access to the premises.

21.2 Where certain measures are not already addressed by the mandatory and default conditions and the Gambling Commission Codes of Practice or by the applicant, the council may consider licence conditions to address such issues, examples of which are provided at paragraph 16.16.

#### 22. Licensed family entertainment centres (FECs)

- 22.1 Licensed family entertainment centres are those premises which usually provide a range of amusements such as computer games, penny pushers and may have a separate section set aside for adult only gaming machines with higher stakes and prizes. Licensed family entertainment centres will be able to make available unlimited category C and D machines where there is clear segregation in place so children do not access the areas where the category C machines are located.
- 22.2 Where category C or above machines are available in premises to which children are admitted then the council will ensure that:
  - all such machines are located in an area of the premises separate from the remainder of the premises by a physical barrier which is effective to prevent access other than through a designated entrance. For this purpose a rope, floor markings or similar provision will not suffice and the council may insist on a permanent barrier of at least 1 meter high;
  - only adults are admitted to the area where the machines (category C) are located:
  - access to the area where the machines are located is supervised at all times:
  - the area where the machines are located is arranged so that it can be observed by staff; and
  - at the entrance to, and inside any such area there are prominently displayed notices indicating that access to the area is prohibited to persons under 18.
- 22.3 The council will specifically have regard to the need to protect children and vulnerable persons from harm or being exploited by gambling in these premises. The council will expect applicants to satisfy the authority that there will be sufficient measures to ensure that under 18 year olds do not have access to the adult only gaming machine areas.
- 22.4 The council will expect the applicant to show that there are policies and procedures in place to protect children from harm. Harm in this context is not limited to harm from gambling but includes wider child protection considerations.
- 22.5 The efficiency of such policies and procedures will each be considered on their merits, however, they may include:
  - appropriate measures and training for staff as regards suspected truant children on the premises;
  - measures and training covering how staff would deal with unsupervised very young children being on the premises;
  - measures and training covering how staff would deal with children causing perceived problems on or around the premises;
  - the arrangements for supervision of premises either by staff or the use of CCTV.

- 22.6 Any CCTV system installed should both the interior and the entrance working to the latest Home Office and ACPO standards and to the satisfaction of Metropolitan Police and the local authority. The system must record images clearly and these recordings be retained for a minimum of 31 days. If the equipment is inoperative the police and local authority must be informed as soon as possible and immediate steps taken to make the system operative. Notices must be displayed at the entrances advising that CCTV is in operation.
- 22.7 Due to the nature of these premises, which are attractive to children, applicants who employ staff to supervise the premises should consult with the Independent Safeguarding Authority to determine if their staff need to be CRB checked.
- 22.8 The council will refer to the Commission's website to familiarise itself with any conditions that apply to operating licences covering the way in which the area containing the category C machines should be delineated. The council will also make itself aware of the mandatory or default conditions and any Gambling Commission Codes of Practice on these premises licences.

#### 23. Casinos

The London Borough of Haringey has not passed a resolution in relation to casinos, but it is noted that the Government has not awarded a casino licence to Haringey.

#### 24. Bingo premises

There is no official definition for bingo in the Gambling Act 2005 however from a licensing point of view there is a category of premises licence specifically for bingo premises which is used by traditional commercial bingo halls for both cash and prize bingo. In addition this premises licence will authorise the provision of a limited number of gaming machines in line with the provisions of the Act.

- 24.1 The council is aware that it is important that if children are allowed to enter premises licensed for bingo that they do not participate in gambling, other than on category D machines. Where category C or above machines are available in premises to which children are admitted then the council will ensure that:
  - all such machines are located in an area of the premises separate from the remainder of the premises by a physical barrier which is effective to prevent access other than through a designated entrance. For this purpose a rope, floor markings or similar provision will not suffice and the council may insist on a permanent barrier of at least one meter high;
  - only adults are admitted to the area where the machines are located;
  - access to the area where the machines are located is supervised at all times;
  - the area where the machines are located is arranged so that it can be observed by staff;
  - at the entrance to, and inside any such area there are prominently displayed notices indicating that access to the area is prohibited to persons under 18;
  - children will not be admitted to bingo premises unless accompanied by an adult.
- 24.2 The Gambling Commission has provided Guidance for Licensing Authorities and

Licence Conditions and Code of Practice which are applied to Operator's Licences. The council will take this into consideration when determining licence applications for bingo premises.

24.3 Where certain measures are not already addressed by the mandatory/default conditions, the Gambling Commission Code of Practice or the applicant, the council may consider licence conditions to address such issues, examples of which are provided at paragraph 13.15.

#### 25. Betting premises

Betting premises are premises such as bookmakers where various types of gambling are authorised to take place. The Act contains a single class of licence for betting premises however within this single class there are different types of premises which require licensing such as high street bookmakers, bookmakers located in self-contained facilities at race courses as well as the general betting premises licences that track operators will require.

#### 25.1 Betting machines

The council is aware that Section 181 of the Act contains an express power for licensing authorities to restrict the number of betting machines, their nature and the circumstances in which they are made available by attaching a licence condition to a betting premises licence. When considering whether to impose a condition to restrict number of betting machines in particular premises, the council, amongst other things, will take into account the size of the premises, the number of counter positions available for person-to-person transactions, and the ability of staff to monitor the use of the machines.

- Where an applicant for a betting premises licence intends to offer higher stake category B gaming machines (categories B2-B4) including any Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs), then applicants should consider the control measures related to the protection of vulnerable persons, highlighted in section 13.
- 25.3 Where certain measures are not already addressed by the mandatory/default

conditions, Gambling Commission Code of Practice or the applicant, the council may consider licence conditions to address such issues.

#### 26. Tracks

Tracks are sites (including racecourses and dog tracks) where races or other sporting events take place. Betting is a major gambling activity on tracks, both in the form of pool betting (often known as the "totaliser" or "tote"), and also general betting, often known as "fixed-odds" betting. Multiple betting outlets are usually located on tracks such as 'on-course' betting operators who come onto the track just on race days to provide betting for the races taking place on that track. There can also be 'off-course' betting operators who may operate self-contained facilities at the tracks which offer customers the chance to bet on other events, not just those taking place on the track.

27.1 All tracks will require a primary `general betting premises licence' that the track operator will hold. It should be noted that track operators do not require an operating licence from the Gambling Commission although they may apply for one. This is because the various other gambling operators offering betting at the track will each hold an operating licence.

- 27.2 Tracks may also be subject to one or more premises licences, provided each licence relates to a specified area of the track. This may be preferable for any self-contained premises providing off-course betting facilities at the track. The council will however assess each individual case on its merits before deciding if this is necessary. Where possible the council will be happy for the track operator to decide if any particular off-course operators should apply for a separate premises licence.
- 27.3 If any off-course operators are permitted to provide betting facilities under the authorisation of the track operator's premises licence, then it will be the responsibility of the premises licence holder to ensure the proper conduct of such betting within the premises boundary.
- 27.4 Gambling Commission guidance also indicates that it would be possible for other types of gambling premises to be located at a track under the authorisation of separate premises licences, e.g. a casino premises licence or adult gaming centre premises licence. If you require further guidance on this provision please contact the Licensing Team.
- 27.5 Children and persons will be permitted to enter track areas where facilities for betting are provided on days when dog-racing and/or horse racing takes place, although they are still prevented from entering areas where gaming machines and betting machines (other than category D machines) are provided.
- 27.6 The council will consider the impact upon the protection of children licensing objective and the need to ensure that entrances to each type of betting premises are distinct and that children are excluded from gambling areas where they are not permitted to enter.

#### 28. Travelling fairs

Travelling fairs have traditionally been able to provide various types of low stake gambling without the need for a licence or permit provided that certain conditions are met and this provision continues in similar fashion under the new Act.

- 28.1 Travelling fairs have the right to provide an unlimited number of category D gaming machines and/or equal chance prize gaming (without the need for a permit) as long as the gambling amounts to no more than an ancillary amusement at the fair.
- 28.2 The council will consider whether any fairs which take up the above entitlement fall within the statutory definition of a travelling fair.
- 28.3 The council is aware that the 27 day statutory maximum for the land being used as a fair is per calendar year and that it applies to the piece of land on which the fairs are held, regardless of whether it is the same or different travelling fairs occupying the land. The council will work with its neighbouring authorities to ensure that land which crosses the council boundary is monitored so that the statutory limits are not exceeded.

#### 29. Provisional statements

A provisional statement application is a process which allows a developer to examine the likelihood of whether a building which he expects to be constructed, to be altered or to acquire a right to occupy would be granted a premises licence. A provisional statement is not a licence and merely gives the holder some form of guarantee that a premises licence would be granted so the developer can judge whether a development

- is worth taking forward in light of the need to obtain a premises licence. An applicant may also apply for a provisional statement for premises which already hold a premises licence (either for a different type of gambling or the same type).
- 29.1 In terms of representations about premises licence applications, following the grant of a provisional statement, no further representations from responsible authorities or interested parties can be taken into account unless they concern matters which could not have been addressed at the provisional statement stage, or they reflect a change in the applicant's circumstances. In addition, the council may refuse the premises licence (or grant it on terms different to those attached to the provisional statement) only by reference to matters:
  - a) which could not have been raised by objectors at the provisional licence stage; or b) which in the authority's opinion reflect a change in the operator's circumstances.
- 29.2 When determining a provisional statement application the council will operate in accordance with the Act and will not have regard to any issues related to planning consent or building regulations, e.g. the likelihood that planning consent will be granted.

# Part D - Permits, notices and lottery registrations.

- 30. Unlicensed family entertainment centre gaming machine permits (UFECs)

  The term 'unlicensed family entertainment centre' is one defined in the Act and refers to a premises which provides category D gaming machines along with various other amusements such as computer games and penny pushers. The premises is 'unlicensed' in that it does not require a premises licence but does require a permit to be able to provide category D machines. It should not be confused with a 'licensed family entertainment centre' which requires a premises licence because it contains both category C and D gaming machines.
- 30.1 The council will expect the applicant to show that there are policies and procedures in place to protect children from harm. Harm in this context is not limited to harm from gambling but includes wider child protection considerations.
- 30.2 The efficiency of such policies and procedures will each be considered on their merits, however, they may include:
  - appropriate measures and training for staff as regards suspected truant children on the premises;
  - measures and training covering how staff would deal with unsupervised very young children being on the premises;

- measures and training covering how staff would deal with children causing perceived problems on or around the premises;
- the arrangements for supervision of premises either by staff or the use of CCTV.
- 30.3 Any CCTV system installed should both the interior and the entrance working to the latest Home Office and ACPO standards and to the satisfaction of The Metropolitan Police and the local authority. The system must record images clearly and these recordings be retained for a minimum of 31 days. If the equipment is in-operative the Police and Local Authority must be informed as soon as possible and immediate steps taken to make the system operative. Notices must be displayed at the entrances advising that CCTV is in operation.
- 30.4 Due to the nature of these premises, which are attractive to children, applicants who employ staff to supervise the premises should consult with the Independent Safeguarding Authority to determine if their staff need to be CRB checked.
- 30.6 The council will also expect, as per the Gambling Commission Guidance, that applicants demonstrate:
  - a full understanding of the maximum stakes and prizes of the gambling that is permissible in unlicensed FECs;
  - that the applicant has no relevant conviction (those that are set out in Schedule 7 of the Act), and
  - that staff are trained to have a full understanding of the maximum stakes and prizes.
- 30.7 In line with the Act, while the council cannot attach conditions to this type of permit, the council can refuse applications if they are not satisfied that the issues raised in the "Gambling Policy" have been addressed through the application.
- 30.8 Applicants only need to address the "Gambling Policy" when making their initial application ns and not at renewal time.
- 31 Gaming machine permits in premises licensed for the sale of alcohol
  There is provision in the Act for premises licensed to sell alcohol for consumption on the
  premises, to automatically have two gaming machines, of categories C and/or D. The
  premises merely need to notify the council. The council can remove the automatic
  authorisation in respect of any particular premises if:
  - provision of the machines is not reasonably consistent with the pursuit of the licensing objectives;
  - gaming has taken place on the premises that breaches a condition of Section 282 of the Gambling Act (i.e. that written notice has been provided to the licensing authority, that a fee has been provided and that any relevant code of practice issued by the Gambling Commission about the location and operation of the machine has been complied with);
  - · the premises are mainly used for gaming; or
  - an offence under the Gambling Act has been committed on the premises.
- 31.1 If a premises wishes to have more than two machines, then it needs to apply for a permit and the council must consider that application based upon the licensing objectives, any guidance issued by the Gambling Commission issued under Section 25 of the Gambling

Act 2005, and "such matters as they think relevant." The council considers that "such matters" will be decided on a case by case basis but generally there will be regard to the need to protect children and vulnerable persons from harm or being exploited by gambling. The council will also expect the applicant to satisfy the authority that there will be sufficient measures to ensure that children and young people under the age of 18 do not have access to the adult only gaming machines.

- 31.2 All alcohol licensed premises with gaming machines must have regard to the need to protect children and vulnerable persons from harm or being exploited by gambling and provide sufficient measures to ensure that under 18 year olds do not use the adult only gaming machines.
- 31.3 Measures which may satisfy the council that persons under 18 years will be prevented from using the machines may include the machines being in close proximity to the bar, or in any other area where they are capable of being adequately supervised. Notices and signage may also help. As regards the protection of vulnerable persons, applicants may wish to consider the provision of information leaflets and or helpline numbers for organisations such as GamCare.
- 317.4 The council can decide to grant the permit with a smaller number of machines and/or a different category of machines than that applied for. Conditions other than these cannot be attached.
- 31.5 The holder of a permit must comply with any Code of Practice issued by the Gambling Commission about the location and operation of the machine(s).
- 31.6 It is recognised that some alcohol licensed premises may apply for a premises licence for their non-alcohol licensed areas. Any such application would need to be dealt with under the relevant provisions of the Act.
- 31.7 Alcohol licensed premises are able to provide some limited equal chance gaming. Licensees are referred to the advice provided by the Gambling Commission on the website.

#### 32. Prize gaming permits

Section 288 defines gaming as prize gaming if the nature and size of the prize is not determined by the number of people playing or the amount paid for or raised by the gaming. The prizes will be determined by the operator before play commences. Prize gaming can often be seen at seaside resorts in amusement arcades where a form of bingo is offered and the prizes are displayed on the walls.

- 32.1 A prize gaming permit is a permit issued by the licensing authority to authorise the provision of facilities for gaming with prizes on specified premises.
- 32.2 The council will expect the applicant to show that there are policies and procedures in place to protect children from harm. Harm in this context is not limited to harm from gambling but includes wider child protection considerations.
- 32.3 The efficiency of such policies and procedures will each be considered on their merits, however, they may include:
  - appropriate measures and training for staff as regards suspected truant children on the premises;

- measures and training covering how staff would deal with unsupervised very young children being on the premises;
- measures and training covering how staff would deal with children causing perceived problems on or around the premises.
- the arrangements for supervision of premises either by staff or the use of CCTV.
- 32.4 Any CCTV system installed should both the interior and the entrance working to the Home Office and ACPO standards and to the satisfaction of The Metropolitan Police and the local authority. The system must record images clearly and these recordings be retained for a minimum of 31 days. If the equipment is inoperative, the police and local authority must be informed as soon as possible and immediate steps taken to make the system operative. Notices must be displayed at the entrances advising that CCTV is in operation.
- 32.5 Due to the nature of these premises, which are attractive to children, applicants who employ staff to supervise the premises should consult with the Independent Safeguarding Authority to determine if their staff need to be CRB checked.
- 32.6 The council will also expect, as per the Gambling Commission Guidance, that applicants demonstrate:
  - A full understanding of the maximum stakes and prizes of the gambling that is permissible;
  - That the gaming offered is within the law.
- 32.7 In line with the Act, while the council cannot attach conditions to this type of permit, the council can refuse applications if they are not satisfied that the issues raised in the "Gambling Policy" have been addressed through the application.
- 32.8 There are conditions in the Gambling Act 2005 by which the permit holder must comply. The conditions in the Act are:
  - the limits on participation fees, as set out in regulations, must be complied with;
  - all chances to participate in the gaming must be allocated on the premises on which the gaming is taking place and on one day; the game must be played and completed on the day the chances are allocated; and the result of the game must be made public in the premises on the day that it is played;
  - the prize for which the game is played must not exceed the amount set out in regulations (if a money prize), or the prescribed value (if non-monetary prize); and
  - Participation in the gaming must not entitle the player to take part in any other gambling.

#### 33. Club gaming and club machine permits

Members clubs and miners' welfare institutes may apply for a 'club gaming permit' or a 'club machine permit'. The 'club gaming permit' will enable the premises to provide gaming machines (three machines of categories B4, C or D), equal chance gaming. i.e. poker, bingo etc. A 'club machine permit' will enable the premises to provide gaming machines (three machines of categories B4, C or D). Commercial clubs may apply for a

'club machine permit' only.

- 33.1 To qualify for these special club permits a members club must have at least 25 members and be established and conducted "wholly or mainly" for purposes other than gaming. A members' club must be permanent in nature, not established to make commercial profit, and controlled by its members equally. Examples include working men's clubs, branches of the Royal British Legion and clubs with political affiliations.
- 33.2 Clubs must have regard to the protection of children and vulnerable persons from harm or being exploited by gambling. They must provide sufficient measures to ensure that under 18 year olds do not use the adult only gaming machines. These measures may include:
  - the machines being in close proximity to the bar, or in any other area where they are capable of being adequately supervised;
  - notices and signage;
  - the provision of information leaflets / helpline numbers for organisations such as GamCare.
- 33.3 Before granting the permit the council will need to satisfy itself that the premises meets the requirements of a members' club and that the majority of members are over 18.
- 33.4 The council may only refuse an application on the grounds that:
  - (a) the applicant does not fulfil the requirements for a members' or commercial club or miners' welfare institute and therefore is not entitled to receive the type of permit for which they have applied;
  - (b) the applicant's premises are used wholly or mainly by children and/or young persons;
  - (c) an offence under the Act or a breach of a permit has been committed by the applicant while providing gaming facilities;
  - (d) a permit held by the applicant has been cancelled in the previous ten years; or
  - (e) an objection has been lodged by the Commission or the police.
- 33.5 There is also a 'fast-track' procedure available for premises which hold a club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003. Under the fast-track procedure there is no opportunity for objections to be made by the Commission or the police, and the ground upon which the council can refuse a permit is reduced. The grounds on which an application under the process may be refused are:
  - (a) that the club is established primarily for gaming,
  - (b) that in addition to the prescribed gaming, the applicant provides facilities for other gaming; or
  - (c) that a club gaming permit or club machine permit issued to the applicant in the last ten years has been cancelled.

#### 34. Temporary use notices

Temporary use notices allow the use of premises on not more than 21 days in any 12 month period for gambling where there is no premises licence but where a gambling operator wishes to use the premises temporarily for providing facilities for gambling.

- Premises that might be useful for a temporary use notice would include hotels, conference centres and sporting venues.
- 34.1 Temporary Use Notices allow the use of premises for any form of equal chance gambling where those participating in the gaming are taking part in a competition which is intended to produce a single, overall winner.
- 34.2 Only persons or companies holding a relevant operating licence can apply for a temporary use notice to authorise the particular class of gambling permitted by their operating licence.
- 34.3 A temporary use notice must be lodged with the licensing authority not less than three months and one day before the day on which the gambling is due to take place. Detailed information about how to serve a temporary use notice will be available in a separate quidance note.
- 34.4 The Act makes a special reference, in the context of temporary use notices, to a "set of premises" to try and ensure that large premises which cannot reasonably be viewed as separate are not used for more temporary use notices than permitted under the Act. The council considers that the determination of what constitutes "a set of premises" will be a question of fact in the particular circumstances of each notice that is given. In considering whether a place falls within the definition of a "set of premises", the council will look at, amongst other things, the ownership/occupation and control of the premises. The council will be ready to object to notices where it appears that their effect would be to permit regular gambling in a place that could be described as one set of premises.

# 35. Occasional use notices (for tracks)

There is a special provision in the Act which provides that where there is betting on a track on eight days or less in a calendar year, betting may be permitted by an occasional use notice without the need for a full premises licence. An Occasional Use Notice is different to that for a temporary use notice. The application may be made in writing, to the council by the person responsible for the administration of the events on a track or by an occupier of the track.

35.1 The council has very little discretion as regards these notices aside from ensuring that the statutory limit of 8 days in a calendar year is not exceeded. The council will however consider the definition of a 'track' and whether the applicant is entitled to benefit from such notice.

# 36. Small society lottery registrations

- 36.1 A lottery generally refers to schemes under which prizes are distributed by chance among entrants who have given some form of value for their chance to take part.
- 36.2 The Act creates two principal classes of lotteries: Licensed lotteries and exempt lotteries. Licensed lotteries are large society lotteries and lotteries run for the benefit of local authorities. These will be regulated by the Gambling Commission. Within the class of exempt lotteries there are four sub classes, one of which is small society lotteries.
- 36.3 A small society lottery is a lottery promoted on behalf of a non-commercial society as defined in the Act which also meets specific financial requirements set out in the Act.

These will be administered by the council for small societies who have a principal office in Haringey and want to run such lottery.

- 36.4 A lottery is small if the total value of tickets put on sale in a single lottery is £20,000 or less and the aggregate value of the tickets put on sale in a calendar year is £250,000 or less.
- 36.5 To be 'non-commercial' a society must be established and conducted:
  - for charitable purposes;
  - for the purpose of enabling participation in, or supporting, sport, athletics or a cultural activity; or
  - for any other non-commercial purpose other than that of private gain.
- 36.6 The other types of exempt lotteries are 'incidental non-commercial lotteries', 'private lotteries' and 'customer lotteries'. If you require guidance on the different categories of lotteries please contact the council.
- 36.7 The National lottery is not licensed by the Gambling Act 2005 and continues to be regulated by the National Lottery Commission under the National Lottery Act 1993.

### Part E

# 37. Enforcement

The council will work closely with the responsible authorities in accordance with a locally established joint enforcement protocol and will aim to promote the licensing objectives by targeting known high risk premises following government guidance around better regulation.

- 37.1 In carrying out its enforcement duties with regards to the inspection of premises; and the powers to institute criminal proceedings in respect of certain offences under the Act the council will endeavour to be:
  - **proportionate**: regulators should only intervene when necessary: remedies should be appropriate to the risk posed, and costs identified and minimised;
  - accountable: regulators must be able to justify decisions, and be subject to public scrutiny;
  - consistent: rules and standards must be joined up and implemented fairly;
  - **transparent**: regulators should be open, and keep regulations simple and user friendly; and
  - targeted: regulation should be focused on the problem, and minimise side effects
- 37.2 The council will endeavour to avoid duplication with other regulatory regimes so far as possible.
- 37.3 Where there is a Primary Authority scheme in place, the council will seek guidance from the Primary Authority before taking any action involving test purchasing operations, unless these arise as a result of a complaint.

- 37.4 Further information, including an index of all Primary Authority arrangements can be found at <a href="https://primaryauthorityregister.info/par/index.php/home">https://primaryauthorityregister.info/par/index.php/home</a>
- 37.5 The council will also adopt a risk-based inspection programme in line with government recommendations around better regulation and the principles of the Hampton Review.
- 37.6 The main enforcement and compliance role for the council in terms of the Gambling Act 2005 will be to ensure compliance with the premises licences and other permissions which it authorises. The Gambling Commission will be the enforcement body for the operator and personal licences. Concerns about the manufacture, supply or repair of gaming machines will not be dealt with by the council but will be notified to the Gambling Commission. In circumstances where the council believes a premises requires a premises licence for gambling activities and no such licence is in force, the council will alert the Gambling Commission.
- 37.7 The Gambling Commission have highlighted that local authorities in general are likely to receive very few, or no complaints about gambling. Unlike other regulated areas, such as alcohol, gambling is much less visible as a concern for residents. As a result, the Gambling Commission advises the Council to proactively conduct inspections, to build up the picture of whether a premises can establish true compliance, and can assess whether the necessary protections, especially for the young and vulnerable are in place and working effectively.
- 37.8 The Council's Inspection programme requires all new licensed premises to be inspected shortly after the licence has been issued, and every premises should expect at least one inspection per year. Inspections of premises are also undertaken if complaints are received, if variation applications are received or there is some other intelligence that suggests an inspection is appropriate. Compliance will be checked in a daytime or evening inspection. Where a one-off event takes place under a Temporary Use Notice or Occasional Use Notice, the Council may also carry out inspections to ensure the Licensing Objectives are being promoted.
- 37.9 High-risk premises are those premises that have a history of complaints, a history of non-compliance and require greater attention. The Council will operate a lighter touch in respect of low-risk premises so that resources are more effectively targeted to problem premises. We will also target enforcement towards illegal gambling as it is potentially higher risk/harm due to the lack of regulation. The council will also keep itself informed of developments as regards the work of the Better Regulation Executive in its consideration of the regulatory functions of local authorities. The council's enforcement/compliance protocols/written agreements will be available upon request.

# 38. Legislation, Policies and Strategies

In undertaking its licensing function under the Gambling Act 2005, the Council is also bound by other legislation, including:-

- 1. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1988;
- 2. Human Rights Act 1998;
- 3. Health and Safety at Work Act 1974;
- 4. Environmental Protection Act 1990;
- 5. The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003;

# 6. The Race Relations Act 1976 (as amended);

However, the policy is not intended to duplicate existing legislation and regulation regimes that already place obligations on employers and operators.

# 38.1 National Strategies

The Council will also seek to discharge its responsibilities identified by other Government Strategies, in so far as they impact on the objectives of the licensing function.

# 38.2 Local Strategies and Policies

Where appropriate, the Council will consider applications with reference to other adopted local strategies and polices, including the following:-

- 1. Working Together with Communities
- 2. The Haringey Safer Communities Strategy
- 3. Enforcement Policies.

# 38.3 Integrating Strategies

There are many stakeholders involved in the Leisure industry and many are involved in the promotion of the licensing objectives. A number of stakeholders' plans and strategies deal with matters related to the licensing function. Where this is the case, the Council will aim, as far as possible, to co-ordinate them.

The Council considers that where appropriate and in so far as is consistent with the Gambling Act, Guidance and Codes of Practice issued under sections 24 and 25 of the Gambling Act 2005, it is desirable that this Policy complements other relevant plans and strategies aimed at the management of town centres and the night-time economy.

# 38.4 Relevant plans and strategies include:-

Crime and Disorder Strategy – The Council will fulfil its duty under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in the Borough. As far as possible, licensing decisions will aim to contribute to the targets set in the Crime and Disorder Strategy and conditions attached to licences and certificates will reflect local crime prevention strategies.

# 38.5 Safer Communities Strategy

The Community Safety Strategy is committed to tackling the key areas of crime and building prevention initiatives into neighbourhoods. The licensing authority will support the work of the Safer Communities Strategy within the scope of the licensing objectives under the Act

- Haringey Council A Community Plan As far as possible, any licensing decisions will be in line with the aspirations of this community plan.
- Local Transport Plan the Council aims to work with the local transport authority and will consider ways in which the public can be dispersed from licensed premises and events so as to avoid disturbance, crime and disorder. The Police will be encouraged to report on matters related to the swift and safe dispersal of people from licensed premises.
- Racial Equality The Council is required under race relations legislation to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different racial groups. The impact on these issues of the Gambling Policy will be monitored and amendments will be made as necessary.

- Domestic Violence Strategy The Council will ensure consultation to ensure that any correlation between gambling and domestic violence can be detected at the earliest opportunity.
- Children and Young Persons Strategy The Council will have regard to the impact on this strategy and the criteria for safeguarding children from becoming addicted.
- Anti-Poverty Strategy As far as possible, any licensing decisions will have regard to this strategy. It will support the work of the Anti Poverty Strategy as they are developed within the scope of the licensing objectives under the Act.
- Proper integration will be assured by the Licensing Authority's Licensing Committee providing reports, when appropriate, to its Planning Committee on the situation regarding licensed premises in the area, including the general impact of gambling related crime and disorder, to enable the Planning Committee to have regard to such matters when taking its decisions.
- The Council will ensure that the Licensing Committee receives reports, when appropriate, on the needs of the local tourist economy to ensure that these are reflected in their considerations.
- Economic Strategies The Council will ensure that the Licensing Committee is appraised of the employment situation in the area and the need for new investment and employment where appropriate.
- Enforcement Policy All licensing enforcement will be conducted in accordance with the Enforcement Concordat, and the Haringey Enforcement Policy.

These links to other corporate strategies will be formulated in detail as a result of the consultation process.

# 39. Decision Making

Committee Terms of Reference

A Licensing Sub-Committee of Councillors will sit to hear applications where representations have been received from interested parties and responsible authorities. Ward Councillors will not sit on a Sub-Committee involving an application within their ward.

# 39.1 The Licensing Committee

The Licensing Committee will also sit to determine general licensing matters that have been delegated to it by the full Council that are not associated with the Gambling Act 2005. Where a Councillor who is a member of the Licensing Committee is making or has made representations regarding a licence on behalf of an interested party, in the interests of good governance they will disqualify themselves from any involvement in the decision making process affecting the licence in question.

39.2 The Licensing Sub-Committee will also refer to the Licensing Committee any matter it is

unable to deal with because of the number of its members who are unable to take part in the consideration or discussion of any matter or vote on any question with respect to it. The Licensing Committee will refer to the Full Council any matter it is unable to deal with because of the number of its members who are unable to take part in the consideration or discussion of any matter or vote on any question with respect to it.

- 39.3 Every determination of a licensing decision by the Licensing Committee or a Licensing Sub-Committee shall be accompanied by clear, cogent reasons for the decision. The decision and the reasons for that decision will be sent to the applicant and those who have made relevant representations as soon as practicable. A summary of the decision shall also be posted on the Council's website as soon as possible after the decision has been confirmed, where it will form part of the statutory licensing register required to be kept by the Council.
- 39.6 The Council's Licensing Officers will deal with all other licensing applications where either no representations have been received, or where representations are irrelevant, frivolous or vexatious will be made by Council Officers, who will make the decisions on whether representations or applications for licence reviews should be referred to the Licensing Committee or Sub-Committee. Where representations are rejected, the person making that representation will be given written reasons as to why that is the case. There is no right of appeal against a determination that representations are not admissible.
- 39.7 Allocation of Decision Making Responsibilities

The Council will be involved in a wide range of licensing decisions and functions and has established a Licensing Committee to administer them.

Appreciating the need to provide a speedy, efficient and cost-effective service to all parties involved in the licensing process, the Committee has delegated certain decisions and functions and has established a Sub-Committee to deal with them.

Many of the decisions and functions will be purely administrative in nature and the grant of non-contentious applications, including for example those licences and permits where no representations have been made, will be delegated to Council Officers.

The table shown at Appendix A sets out the agreed delegation of decisions and functions to Licensing Committee, Sub-Committee and Officers.

This form of delegation is without prejudice to Officers referring an application to a Sub-Committee or Full Committee if considered appropriate in the circumstances of any particular case.

#### 40 Reviews

- 40.1 A review is a process defined in the legislation which ultimately leads to a licence being reassessed by the Licensing Committee with the possibility that the licence may be revoked, suspended or that conditions may amended or new conditions added.
- 40.2 Requests for a review of a premises licence can be made by interested parties or responsible authorities; however, it is for the council to decide whether the review is to be carried-out. This will be on the basis of whether the request for the review is:
  - i) in accordance with any relevant code of practice issued by the Gambling Commission
  - ii) in accordance with any relevant guidance issued by the Gambling Commission
  - iii) reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives and
  - iv) in accordance with this authority's Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy.

In addition the council may also reject the application on the grounds that the request is

frivolous, vexatious, will certainly not cause this authority to wish to alter, revoke or suspend the licence, or is substantially the same as previous representations or requests for review.

- 40.3 The council can also initiate a review of a licence on the basis of any reason which it thinks is appropriate. Once a valid application for a review has been received by the licensing authority, representations can be made by responsible authorities and interested parties during a 28 day period. This period begins 7 days after the application was received by the licensing authority, who will publish notice of the application within 7 days of receipt.
- 40.4 The licensing authority must carry out the review as soon as possible after the 28 day period for making representation has passed.
- 40.5 The purpose of the review will be to determine whether the licensing authority should take any action in relation to the licence. If action is justified, the options open to the licensing authority are:-
  - (a) add, remove or amend a licence condition imposed by the licensing authority;
  - (b) exclude a default condition imposed by the Secretary of State (e.g. opening hours) or remove or amend such an exclusion;
  - (c) suspend the premises licence for a period not exceeding three months; and
  - (d) revoke the premises licence.
- 40.6 In determining what action, if any, should be taken following a review, the licensing authority must have regard to the principles set out in section 153 of the Act, as well as any relevant representations.
- 40.7 In particular, the licensing authority may also initiate a review of a premises licence on the grounds that a premises licence holder has not provided facilities for gambling at the premises. This is to prevent people from applying for licences in a speculative manner without intending to use them.
- 40.8 Once the review has been completed, the licensing authority must, as soon as possible, notify its decision to:
  - the licence holder
  - the applicant for review (if any)
  - the Commission
  - any person who made representations
  - the chief officer of police or chief constable; and
  - Her Majesty's Commissioners for Revenue and Customs

# 41. Diversity and Equality

Subject to the general requirements of the Act, the Licensing Authority will promote equality of opportunity. In such respects, nothing within this statement of licensing principles shall undermine the right of any individual to apply for any of the licences and/or authorisations provided under the terms of the Act. The Council is aware that some applications may have greater impact on groups, organisations or associations in respect of their race, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religious beliefs. With a view to eliminating unlawful discrimination, applicants will be expected (where appropriate) to address these concerns.

Where applications made by these groups or organisations representing them highlight special needs or customs that may affect their application, the Council, in recognising its duty to promote good relations between persons of different groups, will give consideration to supporting those needs or customs whilst seeking to promote the three licensing objectives.

# 42. Human Rights

The Human Rights Act 1998 incorporates the European Convention on Human Rights and makes it unlawful for a local authority to act in a way that is incompatible with a Convention Right. The Council will have particular regard to its rights and responsibilities under the Human Rights Act 1998 when determining applications, considering enforcement and reviewing this policy.

# 42.1 The Council will have particular regard to:

- Article 6 that in determination of civil rights everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law;
- Article 8 that everyone has the right to respect for his home and private life (removal or restriction of a licence may effect a persons private life); and
- Article 1 of the First Protocol that every person is entitled to peaceful enjoyment of his or her possessions (a licence is considered a possession in law);

# TABLE OF DELEGATIONS OF LICENSING FUNCTIONS APPENDIX 1

MATTER TO BE DEALT WITH	FULL COUNCI L	SUB-COMMITTEE	OFFICERS
Three year licensing policy	Х		
Policy not to permit casinos	Х		
Fee Setting - when appropriate		Can only be delegated to a sub-committee, not officers	
Application for premises licences		Where representations have been received and not withdrawn	Where no representations received/ representations have been withdrawn
Application for a variation to a licence		Where representations have been received and not withdrawn	Where no representations received/ representations have been withdrawn
Application for a transfer of a licence		Where representations have been received from the Commission	Where no representations received from the Commission
Application for a provisional statement		Where representations have been received and not withdrawn	Where no representations received/ representations have been withdrawn

Review of a premises licence		The initial grounds for review will be for officers to validate. Licensing Sub Committee will then hear the review if the grounds are valid under s.198
Application for club gaming /club machine permits	Where representations have been received and not withdrawn	Where no representations received/ representations have been withdrawn
Cancellation of club gaming/ club machine permits		Cancellation of club gaming /machine permits and other permits decisions would be appropriate for officers.
Applications for other permits		Dealt with by officers
Cancellation of licensed premises gaming machine permits		Dealt with by officers
Consideration of temporary use notice	X	
Decision to give a counter notice to a temporary use notice		

#### **Definitions**

**NOTE:** In this Policy, the following definitions are included to provide an explanation to certain terms included in the Act and, therefore, in the Statement of Gambling Policy. In some cases, they are an abbreviation of what is stated in the Gambling Act 2005 or an interpretation of those terms. For a full definition of the terms used, the reader must refer to the Gambling Act 2005.

'The Council' means London Borough of Haringey, acting as the Licensing Authority as defined by the Gambling Act 2005.

'The Act' means the Gambling Act 2005.

'The Licensing Authority' the authority in whose area the premises is wholly/partly situated. The Licensing Authority (as in the issuing authority) is also a responsible authority.

'The Gambling Commission' a body set up by the Government as the unified regulator for gambling, replacing the Gaming Board.

'Responsible Authority' means a public body that must be notified of certain applications for premises licences and permits, and are entitled to make representations on any of the licensing objectives.

'Children' means individuals who are less than 16 years old.

'Young person' means individuals who are aged less than 18 years old and 16 years and over.

'Mandatory Conditions' means a specified condition provided by regulations to be attached to premises licences.

'Default Conditions' means a specified condition provided for by regulations to be attached to a licence unless excluded by the Council.

'Premises' means any place, including a vessel or moveable structure.

'LCCP' Licensing Conditions Code of Practice issued by the Gambling Commission

GAMBLING ACT 2005
GAMBLING LOCAL AREA PROFILE
JANUARY 2019

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This profile has been drafted by the Council as an associate document to the Council's Statement Gambling Policy following the recommendations of the Gambling Commission and the Local Government Association. Data has been used from a number of published sources together with information from the responsible authorities. It is intended to assist local Gambling Operators prepare their local assessments.
  - At this time the Council does not have any evidence to indicate Gambling activities in the Borough are a problem. However potential risks are always present and the Council encourages operators and all others involved to work together to address such issues or concerns.
- 1.2 This document is to highlight areas of the borough inhabited or frequented by people who might be at risk of being harmed or exploited by gambling. Licensees have a specific responsibility to assess local risks to the licensing objectives that come about due to the provision of gambling facilities at each of their premises. Whilst it is not a requirement for licensing authorities to complete a risk assessment of the local area, it is encouraged by the Gambling Commission that such risk assessments, known as the local area profile are a significant benefit to both the licensing authority and the operators. The benefits listed are:
  - it enables licensing authorities to better serve their local community, by better reflecting the community and the risks within it
  - greater clarity for operators as to the relevant factors in licensing authority decision making, will lead to improved premises licence applications, with the operator already incorporating controls and measures to mitigate risk in their application
  - it enables licensing authorities to make robust but fair decisions, based on a clear, published set of factors and risks, which are therefore less susceptible to challenge
  - it encourages a proactive approach to risk that is likely to result in reduced compliance and enforcement action.
- 2. Haringey approach to local area profile
- 2.1 The Local Area Profile Supplementary document establishes that the Council has serious concerns of the impact from on street gambling premises particularly those in the most vulnerable and 'at risk' areas of the borough. The Council considers that it is necessary to seek to control the number of facilities for gambling in areas where its most vulnerable residents may be placed at increasing risk, and in line with the duty, to aim to permit gambling insofar as it is reasonably consistent with the pursuit of the licensing objectives. The document provides an overview of the geographical areas in the borough identified as currently being of greater risk to gambling related harm.
- 2.2 All areas shown within the local area profile as being at high overall risk of Gambling related harm, are generally considered inappropriate for further

gambling establishments, which could potentially raise the risk of gambling related harm to vulnerable people living in those areas. Operators are asked to consider very carefully whether seeking to locate new premises or relocating existing premises within these areas would be consistent with the licensing objectives and the local risks identified.

- 2.3 This begins with the Gambling Act 2005 and the objective of the protection of children from harm and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling. Within the Haringey Statement of Gambling Policy we state that the East of the borough carries higher deprivation and social economic imbalances and therefore should have special consideration given to it in relation to the proximity of gambling premises to
  - an educational establishment, including colleges and universities, youth clubs, recreational establishments;
  - close to a centre dealing with vulnerable people, including housing, clinics, recovery centre, food banks;
  - situated in an area of high crime;
  - · situated in an area of deprivation;
  - close to the location of services for children such as libraries and leisure centres;
  - · Places of worship, community facilities or public buildings
  - Areas where there is considered to be an over concentration of similar existing licensed operations.
  - close to the location of businesses providing instant access to cash such as payday loans, pawn shops.

2.4 In this context and in response to the changes in the GLA, we have completed an assessment of the key characteristics of the Borough to identify areas of higher risk of vulnerability to gambling-related harm. This assessment is Haringey's local area profile.

Our approach is based on the possible risk to gambling-related harm and does not mean that just because an area is seen as being at higher risk that all people in that area will suffer harm or be at risk of suffering harm.

- 2.5 This Authority will take specific note of whether an application relates to a premise that is:
  - close to an educational establishment, including colleges and universities;
  - · close to a centre dealing with vulnerable people;
  - situated in an area of high crime;
  - · situated in an area of deprivation;
  - close to the location of services for children such as libraries and leisure centres:
  - close to the location of businesses providing instant access to cash such as payday loans, pawn shops.
- 2.6.This Authority will expect applicants for a new licence to submit the completed assessment with their application. It must identify the risks and state what control mechanisms are to be employed at the premises to ensure that the licensing objectives are being met having regard to the local area profiles produced by this Authority. The assessment must consider at a minimum:
  - The local area, including but not restricted to the types of premises and operation in the area surrounding the gambling premises; the character of the area, for example is it predominantly residential or commercial, is it a family orientated area; transport links; educational facilities; centres for vulnerable people; ethnicity, age, economic makeup of the local community; high crime area; high unemployment area; pawn broker/pay day loan businesses in the vicinity; footfall in the vicinity; recorded incidents of attempted underage gambling; other gambling premises in the vicinity
  - The gambling operation, including but not restricted to what gambling
    products it provides in the premises; the staffing levels within the
    premises; the level and requirement for staff training; whether loyalty
    or account cards are used or not; the security and crime preventions
    arrangements it has in place; how it advertises locally and on the
    premises; the marketing material within the premises; the display and
    provision of information
  - The design and layout of the premises, including but not restricted to whether the staff have obstructed views of gaming machines or entrances; whether the design is such that children can see gambling taking place.
  - The control mechanisms to be put in place to mitigate the risks e.g. the use of CCTV cameras, the provision of magnetic door locks, employment of door supervisors, employing a challenge 25 scheme, increased number of trained staff

Commented [WM(1]: This list should be expanded to include restricting access signage DB- DONF

- 2.7 Other issues that may be considered such as:
  - Matters of faith, including all religious or faith denominations including proximity to churches, mosques, temples or any other place of worship.
- 2.8 If an application for a new licence or variation is submitted that is within 400 metres of premises/location where children, young persons and vulnerable persons are operators are encouraged to provide details of the measures to be implemented that would overcome the potential risks in the identified areas.
- 2.9 If the operator does not put forward measures to overcome the risks, or the Council considers that the operator's proposed measures do not adequately mitigate the risk, the council will consider what measures are needed which can include additional conditions or even refusal of the application if appropriate. The Authority expects that each shop will have a copy of its local area risk assessment onsite for authorised officers to view on request.

#### 3 The Profile of The London Borough of Haringey

Map of the London borough of Haringey



#### ©Crown copyright. All rights reserved LBH 100017423 (2006).

- 3.1 Haringey is one of London's 32 Boroughs. It is located in the north of the capital and is more than 11 square miles in area. According to the 2001 Census nearly half of its 254,900 people come from ethnic minority backgrounds. It is often said that Haringey is an outer London Borough with inner London challenges.
- 3.2 As a gateway to central London we are determined to be a well-connected hub of activity rather than a Dormitory Borough. Our Growth Strategy lays out ambitious objectives for achieving full employment and establishing Haringey

at the epicentre of London's small and medium sized innovation economy. Haringey is a vibrant place to live, with many different cultures mixing, and a fantastic variety of characterful High Streets – from the metropolitan centre at Wood Green to the boutiques and restaurants of Muswell Hill and Crouch End – creating a strong sense of local pride.

- 3.3 There are approximately 100,000 dwellings and approximately 8,200 businesses employing 64,700 people. The most recent indices of multiple deprivation (IMD) (2010) show that Haringey is one of the most deprived authorities in the country, ranking 13<sup>th</sup> out of 326 authorities, and it is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in London, yet it is also a borough of contrasts, with great prosperity and affluence in some communities.
- 3.4 Persistent inequalities are manifest in the health and wellbeing of our residents. The life expectancy gap between the most and least deprived wards is 7 years for men and 3 years for women. The borough is facing an obesity crisis with 1 in 4 reception aged children, and 1 in 3 10/11 year olds, measured as overweight or obese. The number of people with long term conditions like diabetes and heart disease is increasing and there are approximately 4,000 adults with severe mental illnesses three times more than would be expected, even given Haringey's level of deprivation.
- 3.5 There are also inequalities in educational achievement, access to employment and housing quality. The borough has seen twelve consecutive years of improvement in GCSE performance and A-levels scores, making Haringey one of the top 3 most improved areas. Yet too many of our young people still leave school without the skills needed to secure sustainable employment, blocking their access to one of the world's most dynamic economics at their doorstep. It remains our priority to make all of our schools outstanding and, through our new STEM commission, to ensure our young people are accessing the skills needed for the jobs of the future.
- 3.6 The Council's response to these challenges is to meet them head on with ambition, innovation and a commitment to work ever more closely with residents, businesses and public sector partners. Nowhere is our ambition greater than in our most deprived communities in Tottenham. Working with central and local Government, developers and major local businesses like Tottenham Hotspur, the Council has secured £1bn of public and private investment in Tottenham's physical environment. Wood Green is another community that will be the focus of major regeneration that will look to build more homes, create better connections to Alexandra Palace and maximise the impact of new transport links provided by Crossrail 2. We are determined that regeneration will be shaped by the views of residents and are pioneering new governance structures to embed the residents voice in the key decisions.
- 3.7 We are also determined that regeneration has a transformative effect on the health and wellbeing of residents. Regeneration has the potential to promote health and wellbeing through the built environment in a number of ways, including designing infrastructure to increase ease of walking and cycling, increasing the accessibility and perceived safety of green space, and shaping

the retail offer in our town centres. The local area profiles will enable us to better manage the expectations of the betting operator.

Commented [BD2]: NEW WORDING ON BOROUGH PLANS

#### 4. Local Area Profile/Social Responsibility

- 4.1 Haringey is concerned with the impact on the vulnerable who are at risk from betting in the borough. The nature of the risk cuts across a number of themes such as health impact, mental health, drug and alcohol addiction, bad debt, crime and anti-social behaviour as well as risk from violence within the home.
- 4.2 Haringey will take a robust and proportionate approach to licensing issues. Premises which will impact on the economy of this borough and its community will be expected to build into operation plans, sufficient measures to minimise the impact of the premises operation on the residential, and other economic based activities.

In order to protect its community's well being and family life, the borough will require significant risk assessments and control methods to be available with any application for a premises licence. The east of the borough has particular heightened risk around anti social behaviour and deprivation, risk assessments for betting premises in these areas will need to show specific measures to deal with these issues that will not exacerbate existing problems. This does not mean that an assessment does not need to be made for the rest of the Borough only that assessments need to relevant to the risks.

- 4.3 Although gambling is a legal entertainment activity it can, in some locations have a negative impact on individuals and the wider community. The Council has tried to understand how gambling can affect its residents and visitors. The Council has also sought to identify individuals who live in the local area who are potentially vulnerable to gambling related harm through work carried out by the ASBAT Team and information from the Citizen Advice Team.
- 4.4 In order to protect its community and family life, the borough will require risk assessments and control methods to be available with any application for a premises licence.

Appendix 2 Local Licensing Guidance

- 1. The risk based approach provides a better understanding of, and enables a proportionate response, to risk. Risk is related to the probability of an event happening and the likely impact of that event. In this case it is the risk of the impact on the licensing objectives. This guide will assist gambling operators in undertaking and preparing their local (premises) risk assessments. This guidance provides a framework for the local risk assessment process that will provide a uniform approach across all non-remote gambling sectors. This will benefit the Council as Licensing Authority under the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act), as well as responsible authorities and interested parties when considering new and variation applications.
- 2. Gambling operators will be required to undertake a risk assessment for all of their existing premises. Operators must also undertake a review of those assessments when certain triggers are met. These are,
  - new premises application
  - · significant changes in local circumstances
  - Variation of the premises licence
- 3. This Authority considers that these local risk assessments are a key component of the overall assessment and management of the local risks. Each locality has its own challenges and in order to assist applicants this Authority has produced maps of the area containing the location of existing gambling premises, and centres dealing with vulnerable persons. In addition, the Authority has produced local profiles for each Ward which contains demographic, economic and crime information. This information will be available on the Council's website and will be reviewed and updated.
- 4. Haringey is concerned with the impact on the vulnerable who are at risk from betting in their areas, we have therefore made an assessment of the pattern of gambling and associated risks to the licensing objectives in wards across the borough.
  - The policy is reflective of local issues, local data, local risk and the expectations that a licensing authority has of operators who either currently offer gambling facilities or wish to do so in the future. The existence of a clear and robust statement of policy provides greater scope for licensing authorities to work in partnership with operators, other local businesses, communities, and responsible authorities to identify and to proactively mitigate local risks to the licensing objectives.

# 5. Methodology – Datasets used

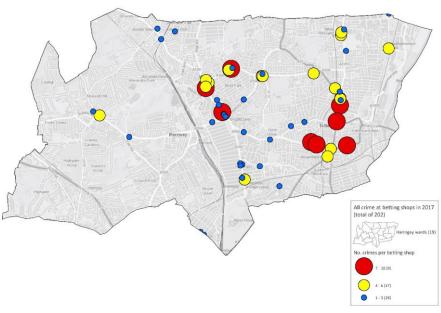
Table 1. Special consideration is given in relation to the proximity of gambling premises to the following locations;

Criteria	Datasets	Source	Access to data
Local schools	All secondary schools in Haringey	Corporate GIS	
Youth clubs	Youth clubs registered in Haringey	LBH	
Shops used by families & children	Shopping centres, supermarkets & shops relevant to children & families in Haringey	LBH	
Parks & open spaces	Parks, open spaces, play areas/adventure playgrounds & basketball courts in Haringey	Corporate GIS	
Leisure & recreational establishments used by families	List of leisure centres, cinemas, theatres, cultural events, museums, galleries & community organisations in Haringey	LBH	
Area with high level of organised crime	Suspected & convicted CSE offences, human trafficking, modern day slavery & drug offences in Haringey	Haringey police	
Places of worship	List of faith premises in Haringey	Corporate GIS	
Community facilities & public buildings	List of community centres, tenant halls, libraries & other public buildings in Haringey		
Areas with an over- concentration of similar existing licensed operation	List of current licensed gambling establishments in Haringey		

Table 2. Special consideration is given in relation to the proximity of gambling premises to the following vulnerable groups:

to the following vulnerable	groups.		
	Description		
Children (<18) & young people (students in higher education)	No. residents under 18, educational establishments (colleges) & student accommodation	LBH	
Problem gamblers seeking treatment	Gamblers anonymous		
Living in deprived areas	IMD 2015		
Financial difficulties / debt	List of food banks, pawnbrokers & payday loan shops	LBH	
Substance abuse / misuse	List of drug & alcohol treatment services, narcotics & alcohol anonymous meetings & needle exchange services	Public health	
Poor mental health	List of GPs treating patients for schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder, depression & other psychoses	Public health	
Unemployed	List of Job centres & economically active unemployed residents	2011 Census	
Homeless	List of hostels, supported housing, registered care & temporary accommodation in Haringey.	Public Health	
Minority ethnic groups	No. of Asian / African / Caribbean / Black British & Arab or other ethnic groups	Nomis	

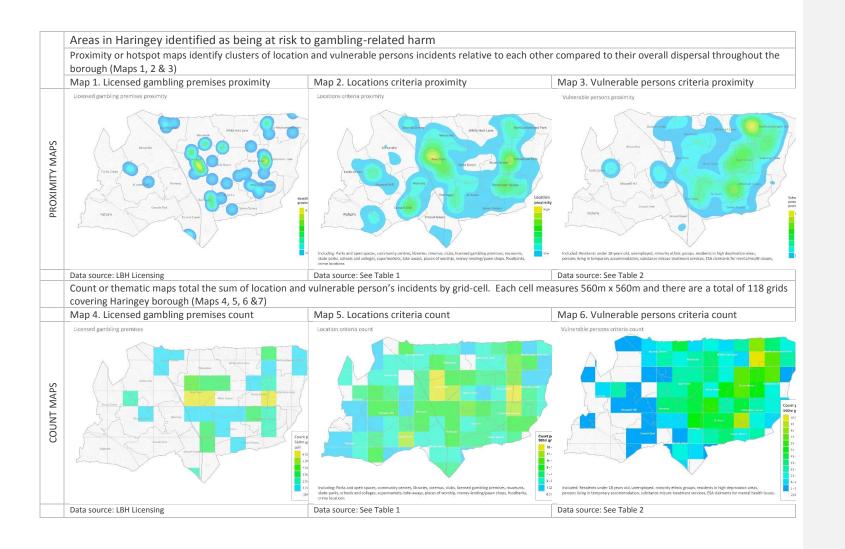
Map showing crime in betting shops in Haringey for 2017:

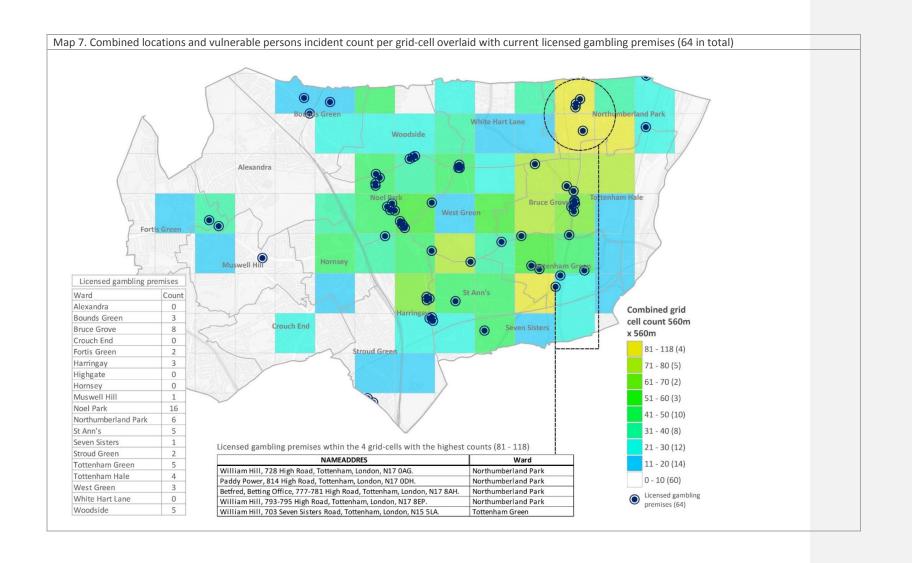


- 6. The above map illustrates the wards with the highest crimes relating to betting shops within Haringey that will require additional consideration from operators wishing to operate in these areas:
  - Noel Park Ward
  - · Woodside Ward
  - Bruce Grove Ward
  - · Tottenham Hale Ward
  - West Green Ward
  - · Tottenham Green Ward
  - Tottenham Hale Ward
  - · Northumberland Park ward
  - White Hart Lane.

These areas have been chosen due to:

- · Higher levels of crime
- · Drug dealing and misuse
- Gang activity in the area
- Issues with street drinking and anti-social behaviour
- · Issues with street begging
- Homelessness
- Mental health support accommodation





The Gambling Act 2005 prescribes in its licensing objectives the "protection of children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling". Data shown in Table 1 and Table 2 below was collated and used to determine risk areas vulnerable to gambling related harm

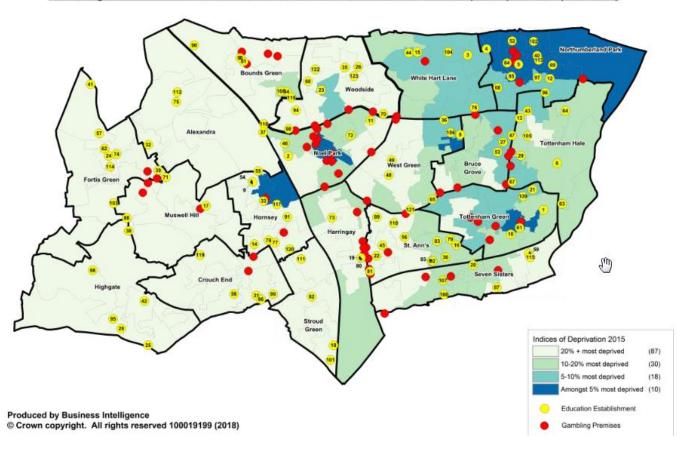
Table 1. Location criteria data			
Description	Datasets	Geography	Source
	Suspected & convicted Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) incidents, human trafficking,		
Area with high levels of organised crime	modern day slavery & drug offences	Ward	Haringey police
Areas with an over-concentration of	Licensed gambling establishments in Haringey i.e. betting shops & adult gaming		
similar existing licensed operation	centres (AGC)	Building	LBH , Licensing
Community facilities & public buildings	Community centres, tenant halls, libraries & other public buildings	Building	Valuations Office
Leisure & recreational establishments	Leisure centres, cinemas, theatres, cultural events, museums, galleries & community		
used by families	organisations	Building	LBH, Licensing, Planning
Education	Secondary schools and further education establishments	Building	LBH, Environments & Neighbourhood
Recreational grounds	Parks, open spaces, play areas/adventure playgrounds	Polygon	LBH, Environments & Neighbourhood
Places of worship	Churches and faith based premises	Building	LBH, Environments & Neighbourhood
Shops used by families & children	Shopping centres, supermarkets and take-away/chicken shops	Building	LBH, Licensing, Planning
Youth clubs	Youth clubs	Building	LBH, YJS

Table 2. Vulnerable persons criteria data			
Description	Datasets	Geography level	Source
Young people	No. residents under 18	LSOA	Census 2011
Financial difficulties / debt	Food banks, pawnbrokers & payday loan shops	Building	LBH, Licensing
Homeless	Temporary accommodation	Building	LBH, Housing
Living in deprived areas	Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2015	LSOA	Dept. Communities & Local Government
	Non- white ethnic groups i.e. Asian / African / Caribbean / Black British & Arab or		
Minority ethnic groups	other ethnic groups	LSOA	Census 2011
Poor mental health	Employment Support Allowance (ESA) claimants for mental health conditions	LSOA	Nomis
Problem gamblers seeking treatment	No data found for Haringey	NA	NA
Substance abuse / misuse	Drug & alcohol treatment services & needle exchange pharmacies	Building	LBH, Public health
Unemployed	Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) claimants	LSOA	Nomis

Methodology: Datasets were mapped using their Easting and Northing co-ordinates. Address-point level co-ordinates were created from building address information in datasets where co-ordinates were not provided. Datasets relating to areas such as parks/open spaces and deprivation data aggregated to LSOA - used their polygon centroid as co-ordinates.

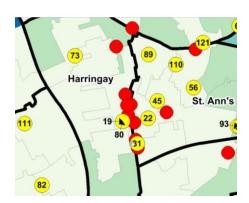
The distance used for measuring proximity and grid-cell size is 560m. This distance is based on the average of distances measured between residents homes and local facilities (post office, primary school, general store or supermarket and GP surgery) in Haringey as published by the Department for Communities and Local Government

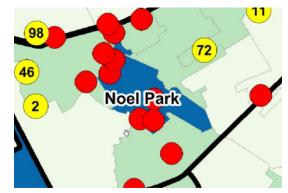
# Gambling Premises & All Educational Establishments with Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD 2015)

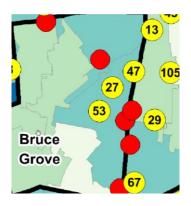


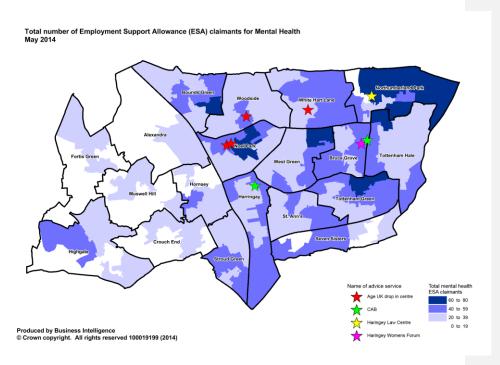
# Schools with the highest number of gambling premises within the 400m radius

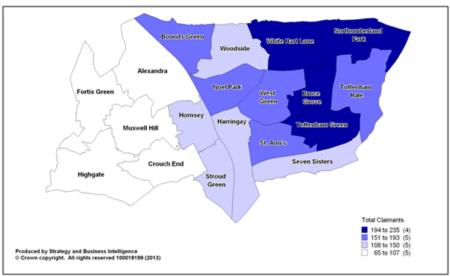
School Name	Number of Gambling Premises
(80,81) South Harringay Junior and Infant School	8
(53) Bruce Grove Primary School	7
(72) Noel Park Primary School	6









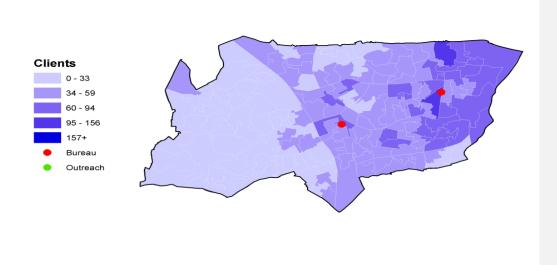


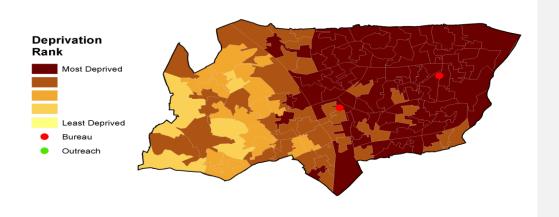
#### Risk factors in Haringey

Haringey has high level of factors that increase the risk to mental health, such as deprivation, unemployment and homelessness, all of which are more concentrated in the east of the borough. The proportion of residents living alone (24%) locally is greater than in London and England (22% and 18% respectively). Five in every 1,000 residents in Haringey are homeless, a rate which is higher than the London average (Source: DCLG). Joblessness is higher in the east and 48% of people claiming allowance have mental health behavioral disorders. Increases in unemployment, debt, overcrowding and homelessness (driven by changes to the temporary accommodation subsidy system, combined with high rents) can potentially further increase the level of mental health problems in Haringey

- Risk factors associated with poor mental health and wellbeing, such as unemployment, economic deprivation and poor quality housing, are high in Haringey compared to London and England. These issues are more prevalent in the east of the borough.
- Haringey has high levels of severe and enduring mental illness compared to London and England (Source: <u>Community mental health profile 2013 -</u> <u>external link</u>). The rate of psychotic disorder is more prevalent in the east of Haringey (Source MH First – QOF).
- Patients from black or black British ethnic groups account for less than fifth (18.8%, Census 2011) of Haringey population but represent over a quarter (28%) of hospital admissions for mental health issues and further 44 per cent of admissions under the Mental Health Act (1983) Section (Source: BEH Mental Health Trust 2012/13).
- Haringey's suicide rate is higher than in London and England. On average 26
  Haringey residents, of whom the majority are men, commit suicide each year.
  Only one in four are known to mental health services and one in twenty to a
  GP. (Source: Coroners Suicide Audit data Produced by Public Health
  Directorate).
- Nearly one in three (32%) offenders on probation report having a mental health issue. For one in five (20%) this is compounded by problems with drug or alcohol misuse. (Source: Community Safety Strategic Assessment: Annual audit of crime and disorder in Haringey 2012/13).
- Haringey has a large independent supported housing provision for people
  with mental health issues. This provision is used by local authorities around
  London which places extensive pressures on Haringey services. Most of
  these services are placed in east of the borough.

Map showing clients attending Citizens Advice in relation to debt matters. The map below relates to areas of deprivation across the borough.





#### 9. Local risks and control measures

- 9.1 There are two specific parts to the risk assessment process, the assessment of the local risks and the determination of appropriate mitigation to reduce those risks.
- 9.2. Operators may be familiar with identifying risks in relation to health and safety and food hygiene legislation. Risk assessments are also used for security and crime purposes, for example for money laundering and as part of trade association best practice, such as the Safe Bet Alliance.
- 9.3 This local risk assessment process, although similar requires a much broader range of considerations when identifying local risk. Operators must consider the local area in which the premises are situated, the gambling operation and the premises both internally and externally.
- 9.4 The control measures that operators will put in place to mitigate any risk associated with the gambling operation will be dependent on the type of gambling activities provided, how the company operates and the size of the organisation.
- 9.5 The final control measures relate to specific physical measure that will address an identified risk factor. These physical control measures may, for example, include alarms, CCTV cameras, doors, magnetic locks, time locks on safes, spit kits, window shutters, fogging systems, UV lights in toilets.
- 9.6 The control measures identified to mitigate a perceived risk may involve a combination of systems, design and physical measures. For example to address the risk factors relating to children gaining access to an over 18 restricted gambling premises, the operator may identify the following control measures:
  - Systems: PASS card or age verification policies, challenge 21 scheme, staff training and door staff.
  - Design: Exterior design which will not attract children into the premises, the entrance layout will enable staff and security to watch those entering the premises and challenge them on the grounds of age.
  - Physical: Magnetic door locks and ID scans.

### 10 Licence conditions

As set out in the code provisions, applications for new premises licences and for variations to existing licences will require a local risk assessment. The control measures specified in these risk assessments may be incorporated into the new or varied premises licences through the imposition of appropriate conditions.

#### 11 Specific considerations for Fixed Odds Betting Terminals:

Fixed odds betting terminals (FOBTs) are electronic machines, sited in betting shops, which contain a variety of games, including roulette. Each machine accepts bets for amounts up to a pre-set maximum and pays out according to

fixed odds on the simulated outcomes of games.

11.1 The *Gambling Act 2005* classified FOBTs as B2 gaming machines. Up to four machines can be sited on betting premises. Betting Operators are required to show in their risk assessments how they will show responsible management to customers at risk of harm from this form of gambling. The operator's approach to social responsibility focusing particularly on how staff are trained to engage with customers to monitor their frequency, duration and spend of their gambling behavior at the FOBT. Operators should demonstrate their escalation process for interaction with customers.

Appendix 6 – Relevant Representations

From: Roye Chanel [mailto:Chanel.Roye@haringey.gov.uk] On Behalf Of Licensing

**Sent:** Friday, February 19, 2021 10:21

To: Paddy Whur <paddy@woodswhur.co.uk>

Subject: LICENSING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION- Application for a New Gambling Premises Licence

- Little Vegas, 17 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BH. (WK/487907)

Importance: High

Dear Sir,

I am writing as the Licensing Authority Responsible Authority in making this representation against the above named application. It is recognised that local licensing decision making is an administrative and evaluative process requiring a proportionate balancing exercise, that allows all parties to consider the specific locality alongside the details of the application.

The Licensing Authority representations are primarily concerned with the three licensing objectives;

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

As a result of the premises licence application being received by Haringey Council for an **Adult Gaming Centre (AGC)**, the licensing authority have examined the area of where the AGC will be sited. High Road Wood Green is a very busy town centre and has its own unique mix of problems such as street drinkers, high levels of anti social behaviour, crime and disorder for many years. This area is a busy town centre consisting of numerous social issues arising from an increased presence of street begging rough sleepers and illegal street gambling. An adult gaming centre would certainly be a draw to these groups as place of shelter, it could potentially be a magnet to these individuals already finding it difficult to maintain any kind of day to day social interaction.

It is recognised that the location of the proposed premises is an important consideration. The unit is based along the High Road N22 which is a main thoroughfare for children and young people travelling to and from school or other activities, as well as for commuters using the nearby underground stations. Special consideration should be given to the close proximity of the vulnerable people in the immediate locality.

The area has existing AGCs which of themselves have seen crime in terms of criminal damage to the machines from frustrated customers and also staff being attacked by customers who have lost money.

The location of the betting establishments in this regard provides for an environment in which gambling activity may be closely and prominently observed. Whilst we do not suggest that the applicant proposes to advertise in such a way as to make betting attractive to children, the LSC is asked to consider whether the location of this particular premises acts to normalise and thereby inadvertently promote gambling to children and young persons, and other vulnerable persons.

Within the Councils own Local area profile the location is deemed as being at high overall risk of gambling related harm, and generally considered inappropriate for further gambling establishments, which could potentially raise the risk of gambling related harm to vulnerable people living, working and existing in this area. Operators are asked to consider very carefully whether seeking to locate new premises within this area would be consistent with the licensing objectives and the local risks identified.

Taking into account these matters the Licensing Authority takes the view that there are insufficient conditions that could be offered to meet these concerns. Given these concerns in the locality the LSC is urged to not grant the licence.

If the LSC does not agree with this representation then we suggest that consideration be given to:

- Reduced operating hours to ensure the premises operates between 8am and 23pm Monday – Sunday including Bank Holidays.
- That an SIA security guard is stationed at the premises each day from noon until closing time.
- That no lone working is done from noon until closing time each day.
- 1. A comprehensive CCTV system shall be installed and maintained on the premises as required by the Metropolitan Police Licensing Team. CCTV should cover the following:
  - a) All entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions
  - b) The areas of the premises to which the public have access (excluding toilets)
  - c) Gaming machines and the counter area
- 2. The CCTV shall continue to record activities 24 hours a day for 31 days.
- 3. CCTV shall be made available for the police viewing at any time with minimum delays when requested.
- 4. The premises shall display notices near the entrance of the venue stating that CCTV is in operation.
- 5. A monitor shall be placed inside the premises above the front door showing CCTV images of customers entering exiting the premises.

#### **Children and Young People**

- 6. The Licensee shall maintain a bound and paginated 'Challenge 25 Refusals' register at the premises. The register shall be produced to the Police or Licensing Authority forthwith on request.
- 7. Prominent signage and notices advertising the Challenge 25 will be displayed showing the operation of such policy.
- 8. Third party testing on age restricted sales systems purchasing shall take at least twice a year and the results shall be provided to the Licensing Authority upon request.

9. A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.

#### **Entrances and Doors**

10. A magnetic locking device, commonly referred to as a Maglock will be installed and maintained on the main entrance/exit to the premises which will be operable from the ground floor cashier counter by staff.

#### Staffing levels

- 11. There shall be no pre-planned single staffing at any time.
- 12. There will be a minimum of **2** staff present at all times when the premises is open.

#### **Identification of Offenders or Problem Persons**

- 13. The Licensee shall implement a policy of banning any customers who engage in crime or disorder within or outside the premises.
- 14. The licensee will refuse entry to customers who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

#### Seating

15. The licensee shall ensure that all seating within the premises are either secured to the floor or are weighted to prevent lifting.

#### **Alarms**

- 16. The licensee shall install and maintain an intruder alarm on the premises.
- 17. The premises shall install and maintain a panic button behind the cashiers counter.

#### **Toilets**

18. The licensee will ensure that customer toilets are checked every hour for evidence of drug taking. Toilet checks are to be documented stating the time and member of staff who made the checks.

#### Signage, Promotional Material and Notices

19. Prominent GamCare documentation will be displayed at the premises.

#### **Staff Training**

20. The licensee shall: provide training on the specific local risks to the licensing objectives that have been identified for these premises as part of the staff induction training programme. periodically provide refresher training to all of its staff working at these premises on the specific local risks to the licensing objectives. Participation in this training shall be formally recorded on each member of staffs training records which, if requested will be presented to the Licensing Authority as soon as practicable.

- 21. The Licensee shall train staff on specific issues related to the local area and shall conduct periodic refresher training. Participation in this training shall be formally recorded and the records produced to the police or Licensing Authority upon request.
- 22. New and seasonal staff must attend induction training and receive refresher training every six months.

#### **Homeless and Street Drinking**

- 23. The Licensee shall take all reasonable steps to prevent street drinking of alcohol directly outside the premises and to ban from the premises those who do so.
- 24. The Licensee shall place a notice visible from the exterior of the premises stating that customers drinking alcohol outside the premises is not permitted and those who do so will be banned from the premises.

#### **Recording of Incidents and Visits**

- 25. An incident log shall be kept for the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the City Council or the Police which will record the following;
  - a) All crimes reported to the venue;
  - b) Any complaints received regarding crime and disorder;
  - c) Any incidents of disorder;
  - d) Any faults in the CCTV system; and
  - e) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

#### **ATMs**

26. There shall be no cash point or ATM facilities on the premises.

Yours sincerely,

Daliah Barrett (Licensing Team Leader) Haringey Council - Licensing Authority

#### Responsible retailing is actively encouraged in Haringey London.

Commercial and Operations River Park House, level 1 High Road Wood Green London N22 7TR

T 0208 489 8232

E <u>daliah.barrett@haringey.gov.uk</u>/<u>licensing@haringey.gov.uk</u>



#### **POLICE REPRESENTATION**

Type of Application: New Premises Licence.

I wish to make representation on the following:

Name and address of premises:

LITTLE VEGAS
17 High Road, Wood Green ,N22 6BH

#### Prevention of crime and disorder

If this application were granted in full or part, I would recommend the following alterations be made to the licence conditions. I also suggest that additional conditions be attached to the licence, as set out below, to further promote the licensing objectives.

- 1. The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive CCTV system. All entry and exit points must be covered enabling frontal identification of every person entering in a light condition including customer facing areas. The CCTV system shall continually record whilst the premises are open. All recordings shall be stored for a minimum period of 31 days with date and time stamping. Subject to data protection legislation, recordings shall be made available upon the request of Police or authorised officer of the Licensing Authority.
- 2. A staff member from the premises who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be in the premises at all times when the premises is open.
- 3. Notices shall be prominently displayed within the premises stating that CCTV is in operation.
- 4. An incident log shall be kept at the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or the Police. Details to include:
  - a. all crimes reported to the venue
  - b. all ejections of patrons

- c. any complaints received concerning crime and disorder
- d. any incidents of disorder
- e. all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
- f. Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
- g. Any attempts by children and young persons to gain access to the premises to gamble
- h. Any Challenge 25 Refusals.
- 5. A "think 25 proof of age scheme ", shall be operated at the premises where Any person who appears to be under 25 years of age, and who has not previously provided satisfactory proof to the contrary, is challenged at the point of entry. Acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.
- 6. Premises operating hours to ensure the premises operates between **0800** hours and **2300** hours Monday Sunday including Bank Holidays due in part to residential properties situated above the premises.
- 7. Under the remit of prevention of crime and in the interest of deterrence that a suitably trained and qualified SIA security guard is posted to the premises each day from noon until 2300 hrs.

If these conditions were accepted in full I would withdraw my representation.

Officer: Derek Ewart

Licensing Officer Haringey Police

Matthew.Derek.H.Ewart@Met.Police.UK Date: 19/02/2021



#### Public Health Objection to Little Vegas, 109 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BB

Responsible Authority: Haringey Public Health, London Borough of Haringey

10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

I am writing as the Director of Public Health Responsible Authority in making this representation against the application for a new Adult Gaming Centre premises license: Little Vegas, 109 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BB.

Public Health is primarily concerned with the three licensing objectives:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

Public Health has evaluated the area of which the premises is located. This proposal is at a vulnerable location with already 4 Adult Gaming Centres (AGCs) within 4 mins walk between and 6 betting shops on the high road. The over-concentration of gambling premises has a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of our residents. Furthermore, Noel Park Ward is ranked high in all risks associated with gambling-related harm and the vulnerable groups highlighted in this report suggests a strong need to safeguard the area from over-concentration of gambling premises, help to promote a healthy high street and retain a vibrant mix of uses in the town centre.

#### Location



There are already 4 Adult Gaming Centres clustered on Wood Green High Road.

Admiral Casino, Shop, 117 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BB (1 min walk)

Admiral, 9 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BH (0.2 mile, 4 min walk)

Betfred Shoppers Pride Amusement, 64 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6DH (1 min walk)

Palace Amusements, Shop, 49 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BH (0.1 mile, 2 min walk)

And 6 other gambling premises on Wood Green High Road

Jenningsbet, 144 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6EB

Ladbrokes Betting Shops, 13 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BH

Paddy Power, 33 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BH

William Hill, 17 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BH

Merkur Cashino, Shop, 91 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BB

The Noel Park Ward area is one of the most deprived areas in London and the proposal of another Adult Gaming Centre will make matters worse for the residents in terms of health and wellbeing.

Noel Park ranks high in all risk factors associated with gambling-related harm in individuals such as a Ward with high deprivation indices, increased number of residents on Universal Credit, high numbers of people who are rough sleeping, high percentage of residents from minority ethnic background, families from very low median household income, high unemployment rates, high level of long-term health condition and disability (which may include mental health issues).

An analysis of the number of gambling premises in Haringey illustrates there are 2.8 betting shops, adult gaming centres and bingo per 10,000 of the population (Table 1) which is much higher than the national average of 1.6 per 10,000<sup>1</sup>. At a Ward level, it shows Noel Park Ward has the highest number of gambling premises than the rest of the Wards, with nearly 14 premises per 10,000 of the population.

Table 1. Gambling premises (betting shops, adult gaming centres, bingo only) per 10,000 of population in Haringey.

Ward	Ward Population	Number of Betting shops, Adult Gaming centres and Bingo	Premises per 10,000
Alexandra	11,758	1	0.9
Bounds Green	14,998	3	2
Bruce Grove	14,820	5	3.3
Crouch End	12,315	2	1.6
Fortis Green	6,341	2	3.1
Harringay	14,243	3	2.1
Highgate	10,713	0	0
Hornsey	13,003	2	1.5
Muswell Hill	10,636	0	0
Noel Park	12,787	14	10.9
Northumberland Park	9,224	6	6.5
Seven Sisters	17,744	3	1.6
St. Ann's	14,434	5	3.5
Stroud Green	11,568	0	0
Tottenham Green	16,516	4	2.4
Tottenham Hale	10,250	5	4.9
West Green	9,652	3	3.1
White Hart Lane	7,882	1	1.3
Woodside	10,724	5	4.7
	229,608	64	2.8

#### **Problem Gambling and Vulnerable Groups**

There is strong research which gives a clearer picture of those who are likely to be more vulnerable to gambling harm<sup>2</sup>. Amongst the groups where the evidence base for vulnerability is strongest include those with a history of mental ill-health, substance abuse or gambling addiction; people with learning disabilities/difficulties; immigrants; homeless people; the unemployed or those on low

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  According to the gambling commission there were 10,590 betting shops and bingo halls in the UK in March 2018, and according to population estimates by ONS the UK population in 2017 was 66.05 million; this gives a betting shop/bingo hall per 10,000 people of 1.6  $^{(15)}$ )

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Gambling Commission (2016) Guidance to licensing authorities: 5th edition (September 2015, Parts 17, 18 & 19 updated September 2016). Retrieved 28 March 2019 from https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/PDF/GLA5.pdf

income. This could include area-based vulnerability, such as demographics and areas of deprivation (London Council A 'whole council' approach to gambling, 2018)<sup>3</sup>.

#### Mental Health

Haringey has one of the highest levels of mental health illnesses in London. 29 per 1,000 living in Haringey are on Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) claimants for mental and behavioural disorders. This is higher than the London (22.5 per 1,000) and England (27.3 per 1,000) averages (PHE, 2019).

The estimated prevalence of common mental disorders in Haringey for ages 16 and over is 22.3%, which is higher than London (19.3%) and England (16.9%)(PHE, 2017).

Access to gambling venues increases gambling activity and problem gambling. Problem and pathological gambling is linked to poor health, low level and severe mental health problems and a co-dependence on alcohol.

#### People Rough Sleeping

Haringey has also seen an increase in the number of people who are rough sleeping with a range of overlapping and multiple disadvantages, such as addiction, poor physical and mental health, contact with institutions as children or adults and offending histories and experiences of trauma. In 2020, 280 Streetlink referrals (alerts raised by members of the public) were made about people sleeping rough in the N22 postcode and it was a key area of activity for the outreach team. This is up from 166 referrals about the same postcode area in 2019.

Gambling problems are more prevalent in the population facing homelessness than the general population, 11.4% of the homeless population is found to have problem gambling. 61.5% of participants with some level of gambling risk had problems before homelessness, 15.4% reported experiencing problems after homelessness (Sharman, et al. 2016)<sup>4</sup>.

Another research reinforces the assertion that problem gambling is a significant issue within the homeless population and is more commonly a cause than a consequence of homelessness (Sharman, Dreyer & Clark 2012).

#### Substance Abuse

There is frequently a link with alcohol or drugs as a way of coping with anxiety or depression caused by gambling problems (Griffiths, Parke & Wood, 2002). Availability of opportunities to gamble and the incidence of problem gambling within a community are known to be linked (Griffiths, 2003a; Abbott & Volberg, in press). As a result, the proposal use of the premise will attract a high level of residents who are highly dependent on alcohol and drugs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Gambling and Public Health.pdf (londoncouncils.gov.uk)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sharman, S., Dreyer, J., Clark, L., and Bowden-Jones, H. (2016) *Homeless and gambling: a complex relationship*. Available at: http://eprints.lincoln.ac.uk/24974/1/CRS\_Poster.pdf

Wood Green is a key location known to have an open drug market for a number of years. The hotspots for arrests for drug offences in Haringey are Wood Green High Road, extending from Green Lanes / Bowes Road, southwards to Turnpike Lane (Metropolitan Police recorded crime data, 2018).

#### Unemployment or Low Income Groups

Increase gambling outlets densely populated in the ward may cause gambling addiction which is likely to fuel lack of money for families in this Ward.

Noel Park Ward has the highest levels of employment deprivation in the borough (Figure 2). 10% of Noel Park residents are unemployed. This is above both the Haringey (8.6%) and London (7.3%) averages. In Noel Park, there are 288.7 claimants per 10,000 residents who claim benefit principally for the reason of being unemployed. This is above both the Haringey and London levels (251.8 per 10,000 residents and 201.7 per 10,000 residents respectively). The rate of claimants in Haringey is almost 25% higher than the London rate.

During COVID, Haringey experienced the largest increase in unemployment claimant for benefits among the 11 Central London Boroughs and has now become the 6<sup>th</sup> highest in the UK. Of those who were in work in February 6% (660 households) had lost their job by May 2019. Tottenham Hale and Noel Park were particularly badly hit relative to the working age population of those Wards. This has become during worse during COVID.

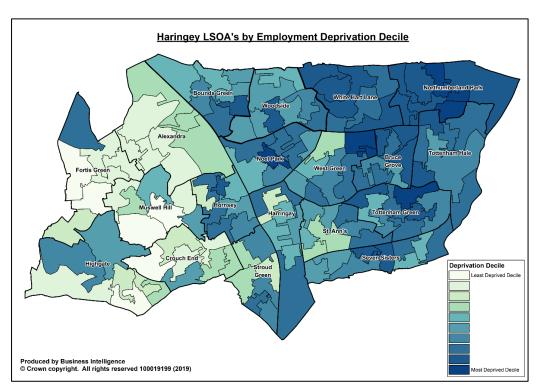


Figure 2. Pre-COVID employment deprivation

#### **Problem Gambling and Arcades**

A study carried out in Brent suggests that the growth of gambling establishments, such as AGCs (Adult Gaming Centres) and betting shops, is particularly prominent in areas with high levels of social and economic deprivation<sup>5</sup>. A paper published in the Journal of Gambling Studies by social research institute NatCen in December 2012 showed that the greatest concentration of gambling machines could be found in Britain's most deprived areas, 'with the highest density of machines mirroring the profile of those most at risk of experiencing harm from gambling'<sup>6</sup>.

#### **Gambling Treatment services**

In 2019/20, 29 clients in Haringey (postcodes in proximity to the premises - N22, N15, N8) contacted the Gambling treatment services of which 15 clients were under 35. 2 of the clients were frequent users of Fruit/slot machines (stakes up to £5) at an Arcade premise.

Table 1 shows the problems faced by the clients seeking gambling treatment services, of which few were frequent users of fruit/slot machines (stakes up to £5). The number of calls has increased by 23 in the last year.

2019-2020 Haringey	Description	Number of
		clients
	(Caller disconnected)	2
	(Not asked)	2
	Anxiety/Stress	23
	Criminal Activity	3
	Drug Misuse	2
	Family/Relationship	16
	Difficulties	
	Feeling Isolated	10
	Financial Difficulties	16
	General Health	4
	Housing Problems	1
	Mental Health	9
	Suicidal	2
	Work Difficulties	1
Total		91

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A Fair Deal: Betting Shops, Adult Gaming Centres and Pawnbrokers in Brent. https://www.brent.gov.uk/media/9511196/A%20Fair%20Deal%20Betting%20Shops,%20Pay%20Day%20Loan%20Shops%20and%20Pawnbrokers%20in%20Brent.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 8Heather Wardle, Research Director, Health and Wellbeing, NatCen, Betting shops blighting the high street? How, why and where and why?,http://map.geofutures.com/dispatches/cutting/28/NatCenGamblingHarmCommentary.pdf, August 2012

Table 1. Haringey clients living in N22, N15, N8 experiencing problems (GameCare, 2019/20).

	Gambling debt	Client count
	(Not disclosed)	2
	£10,000 to £14.999	2
	£15,000 to 19,999	1
	£20,000 to £99,999	2
	£5000 to £9,999	4
	Less than £5000	4
	None	6
	Some	5
	0	3
Total		29

Table 2. Haringey clients living in N22, N15, N8 experiencing different amounts of gambling debt.

# Gambling as a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime

Much of the focus on gambling-related crime tends to be upon problem gamblers. Criminal behaviour is most commonly associated with problem gamblers as problem gamblers spend more than their disposable income and often have to resort to criminal activity as a way of getting money to carry on gambling and repay associated debt problems<sup>7</sup>.

Noel Park Ward is in the 5% most crime deprived wards in England – ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in London respectively. The high level of crime impacts upon the quality of life of local residents and those using the area.

#### Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

Wood Green has good extensive transport links such as bus stops and tube stations (Wood Green and Turnpike Lane), which is used by young people and other vulnerable people. The increase gambling premises outlets are located close to transport hubs. Children and young people passing the concentration of gambling businesses normalises the harmful culture of gambling amongst children and vulnerable groups.

Between late 2019 to February 2020 children and parents focus groups were conducted as part of the Schools Superzone Project, <a href="https://www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/public-health/schools-superzones">https://www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/public-health/schools-superzones</a>). The parents commented on the large volume of gambling shops in close proximity to each other and one parent expressed concern about the influence this would have on children and their development, with concerns raised about the possibility of enabling gambling addictions in the future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> http://irep.ntu.ac.uk/id/eprint/3692/1/205959\_8217%20Griffiths%20Publisher.pdf

#### **Linking with the Borough Plan Priorities**

"A Haringey where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential".

The location of the proposed premises targets the poorer communities and it becomes harder for the health inequalities gap to close. If the planning application is to be granted it will not align with the Borough Plan (https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/borough\_plan\_2019-23.pdf) to reduce health inequalities, create healthy spaces and neighbourhoods for children and give children the best start in life and will not demonstrate our preventative efforts to support families and enhance mental wellbeing.

If the LSC does not agree with this representation then we suggest that consideration be given to:

- Reduced operating hours to ensure the premises operates between 9am and 23pm Monday
   Sunday including Bank Holidays.
- That an SIA security guard is stationed at the premises each day from noon until closing time.
- That no lone working is done from noon until closing time each day.

From: <u>Cllr James Sarah</u>
To: <u>Licensing</u>

Subject: New Gambling application - Little Vegas, 17 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BH.

**Date:** 10 March 2021 10:31:03

As the Lead Member for Adults and Health, I am very concerned to see that there is a planning application for another new Adult Gaming Centre (AGC) on Wood Green High Road.

This will have an adverse effect on the health and wellbeing of our residents living in the area.

There are already a large number of gambling premises on the High Road with four other AGCs within a minute's walk and six betting shops.

Further to this we have also received a new planning application on another AGC on the Wood Green High Road last month and having another AGC will make Wood Green High Road even more of a centre for gambling.

There are good transport links on the High Road that many of our young and vulnerable people use frequently and more visible gambling premises increases their exposure. In addition, there are a high number of street drinkers and street beggars in the area and they often tend to congregate outside or near to gambling premises.

Wood Green High Road will face many challenges in regenerating itself in the wake of the pandemic, but it has a good basis on which to build as a local centre frequented by families and local residents.

This will be significantly damaged if more premises are converted to gambling establishments. With the density of such frontages along the High Road it will no longer feel like – or in reality be – a place for family shopping and entertainment and that can only have a negative impact on the long-term economic recovery of the area.

The proposal in this location is unsuitable and will not help the existing mental health challenges and financial difficulties our residents are experiencing especially when COVID has hit our most vulnerable residents so hard.

For these reasons I strongly oppose the opening of another AGC in the area.

Regards, Sarah

Sarah James
Cabinet Member for Adults and Health
Haringey Council
Tel. 07976973859

Appendix 6A – Offered Conditions

#### Chongie Entertainment - Little Vegas, 17 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BH

#### **Conditions Offered**

- 1. That the operating hours for opening will be 08:00 to 23:00 hours Monday to Sunday, including bank holidays.
- 2. A comprehensive CCTV system shall be installed and maintained on the premises as required by the Metropolitan Police Licensing Team. CCTV should cover the following:
  - a) All entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions
  - b) The areas of the premises to which the public have access (excluding toilets)
  - c) Gaming machines and the counter area
- 3. The CCTV shall continue to record activities 24 hours a day for 31 days.
- 4. CCTV shall be made available for the police viewing at any time with minimum delays when requested.
- 5. The premises shall display notices near the entrance of the venue stating that CCTV is in operation.
- 6. A monitor shall be placed inside the premises above the front door showing CCTV images of customers entering exiting the premises.

  Children and Young People
- 7. The Licensee shall maintain a bound and paginated 'Challenge 25 Refusals' register at the premises. The register shall be produced to the Police or Licensing Authority forthwith on request.
- 8. Prominent signage and notices advertising the Challenge 25 will be displayed showing the operation of such policy.
- 9. Third party testing on age restricted sales systems purchasing shall take at least twice a year and the results shall be provided to the Licensing Authority upon request.
- 10. A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram. Entrances and Doors
- 11. A magnetic locking device, commonly referred to as a Maglock will be installed and maintained on the main entrance/exit to the premises which will be operable from the ground floor cashier counter by staff.
  Staffing levels.
- 12. There will be a minimum of 2 staff present at all times when the premises is open after 19.00 or at other times after a risk assessment deems that necessary.

  Identification of Offenders or Problem Persons
- 13. The Licensee shall implement a policy of banning any customers who engage in crime or disorder within or outside the premises.
- 14. The licensee will refuse entry to customers who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**Alarms** 

- 15. The licensee shall install and maintain an intruder alarm on the premises.
- 16. The premises shall install and maintain a panic button behind the cashiers counter. Toilets
- 17. The licensee will ensure that customer toilets are checked every hour for evidence of drug taking. Toilet checks are to be documented stating the time and member of staff who made the checks.
  - Signage, Promotional Material and Notices
- 18. Prominent GamCare documentation will be displayed at the premises.

#### Staff Training

- 19. The licensee shall: provide training on the specific local risks to the licensing objectives that have been identified for these premises as part of the staff induction training programme. periodically provide refresher training to all of its staff working at these premises on the specific local risks to the licensing objectives. Participation in this training shall be formally recorded on each member of staffs training records which, if requested will be presented to the Licensing Authority as soon as practicable.
- 20. The Licensee shall train staff on specific issues related to the local area and shall conduct periodic refresher training. Participation in this training shall be formally recorded and the records produced to the police or Licensing Authority upon request.
- 21. New and seasonal staff must attend induction training and receive refresher training every six months.
  - Homeless and Street Drinking
- 22. The Licensee shall monitor the area immediately outside the premises which will be covered by the CCTV system. Homeless people and street drinkers will not be permitted to enter the premises.
- 23. The Licensee shall place a notice visible from the exterior of the premises stating that customers drinking alcohol outside the premises is not permitted and those who do so will be banned from the premises.
  - Recording of Incidents and Visits
- 24. An incident log shall be kept for the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the City Council or the Police which will record the following;
  - a) All crimes reported to the venue;
  - b) Any complaints received regarding crime and disorder;
  - c) Any incidents of disorder;
  - d) Any faults in the CCTV system; and
  - e) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

ATMs

25. There shall be no cash point or ATM facilities on the premises.



# Appendix 7 – Supporting Information submitted by the Applicant



28 Park Place Leeds

St James House 162 St James House 42-46 Princelet Street

Rotterdam House 116 Quayside Newcastle Upon Tyne NEI 3DU

info@woodswhur.co.uk www.woodswhur.co.uk

Tel: 0113 234 3055

All correspondence should be sent to our Leeds office

Licensing Team Haringey Council Level 1 North- River Park House 225 High Road **WOOD GREEN** London N22 8HQ

Our ref PW/KL/CHO002-4-5/5402

Your ref

21 April 2021

Dear Sirs

#### Chongie: T/A Little Vegas Application for a Gambling Act Premsies Licnece - 17 High Road, Wood Green, M22 6BH

We write with reference to the application for the Adult Gaming Centre premises licence under the Gambling Act 2005.

The last date for representations for this application was 10 March 2021. I appreciate that the authority has issues with setting up virtual hearings, but my clients interests are being prejudiced in relation to these premises are they are being pursued by the landlord to finalise the long term commitment to the property.

Planning has been granted for these premises to be used as an Adult Gaming Centre. Prior to this application, the premises traded as a bookmakers for many years. Therefore we are not seeking a brand new Gambling Act authorisation at this site, we are seeking to replace a betting premises licence with an AGC premises licence. It is our experience that AGC premises have significantly less issues in their pattern of trading than some betting shops.

We would seek again an opportunity to discuss this application with the responsible authorities to see if we can reach agreement and remove the need for a hearing to take place.

Please find a schedule of conditions which we offer in relation to this site. As we understand the position, this would lead to an Adult Gaming Centre licence with the highest number of conditions attached to a Gambling Act premises licence in this division.

Our clients are very confident that they can operate in such a way that will be reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives - the statutory test under the Gambling Act. They would suggest that with these conditions they will far surpass the statutory test and will promote the licensing objectives without issue.

We would also offer that the premises would trade between the hours of 08:00 and 23:00 on Mondays to Sundays. As you will be aware there are no default hours in relation to AGC premises licences under the Gambling Act and are therefore capable of operating 24 hours. However my clients are happy to offer this restriction as it would be in line with the planning permission which has been granted at the premises and reflects the locality.

The only condition of substance which is not being offered by my clients is Condition 7 in the police representation which is "under the remit of preventing crime and in the interest of deterrence that a suitably

trained and qualified SIA security guard is posted to the premises each day from noon until 23:00." We are not aware of any AGCs which require a door supervisor to be at the premises and in the circumstances would suggest that this would be a disproportionate condition and certainly wouldn't be needed by the operator to promote the licensing objectives for premises of this type.

We would hope in the circumstances that the offer of a significant number of conditions and restricting the opening time of the premises would allow the officers to review their position and in all of the circumstances accept that this is an application that could be granted without the need of going to a licensing sub-committee.

If we are unable to satisfy you in those terms then we would be grateful if this matter could be listed at the very earliest date.

Yours faithfully

**Woods Whur** 

Woods Whur

#### Chongie Entertainment - Little Vegas, 17 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BH

#### **Conditions Offered**

- 1. That the operating hours for opening will be 08:00 to 23:00 hours Monday to Sunday, including bank holidays.
- 2. A comprehensive CCTV system shall be installed and maintained on the premises as required by the Metropolitan Police Licensing Team. CCTV should cover the following:
  - a) All entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions
  - b) The areas of the premises to which the public have access (excluding toilets)
  - c) Gaming machines and the counter area
- 3. The CCTV shall continue to record activities 24 hours a day for 31 days.
- 4. CCTV shall be made available for the police viewing at any time with minimum delays when requested.
- 5. The premises shall display notices near the entrance of the venue stating that CCTV is in operation.
- 6. A monitor shall be placed inside the premises above the front door showing CCTV images of customers entering exiting the premises.

  Children and Young People
- 7. The Licensee shall maintain a bound and paginated 'Challenge 25 Refusals' register at the premises. The register shall be produced to the Police or Licensing Authority forthwith on request.
- 8. Prominent signage and notices advertising the Challenge 25 will be displayed showing the operation of such policy.
- 9. Third party testing on age restricted sales systems purchasing shall take at least twice a year and the results shall be provided to the Licensing Authority upon request.
- 10. A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram. Entrances and Doors
- 11. A magnetic locking device, commonly referred to as a Maglock will be installed and maintained on the main entrance/exit to the premises which will be operable from the ground floor cashier counter by staff.
  Staffing levels.
- 12. There will be a minimum of 2 staff present at all times when the premises is open after 19.00 or at other times after a risk assessment deems that necessary.

  Identification of Offenders or Problem Persons
- 13. The Licensee shall implement a policy of banning any customers who engage in crime or disorder within or outside the premises.
- 14. The licensee will refuse entry to customers who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**Alarms** 

- 15. The licensee shall install and maintain an intruder alarm on the premises.
- 16. The premises shall install and maintain a panic button behind the cashiers counter.

  Toilets
- 17. The licensee will ensure that customer toilets are checked every hour for evidence of drug taking. Toilet checks are to be documented stating the time and member of staff who made the checks.
  - Signage, Promotional Material and Notices
- 18. Prominent GamCare documentation will be displayed at the premises.

#### Staff Training

- 19. The licensee shall: provide training on the specific local risks to the licensing objectives that have been identified for these premises as part of the staff induction training programme. periodically provide refresher training to all of its staff working at these premises on the specific local risks to the licensing objectives. Participation in this training shall be formally recorded on each member of staffs training records which, if requested will be presented to the Licensing Authority as soon as practicable.
- 20. The Licensee shall train staff on specific issues related to the local area and shall conduct periodic refresher training. Participation in this training shall be formally recorded and the records produced to the police or Licensing Authority upon request.
- 21. New and seasonal staff must attend induction training and receive refresher training every six months.
  - Homeless and Street Drinking
- 22. The Licensee shall monitor the area immediately outside the premises which will be covered by the CCTV system. Homeless people and street drinkers will not be permitted to enter the premises.
- 23. The Licensee shall place a notice visible from the exterior of the premises stating that customers drinking alcohol outside the premises is not permitted and those who do so will be banned from the premises.
  - Recording of Incidents and Visits
- 24. An incident log shall be kept for the premises and made available on request to an authorised officer of the City Council or the Police which will record the following;
  - a) All crimes reported to the venue;
  - b) Any complaints received regarding crime and disorder;
  - c) Any incidents of disorder;
  - d) Any faults in the CCTV system; and
  - e) Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.

**ATM**9

25. There shall be no cash point or ATM facilities on the premises.



# CHONGIE ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED ADVERTISING AND MEDIA POLICY

- 1. INTRODUCTION
- 2. UK ADVERTISING CODES
- 3. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS
- 4. IRRESPONSIBLE APPEAL
- 5. GAMBLING PROBLEM BEHAVIOUR
- 6. MISLEADINGNESS
- 7. SELF-EXCLUSIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS
- 8. MONITORING THE POLICY



#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Chongie Entertainment Limited is committed to complying with the requirements of all advertising regulations applicable within any jurisdiction it operates in and recognises the importance of honest and socially responsible marketing. It is imperative that Chongie Entertainment Limited acts responsibly and honestly when creating and executing marketing campaigns.

This Policy outlines the principles upon which Chongie Entertainment Limited will manage marketing campaigns in order to safeguard its business and to ensure the protection of young or vulnerable people.

#### 2. UK ADVERTISING CODES

The Codes set out five key advertising principles which must be adhered to by Chongie Entertainment Limited in relation to the management of all advertising.

The general principles of the Codes are that advertising should be:

- 1. legal, decent, honest and truthful
- 4. prepared with a sense of responsibility to consumers and to society
- 5. respectful to the principles of fair competition generally accepted in business
- 4. not intended to bring advertising into disrepute

The Codes require all gambling advertising to be socially responsible and Chongie Entertainment Limited will ensure it respects the need to protect children, young persons and other Vulnerable Persons from being harmed or exploited by advertising that features or promotes gambling. Although 'vulnerable' person is not defined in the Gambling Act, the ASA will look at factors such as mental, social or emotional immaturity, impaired judgement, for example, because of alcohol or drug addiction, or those who are at risk of gambling more than they can afford to or want to. Nothing in Adverts should condone or encourage criminal or anti-social behaviour.

This means Chongie Entertainment Limited must:

 Be socially responsible, with particular regard to the need to protect Children, Young Persons and other Vulnerable Persons.

Chongie Entertainment Limited must not:

- Portray, condone or encourage gambling behaviour that is socially irresponsible or could lead to financial, social or emotional harm;
- Condone or encourage criminal or anti-social behaviour.

A breach of the more specific principles of the Codes will often involve a breach of the social responsibility rules. Adverts that have been investigated under the social responsibility rules have included: portraying gambling as a possible solution to financial concerns and debt; linking gambling



and alcohol consumption; and showing problem-gambling behaviours, such as solitary gambling or gambling taking priority in life.

Chongie Entertainment Limited's Policy sets out the rules and guidance for advertising and marketing. It is important that all employees, contractors, agents, consultants, partners or other parties working on behalf of Chongie Entertainment Limited are aware of and understand Chongie Entertainment Limited's Policy. Advertising or media campaigns must not be initiated without prior approval from Senior Management.

#### 3 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

The Codes require marketing communications for gambling products to be socially responsible, with particular regard to the need to protect children, young persons and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited.

This means Chongie Entertainment Limited must:

• Be socially responsible, with particular regard to the need to protect children, young persons and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited.

Chongie Entertainment Limited must not:

- Exploit the susceptibilities, aspirations, credulity, inexperience or lack of knowledge of Children, Young Persons or other Vulnerable Persons;
- Suggest peer pressure to gamble or disparage abstention;
- Suggest gambling is a rite of passage;
- Create marketing or advertising likely to be of particular appeal to children or young persons, especially by reflecting or being associated with youth culture;
- Create marketing or advertising directed at those aged below 18 years through the selection of media or context in which they appear;
- Include a child or a young person in marketing or advertising. No-one who is or seems to be under-25 years old may be featured gambling. No-one may behave in an adolescent, juvenile or loutish way.

No advertising should be based around individuals who are or seem to be under 25 years old (18-24 years old).

An advertisement featuring a character that particularly appeals to children is likely to fall foul of the rules. The use of cartoons or licensed characters, such as super heroes and celebrities popular with children, must be used with a due sense of responsibility. In other words, care should be taken when using cartoon-like images; they might be acceptable if they are adult in nature but run the risk of appealing to under-18s if cartoon images are too childish in their execution; and that might be a problem when advertising gambling products. In all cases, steps should be taken to prevent under-18s from viewing ads and the likely age of the audience viewing the ad should always be considered.



#### 4 IRRESPONSIBLE APPEAL

Chongie Entertainment Limited recognises that irresponsible advertising and marketing related to gambling may appeal to Children, Young Persons or Vulnerable People and create a certain level of attractiveness to gambling. Chongie Entertainment Limited must ensure that all advertising and marketing is created responsibly and as such the below rules and codes must be applied when considering any marketing or advertising campaigns.

Seduction, sexual success and enhanced attractiveness

There must not be any direct or implied link between gambling, seduction, sexual success or enhanced attractiveness through any marketing or advertising.

The CAP & BCAP Codes state:

Marketing communications must not:

• Link gambling to seduction, sexual success or enhanced attractiveness.

It is acceptable to feature attractive people in advertising, as long as the ad as a whole does not link gambling with seduction, sexual success or enhanced attractiveness. Where characters in ads are treated with admiration by others as a result of their gambling, this can breach the Codes by linking gambling and enhanced attractiveness. References to fame, being special and VIP status are common themes in ads that the ASA has investigated under these rules.

Ads linking transformations of characters' appearance after gambling can create an implication that gambling could result in enhanced attractiveness and an improvement in self-image, thereby breaching the rules.

Toughness, resilience and recklessness

The CAP & BCAP Codes state:

Marketing communications must not:

Portray gambling in a context of toughness or link it to resilience or recklessness.

No advert or marketing campaign should be created without considering if the context as a whole might create a link between gambling and resilience or toughness, or portraying gambling in a context of toughness.

Enhancing personal qualities

The CAP & BCAP Codes state:

Marketing communications must not:

 Suggest that gambling can enhance personal qualities, for example, that it can improve selfimage or self-esteem, or is a way to gain control, superiority, recognition or admiration.



Again, it is acceptable to feature attractive or admired people in advertising, as long as the ad as a

whole does not link gambling with these qualities. Where characters in ads are treated with admiration by others as a result of their gambling, this can breach the Codes by linking gambling and improved self-image or self-esteem. References to fame, being special and VIP status are common themes in ads that the ASA has investigated under these rules.

Advertising and Media

Ads linking transformations of characters' appearance after gambling can create an implication that gambling could result in an improvement in self-image, thereby breaching the rules.

Cultural beliefs or traditions about gambling or luck

The CAP & BCAP Codes state:

Marketing communications must not:

Exploit cultural beliefs or traditions about gambling or luck.

Advertisements should avoid the use of cultural symbols and systems such as horoscopes if those symbols relate to an existing, strongly and communally held belief. These rules are not intended to prevent references to symbols or obsolete superstitions that are unlikely to be taken seriously, such as a clover leaf.

#### 5 PROBLEM GAMBLING BEHAVIOUR

Taking priority and solving problems

The CAP & BCAP Codes state:

Marketing communications must not:

- Suggest that gambling can provide an escape from personal, professional or educational problems such as loneliness or depression;
- Suggest that gambling can be a solution to financial concerns, an alternative to employment or a way to achieve financial security;
- Portray gambling as indispensable or as taking priority in life; for example, over family, friends or professional or educational commitments;
- Condone or feature gambling in a working environment. An exception exists for licensed gambling premises.

No marketing activity suggesting that gambling is a solution to financial concerns should be implemented by Chongie Entertainment Limited. Chongie Entertainment Limited views this as socially irresponsible and a breach of this Policy.

Even where risks are clearly set out, care and consideration should always be given to ensure gambling is not portrayed as a viable alternative to employment, or solution to financial concerns in any given context.



References to salary or debts in gambling should also be given specific consideration when planning any marketing or advertising campaign, to ensure there is no breach of the Codes or rules outlined in this Policy.

It is generally acceptable to show gambling as being important and interesting to characters, as long as it is not to the exclusion of other activities or interactions with people.

Solitary gambling

The CAP & BCAP Codes state:

Marketing communications must not:

Suggest that solitary gambling is preferable to social gambling.

Any advertisement that features an adult losing track of time, retreating into private fantasy or engaging in secretive gambling is likely to breach the general principle of the Codes that advertisements should not portray, condone or encourage gambling behaviour that is socially irresponsible or could lead to financial, social or emotional harm.

Solitary gambling should not be shown favourably contrasting with social gambling.

#### 6 MISLEADINGNESS

All marketing communications and advertisements must state significant limitations and qualifications. Qualifications may clarify but must not contradict the claims that they qualify and should be presented clearly.

The terms "free", "gratis", "without charge" or similar should not be used unless the customer will not pay anything except the unavoidable cost of responding, collecting or paying for delivery of an item.

All marketing communications and advertising must make clear the extent of the commitment the consumer must make to take advantage of a "free" offer.

Chongie Entertainment Limited should ensure:

- Marketing communications or advertisements must not materially mislead or be likely to do so; and
- Marketing communications or advertisements must not mislead the consumer by omitting material information. They must not mislead by hiding material information or presenting it in an unclear, unintelligible, ambiguous or untimely manner.

Material information is information that the consumer needs in context to make informed decisions in relation to a product and to help them decide whether or how to buy a product or service. Whether the omission or presentation of material information is likely to mislead the consumer depends on the context, the medium and, if the medium of the marketing communication or advertisement is constrained by time or space, Chongie Entertainment Limited must take all measures possible to make that information available to the consumer by other means.



Marketing communications or advertisements that include a promotion and are significantly limited by time or space must include as much information about significant conditions as practicable and must direct consumers clearly to an easily accessible alternative source where all the significant conditions of the promotion are prominently stated. Participants should be able to retain those conditions or easily access them throughout the promotion.

The terms and conditions of each marketing incentive must be made available for the full duration of the promotion.

Any and all marketing and promotions must be approved by a senior manager relevant to the site and must be compliant with this policy.

#### 7 SELF-EXCLUSIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Chongie Entertainment Limited is committed to complying with the requirements of the Act and LCCP, and recognises the importance of respecting our customer's rights and freedoms. Chongie Entertainment Limited therefore ensures adherence to the following:

Chongie Entertainment Limited must take steps to remove the name and details of a self-excluded individual or any customer that unsubscribes from marketing communications from any marketing databases used by Chongie Entertainment Limited or group (or otherwise flag that person as an individual to whom marketing material must not be sent), as soon as practicable after receiving relevant notification.

#### **8** MONITORING THE POLICY

To ensure that the policy continues to be fit for purpose:

Chongie Entertainment Limited are committed to carrying out an ongoing risk assessment of this Advertising and Media policy tailoring it to and any training around new products and newly identified risks as appropriate.

In the course of day to day activities and in reaction to any advertising or media cases, Chongie Entertainment Limited will continue to seek best practices and new techniques to improve the processes and procedures in place.

This policy is subject to review following any new guidance published by the Gambling Commission.







# CHONGIE ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED CCTV POLICY



**CCTV** 

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Chongie Entertainment Limited understands the importance of CCTV. CCTV is an essential tool in the prevention of crime and assisting in capturing those who have broken the law. Adult Gaming Centres are a business in which cash is continuously being transferred between staff, customer and machines. It is therefore extremely important that CCTV is in action.

#### 2. CCTV SYSTEM

The CCTV system must be switched on and be recording at all times. The CCTV should cover the front and rear exits, all machines and the shop floor as well as the offices and back of house. No decorations or signage should block the view of the CCTV

Any adjustments to the positioning of CCTV must only be carried out by senior management.

There will be a TV monitor positioned in the entranceway to the premises so that customers can clearly see there is CCTV in operation. Another monitor will be placed in the staff room.

#### 3. MONITORING THE SYSTEM

The CCTV must be checked daily to ensure it is in correct working order. Any faults must be communicated to senior management immediately. No information regarding the CCTV should be disclosed to third parties other than the appropriate authorities.

#### 4. ACCESS

The CCTV must be kept in a locked security cabinet, only accessible by senior management. Only senior management must have knowledge of any account passwords.

A hard copy of the CCTV will be kept in a locked cabinet in the staff room at premises, only accessible by senior management. The same will also be stored in the cloud.

#### 5. DATA PROTECTION

Chongie Entertainment Ltd will comply with all appropriate General Data Protection Regulations prevailing at the time.





# CHONGIE ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED CUSTOMER DUE DILIGENCE AND "KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER" PROCEDURES



#### 1. INTRODUCTION

All gambling businesses are subject to the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) and have a responsibility to keep crime, including money-laundering, out of gambling. This procedure is supplementary to the Proceeds of Crime and Anti Money Laundering Policy (POCAML) and the Compliance Pack.

#### 2. POTENTIAL RISKS

There are a number of potential risks which may be posed by a customer and it is vital that staff identify whether they need to carry out a Customer Interaction (as outlined in the Compliance Pack) in order to carry out due diligence checks. This is compounded if it is known or suspected that the customer may launder money.

Suspicious behaviour is covered in the POCAML and staff must exercise caution if they are suspicious of a customer.

Possible suspicious behaviour may include the use of stained or forged bank notes; the feeding of notes into TiTo machines and cashing out before playing; feeding large numbers of notes into change machines or refusing to provide personal details such as their name.

#### 3. CUSTOMER DUE DILIGENCE

Staff must approach customers on a risk based approach. This may differ between venues and will be informed by the Money Laundering Risk Assessment which is required under LCCP 12.1.1.

The basic due diligence includes:

- Name, verified with ID such as a driving licence or passport
- Address, verified with ID as above or a utility bill no older than 3 months

This must be recorded in the Customer Interaction spreadsheet.

Staff must be aware that an interaction may have already taken place with a customer which will have been recorded, for example in the Challenge 25 register.

#### 4. ENHANCED DUE DILIGENCE

Staff must approach customers on a risk based approach. This may differ between venues and will be informed by the Money Laundering Risk Assessment which is required under LCCP 12.1.1.

A customer may require enhanced due diligence if they meet any of the thresholds deemed appropriate for that venue, or if a member of staff, having consulted with senior management, deems it appropriate in the circumstances.

This must be recorded in the Customer Interaction spreadsheet.



Customer Due Diligence and KYC

Staff must ensure they also consider the behaviour of established customers when deciding when enhanced due diligence may be appropriate.

In the event there is increasing level of suspicion of money laundering, or even actual knowledge of money laundering, senior management must be alerted immediately and a decision made on a case by case basis whether or not the customer may be allowed to continue gambling, whether the MLRO must be notified or whether any other action is to be taken. The MLRO will then decide whether a SAR is appropriate. The MLRO is

#### 5. RECORDING

All customer due diligence and enhanced due diligence interactions must be recorded in the Customer Interaction spreadsheet.

Further, these interactions must be monitored and reviewed monthly in order to ensure that any patterns emerging are noticed and dealt with if appropriate. This review must be conducted by senior management.

Should the customer refuse to provide the requested documents the business relationship with the customer will be terminated.

#### 6. MONITORING THIS POLICY

To ensure that the policy continues to be fit for purpose:

Chongie Entertainment Limited are committed to carrying out an ongoing risk assessment of its Customer Due Diligence and "Know Your Customer" procedure, tailoring this procedure and training around new products and newly identified risks as appropriate.

In the course of day to day activities and in reaction to any POC or ML cases, Chongie Entertainment Limited will continue to seek best practices and new techniques to improve the processes and procedures in place.

This policy is subject to review following any new guidance published by the Gambling Commission.





# CHONGIE ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED MACHINE FRAUD POLICY



Machine Fraud

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Machine fraud is an ever present threat and all staff must be aware of the ways in which fraud can take place and what to do in the event they spot a customer defrauding a machine.

#### 2. MONITORING MACHINES

Management will ensure the venue floor is never left unattended and that customers who are not known, or with whom the staff are not familiar with, are given due consideration. Management will ensure photos of known fraudsters are available to all members of staff.

Staff must take special care to be aware of situations where large amounts of credit are being played with, machines are regularly going empty, suspicious activity such as large numbers of customers entering a venue trying to distract employees takes place and customers covering parts of machines.

In the event a machine is defrauded, floor staff must inform a manager immediately. Employees must take care not to endanger themselves when dealing with a fraudster.

Chongie Entertainment will subscribe to the BACTA machine fraud alerts and to those alerts provided by machine manufacturers and suppliers.

#### 3. MACHINE RATIO CHECK

Due to the quantity of B3 machines permitted being limited, staff must ensure thy check that this is adhered to in all premises.

A machine ratio check must be completed monthly, or in the event any machines are added or removed. This must be conducted by senior management and must be recorded.





### CHONGIE ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED PROCEEDS OF CRIME & ANTI MONEY LAUNDERING POLICY

1	POI	ICA	PH	RPO	SF

- 2 PROCEEDS OF CRIME (POC) & MONEY LAUNDERING (ML)
- 3 POCA OFFENCES & PENALTIES
- 4 KNOWLEDGE OR SUSPICION
- **5** RESPONSIBILITIES
- 6 PRODUCTS & RISK MITIGATION
- 7 RISK TRIGGERS
- 8 CUSTOMER MONITORING
- 9 SYSTEM CONTROLS
- 10 PROACTIVE ANALYSIS- THRESHOLD REVIEW & REPORTS
- 11 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS (SARs)
- 12 SAR MONITORING AND TERMINATION OF CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS
- 13 PREJUDICING AN INVESTIGATION
- 14 ADVERSE INFORMATION & POLICE INVOLVEMENT
- 15 INTERNAL RISKS
- 16 TRAINING AND SCREENING
- 17 MONITORING THE POLICY



#### 1 POLICY PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to detail the responsibilities of the Company and its staff in relation to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA), Terrorism Act 2000 and to uphold the licensing objective of 'Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime' as outlined within the Gambling Act 2005.

In addition, the contents of the document will outline our Company's policies and procedures to prevent the Company being used in connection with money laundering or terrorist financing as well as our continued compliance with anti-money laundering, counter terrorist financing, licensing and legislative requirements.

Chongie Entertainment Limited is committed to ensuring that all necessary safeguards are in place in regard to the receipt of money in order to avoid it being used to launder money that may originate from the proceeds of crime.

#### 2 PROCEEDS OF CRIME & MONEY LAUNDERING

#### 2.1 Proceeds of Crime

The Proceeds of Crime can be broadly defined as property from which a person benefits directly or indirectly, by being party to criminal activity - i.e. stolen money, money from drug dealing, tax evasion or stolen, thieved or robbed property. It includes property that a person gains by spending the proceeds of criminal activity, for example, if a person used money gained in a bank robbery to gamble.

#### 2.2 Money Laundering

Money Laundering is a term used to describe the practice of converting money that has been unlawfully or criminally obtained into legitimate funds, concealing and disguising the original source of the funds.

#### 2.3 Differences

The law does not make any distinction between these two activities. The action we should take, and the penalties for not taking action are the same for both.

#### 3 PROCEEDS OF CRIME ACT (POCA) OFFENCES & PENALTIES

There are 3 key offences under the POCA that are applicable to anyone who knows or suspects that property relates to the Proceeds of Crime:

- Section 327 states that a person commits an offence if they conceal, disguise, convert, or transfer criminal property in the UK.
- Section 328 provides that a person commits an offence if he or she enters into or becomes concerned in an arrangement which he or she knows or suspects facilitates, by whatever



- means, the acquisition, retention, use or control of criminal property to or on behalf of another person.
- Section 329 states that a person commits an offence if he or she acquires, uses, or has possession of criminal property.

The above offences can be committed by any person, including employees who have knowledge or suspicion that a customer is using the POC. The penalty upon conviction of these sections is a maximum term of 14 years imprisonment, a fine, or both.

There is a defence available for a person to show that they made an authorised disclosure under sections 338 and 339, either for an employee to report to the Compliance Officer, and further for responsible parties in senior management to assess and report where they believe knowledge or suspicion exists to the National Crime Agency (NCA).

Once a report has been made, the Compliance Officer will consider whether they hold knowledge or suspicion based on the information provided. However, responsible parties in senior management may commit an offence under section 332 if there is a failure to report knowledge or suspicion to the NCA as soon as reasonably practicable after the information has been received. The sanction under POCA is a prison term up to 5 years, a fine, or both.

It is also an offence under section 342 to disclose knowledge of the existence of any investigation prior to or following a report which could prejudice the investigation' (this is often related to as 'tipping off' though this is not to be confused with the actual offence of tipping off which is only an offence in the regulated sector). The penalty upon conviction is a maximum of 5 years imprisonment.

#### 4 KNOWLEDGE OR SUSPICION

Chongie Entertainment Limited and its employees have an obligation to report when we either have knowledge or suspicion that another person is using the POC or engaged in ML.

The POCA regulations do not define knowledge or suspicion, but case law has provided guidance.

Common sense provides that if, for example, a customer confirms they are laundering money or using money from a robbery, the member of staff would in fact know rather than suspect. Courts have previously gone further and also defined knowledge to include situations where the facts would be clear to an honest and reasonable person. It could also include a member of staff turning a blind eye, for example, if staff do not make normal enquiries of a customer where they believe they already know the answer and do not want to hear it.

Suspicion is subjective and may be based on picking up something unusual or where facts do not tally up. Suspicion does not need to be based on actual facts, but there needs to be some satisfaction beyond speculation that the customer is involved in the use of the POC or ML. A feeling of unease does not amount to suspicion.

#### 5 RESPONSIBILITIES



The POCA and AML regime within Chongie Entertainment Limited is managed by the Compliance Officer and supported by senior management.

All staff have a role to play in combatting the use of criminal proceeds and ML, and are trained to pick up triggers which may lead to concern and further suspicion or knowledge.

Staff are also trained to report general concerns or otherwise knowledge or suspicion to the Compliance Officer. Where knowledge or suspicion of money laundering is believed to exist, the Compliance Officer will determine whether a Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) should be raised with the NCA.

#### 6 PRODUCTS & RISK MITIGATION

Chongie Entertainment Limited runs Adult Gaming Centre facilities in the UK.

To identify and manage the risks associated with the above products, Chongie Entertainment Limited applies controls in four broad ways.

RISK TRIGGERS: Training key staff to be aware of risk triggers which may be indicative of ML or the use of POC and how to report concerns.

CUSTOMER MONITORING: Providing facilities to allow Chongie Entertainment Limited to monitor customers, allowing staff to log consumer information, transactions and emerging concerns.

SYSTEM CONTROLS: Implementing controls to mitigate areas of potential risk and highlight potential irregularities.

PROACTIVE ANALYSIS: Carrying out proactive analysis of purchasing activity to help detect unusual activity and risk triggers. This is supported by record keeping, monitoring and customer reviews.

Each is considered in turn below. This policy is supplemented by the Customer Due Diligence and "Know Your Customer" Procedures.

#### 7 RISK TRIGGERS

Considering the above product type, there are different types of activity or customer behaviours which could lead to cause for concern leading to the possible formulation of knowledge or suspicion that an individual is participating in gambling activity with the POC or involved in ML.

These behaviours may be identified by any employee, and are most likely to be recognised by staff working in the Adult Gaming Centres. Full training is carried out on induction and at 12 monthly refreshers. All staff are therefore fully equipped with the skills they need to identify any suspicious behaviour.

#### 8 CUSTOMER MONITORING



Chongie Entertainment Limited will record any concerns they have with its customers by using the data provided for its own internal records. This is detailed in the Compliance Pack

#### 9 SYSTEM CONTROLS

General system controls exist to mitigate the risk of our products and business being used from a POC or ML perspective, and create an environment in which suspicious activity may be effectively detected.

#### Cash Handling

Location specific operating policies and procedures will be put in place with regards to accounting practices and record keeping, in particular in respect of the following:

- Monetary stakes
- Token transactions
- Customer refunds (due to machine malfunctions)
- Money removed from machines
- Ticket in ticket out functions

This is not an exhaustive list and the risks of each location will be analysed.

The cash at each premises will be collected daily and stored in a safe. The external cash collection will take place every 7-10 days. The Operations Manager will be present for cash collections.

TiTo software will be installed in all machines.

#### 10 PROACTIVE ANALYSIS

The Compliance Officer is aware and completes pro-active analysis of the data recorded to complete the necessary checks for the purposes of POC and ML.

#### 11 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS (SARs)

POCA requires SARs to be raised to the NCA in the event of knowledge or suspicion of the use of the proceeds of crime.

A SAR will be raised with the NCA by the MLRO or appropriate deputy as soon as is reasonably practicable where suspicion is held that the customer is engaged in money laundering.

#### 12 SAR MONITORING AND TERMINATION OF CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS

If the level of concern leading to the SAR is maintained in future transactions or has increased thereafter, then further SARs will be considered.



Chongie Entertainment Limited understands that SAR reporting and the defence of making a disclosure under section 338 of POCA is not intended to be used repeatedly in respect of the same customer.

Wherever knowledge or suspicion exists, the Compliance Officer will make an assessment with regards to the continuation of the customer relationship. This decision is made with awareness of the potential offences under POCA if transactions are allowed to continue where knowledge or suspicion exists.

In accordance with Gambling Commission guidance, advice may be sought from the NCA around the most effective approach in respect of terminating a customer relationship.

Where a relationship is terminated, steps will be taken to uphold this as effectively as possible.

#### 13 PREJUDICING AN INVESTIGATION

Staff are trained that subsequent to a report to the Compliance Officer, or a SAR being raised with the NCA, it is a criminal offence under section 342 of POCA to release information about the knowledge of the existence of an investigation that may prejudice that investigation.

The Compliance Officer will work particularly closely with customer facing staff to ensure that investigations are not disclosed when a payment is being held pending consent, or during the process of ceasing the relationship with a customer.

#### 14 ADVERSE INFORMATION & POLICE INVOLVEMENT

#### 14.1 Previous Convictions or Previous Police Involvement

Where information is obtained which indicates previous Police interest or convictions for a financial crime or related offence, a file will be updated and steps may be taken to gather customer information from the stages above. Where concerns remain, the customer may be requested to provide proof of identity and source of funds.

#### 14.2 Current Police Investigation

All Police requests for information are logged and a file is created in respect of customers subject to the enquiry (where a file does not already exist), and information provided.

If Police request information in respect of a financial crime enquiry, contact will be made to understand the current status of the investigation.

Provided that the following criteria are met, and there is no overriding knowledge of laundering activity, Chongie Entertainment Limited will support and formally cooperate with the Police if there is an explicit request to continue business to preserve the case and evidence.

- The Police must submit a Data Protection Act request for information;
- A formal timeframe for engagement must be established with Police;
- Assurances must be provided by Police that there is a formal investigation, and that the case will be subject to regular review dates. RIPA authority (to provide Police with



investigatory and surveillance powers) must be obtained within the first 28 days of engagement;

A Disclosure will be made to the Gambling Commission to advise.

Suspicious Activity Reports will be considered by Chongie Entertainment Limited at the point of Police engagement and at each subsequent Police review date.

This cooperative approach seeks to help to ensure that crime is kept out of gambling in the longer term.

#### 15 INTERNAL RISKS

The internal risks of an Adult Gaming Centre include, but are not limited to, the following:

#### Money lending

Chongie Entertainment recognises the risks presented by customers who may seek to transfer money to other customers or third parties or receive funds from other customers or third parties. In order to mitigate this risk, identified transfers between customers and third parties must be assessed by senior management who must satisfy themselves that systematic, organised or commercial money lending is not taking place. Staff will be trained on identifying factors to look out for.

#### Collusion

Collusion can be the agreement between people to act together secretly or illegally in order to deceive or cheat someone. Chongie Entertainment are aware of the risks collusion present to both the premises and in the context of money laundering and proceeds of crime. All staff are trained to be aware of the signs of collusion and to report such signs to management immediately.

#### Fraud

Machine fraud is an ever present threat and all staff must be aware of the ways in which fraud can take place and what to do in the event they spot a customer defrauding a machine.

Management will ensure the venue floor is never left unattended and that customers who are not known, or with whom the staff are not familiar with, are given due consideration. Management will ensue photos of known fraudsters are available to all members of staff. Staff must take special care to be aware of situations where large amounts of credit are being played with, machines are regularly going empty, suspicious activity such as large numbers of customers entering a venue trying to distract employees takes place and customers covering parts of machines.

In the event a machine is defrauded, floor staff must inform a manager immediately. Employees must take care not to endanger themselves when dealing with a fraudster.

#### 16 TRAINING AND SCREENING

Chongie Entertainment Limited are committed to ensuring that all key staff understand their responsibilities in respect of POCA and this policy, including internal risks, and in particular the triggers



to be alert to and the requirement to report concerns, knowledge, or suspicion to the Compliance Officer immediately.

Staff are trained as follows:

All employees of Chongie Entertainment Limited are required to undertake and complete AML training and understand our policy and reporting processes.

Head Office

Key customer facing head office staff, including the Compliance Officer, are required to understand and adhere to the Company's POCA & AML policy.

Training refreshers will be held every 12 months and new starters are trained upon induction.

Ad hoc training sessions may be provided to react to developing risks in particular areas.

#### 17 MONITORING THE POLICY

To ensure that the policy continues to be fit for purpose:

Chongie Entertainment Limited are committed to carrying out an ongoing risk assessment of its POC & ML regime, tailoring this policy and training around new products and newly identified risks as appropriate.

In the course of day to day activities and in reaction to any POC or ML cases, Chongie Entertainment Limited will continue to seek best practices and new techniques to improve the processes and procedures in place.

This policy is subject to review following any new guidance published by the Gambling Commission.





### **Chongie Entertainment Limited**

**Social Responsibility & Compliance Pack** 

#### Contents

1	Introduction Error! Bookmark not defined
1.1	Gambling Act 2005
1.2	The Licensing Objectives
1.2	The Licensing Conditions and Codes of Practice
1.3	Powers of the Gambling Commission and others.
2	Social Responsibility
2.1	Promotion of Socially Responsible Gambling
2.2	Problem Gambling and the Provision of Information
2.3	Customer Interaction
2.4	Self Exclusion
3	Children and Vulnerable Persons
3.1	Access to Gambling
3.2	Challenge 25
3.3	Employment of Children and Young Persons
4	Crime and Disorder
4.1	Money Laundering and Proceeds of Crime
4.2	Suspicious Activity Reports
4.3	Cash Handling
4.4	Keeping Alcohol Out
4.5	Dealing with aggressive customers



5	Fair and Open	14
5.1	General Terms and Conditions	
5.2	Complaints Procedure	
5.3	Markting and Promotional Guidelines	
6	Recording Requirements	16
6.1	General Reporting Requirements	
6.2	Challenge 25 Register	
6.3	Customer Interaction Register	
6.4	Self Exclusion Register	
6.5	SARs Register	
6.6	Staff Training Register	
6.7	Incidents Requiring Police Attendance	
7	Training	23
8	Appendices	24
8.1	Management	
8.2	Self Exclusion flow chart	
8.3	Customer Interaction flow chart	
9	Monitoring	27



#### Introduction

1

Chongie Entertainment Limited ("Chongie") and all of its employees are committed to a safer gambling experience for all customers of Little Vegas.

These policies and procedures are designed to ensure that the Gambling Act 2005, the LCCP and all relevant guidance is understood and followed by all employees of Chongie.

The Social Responsibility & Compliance Pack is in addition to the following:

- The Money Laundering and Proceeds of Crime Policy
- The Customer Due Diligence and "Know Your Customer" Procedure
- The Advertising and Marketing Policy
- The Staff Guard Policy
- The CCTV Policy
- The Machine Fraud and Ratio Check Policy
- The Gambling Risk Assessment

And any other policy which Chongie may implement in order to uphold the Gambling Act 2005 and all additional guidance and legislation.

#### 1.1 The Gambling Act 2005

Mandatory Licence Conditions implemented by the Gambling Act 2005 ("GA05"):

- A notice must be displayed at all entrances to AGCs stating that no person under the age of 18 years will be admitted to the premises.
- There can be no direct access between an AGC and any other premises licensed under the Act or premises with a family entertainment centre (FEC), club gaming, club machine or alcohol licensed premises gaming machine permit. (England and Wales only). There is no definition of 'direct access' in the Act or regulations, although licensing authorities may consider that there should be an area separating the premises concerned, such as a street or cafe, which the public go to for purposes other than gambling, for there to be no direct access.
- Any ATM made available for use on the premises shall be located in a place that requires any customer who wishes to use it to cease gambling at any gaming machine in order to do so.

• The consumption of alcohol in AGCs is prohibited at any time during which facilities for gambling are being provided on the premises. Additionally in Scotland the sale of alcohol on the premises is specifically prohibited. A notice stating this should be displayed in a prominent place at every entrance to the premises.

#### 1.2 The Licensing Objectives

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable person from being harmed or exploited by gambling

#### 1.3 The Licensing Conditions and Codes of Practice

The Licence conditions and codes of practice ("LCCP") set out the requirements Chongie must meet in order to hold its operating licence. All senior employees must subscribe to the Gambling Commission news updates and regularly check the website for updates.

Section 24 of the Gambling Act 2005 sets out two types of provisions:

Social responsibility provisions

Compliance with these is a condition of licences, therefore any breach of them by an operator may lead the Commission to review the operator's licence with a view to suspension, revocation or the imposition of a financial penalty and would also expose the operator to the risk of prosecution

Ordinary code provisions

These do not have the status of licence conditions but are admissible in evidence in criminal or civil proceedings and must be taken into account in any case in which the court or tribunal think them relevant and by the Commission in the exercise of its functions. Any breach of ordinary code provisions by an operator may be taken into account by the Commission on a licence review, but cannot lead to the imposition of a financial penalty

These codes consist of: Financial Requirements (including Anti Money Laundering); Protection of Children & Vulnerable People; Combating Problem Gambling; Access to Gambling by children and young persons; Information on how to gamble responsibly and help for problem gamblers; Customer Interaction; Self Exclusion; Employment of Children & Young Persons;

Money lending between customers; Fair & Open provisions; Marketing; Complaints & Disputes; Gambling Licensees' staff; Information Requirements; Primary Gambling Activity

Adult Gaming Centres must comply with the relevant sections of the LCCP and all members of staff must be familiar with, and are trained on, these sections.

#### 1.4 The Powers of the Gambling Commission and others

Members of staff are to co-operate at all times with the Commission's Compliance officers, Local Authority Licensing officers and the police in the proper performance of their compliance functions.

These individuals rights of entry to premises are contained in Part 15 of the Act which deals with inspection (Sections 303 to 326). A constable, enforcement officer or authorised person under the Act may enter premises for the purpose of assessing compliance or assessing whether an offence is being committed. A constable or enforcement officer can enter a premises if he reasonably suspects that an offence may be being committed or is about to be committed (Section 306). Entry may also be for the purpose of discovering whether facilities for gambling are being provided, to determine whether an operating licence or premises licence is held and to determine whether facilities are being provided in accordance with terms and conditions of an operating licence (Section 307).

Entry may also be made to assess the likely effects of activity when application has been made for a premises licence. A constable or enforcement officer may require the holder of an operating licence to produce, within a specified period, a copy of the authorisation (Section 316). Failure to comply without reasonable excuse to a request to produce a copy of the authorisation may result in an offence and be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2.

Section 317 sets out powers of the constable, enforcement office or authorised person and include inspection of any part of the premises or any machine on anything on the premises, questioning any person, access to written or electronic records, remove or retain evidence of committing an offence or beach of terms and conditions. Section 20 provides that the power of inspection must be exercised only at a reasonable time. The enforcement officer or authorised person must provide evidence of his identify and authority (Section 321). Section 323 provides that a constable, enforcement officer or authorised person may use reasonable force to enter a premises. Section 326 provides that it is an offence to obstruct a constable, enforcement officer or authorised person in carrying out their duties.

#### 2 **Social Responsibility**

#### 2.1 **Promotion of Socially Responsible Gambling**

The third objective of the Gambling Act is to protect children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling and it is conditional on our Adult Gaming Centre licence that we have appropriate controls in place. The need to prevent young and vulnerable persons from being able to access our products and services is of paramount importance to Chongie.

#### 2.2 **Problem Gambling and the Provision of Information**

Chongie monitors customer activity and uses a range of indicators to identify potential gambling. These include:

- Time and spend indicators: amount and frequency of time and deposits, time of day, large losses.
- Customer contact: information or hints from customers, frequent complaints, or signs of distress.
- Play indicators: chasing losses, erratic gaming patterns and product choice.
- A 'big win': high staking following a win could hide or even lead to harmful behaviour.

A player may give some signals that they have a gambling problem while communicating with members of staff. A problem gambler may display some of the following signs:

- Finding it hard to manage or stop gambling customer may make a comment regarding this.
- Signs of agitation, distress or aggression: Customers may target aggression at customer support staff following a loss. Staff will be trained on how to deal with aggressive customers and how to diffuse situations.
- Player informs staff member that their main goal is to win a specific amount of money at which point they will leave.
- Customer contacts Chongie management regularly to express dissatisfaction with gaming outcomes and overall gameplay.

In the event that a suspected problem gambler enters an AGC and wishes to participate in gambling:

The customer must be tactfully referred to GamCare by the appropriate member of staff.



- The customer's details must be logged for the purposes of possible exclusion from future participation, should any similar incidents re-occur.
- All written and verbal communication between staff and suspected problem gamblers must be monitored and approved by senior management.

In the event that an existing customer is suspected of becoming a problem gambler:

-

- The customer must be tactfully referred to GamCare, by the appropriate member of staff.
- The customer's details must be logged for the purposes of possible exclusion from future participation, should any similar incidents re-occur.
- All written and verbal communications between staff and the suspected problem gambler should be monitored and approved by senior management.

Chongie clearly displays posters and provides leaflets for customers which detail key organisations which can help, including Gamcare.

The following organisations also provide psychological help, professional advice and assistance in dealing with gambling addition:

- Counselling Directory
- The National Council on Problem Gambling
- GamCare
- Gamblers Anonymous
- Gam-Anon UK and Ireland
- Y-Gam

#### 2.3 Customer Interaction

Chongie recognises its responsibilities and obligation to comply with the Licensing Objectives of the Gambling Act 2005 and the Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice listed under the Social Responsibility Code 3.4.1.

Chongie follows the Identify- Interact- Evaluate framework to ensure compliance and to protect its customers.

Chongie, where circumstances allow and subject to player confidentiality, shares experience and deliver good practice across the full range of social responsibility requirements for customer interaction with other operators.

#### Identify

Chongie ensures that staff have access to all relevant sources of information and policies to ensure effective decision making, in order to guide and deliver effective customer interactions, including information to assist in identifying at risk customers whom;

- may not be displaying obvious signs of, or overt behaviour associated with, problem gambling
- are designated as 'high value', 'VIP' or equivalent (although Chongie do not operate a VIP scheme)
- are demonstrating signs of agitation, distress, intimidation, aggression or other behaviours that may inhibit customer interaction

Chongie Entertainment Limited recognises the importance to identify any customers where there may be problems early and pro-actively reach out and offer support.

#### Interact

Should a staff member feel that a player's behaviour may indicate problem gambling, they should engage with the customer by asking questions such as:

- Do you feel that your gambling spends are controlled?
- Do you acknowledge that your activity may result in losses and can withstand these losses?
- When you lose, do you feel you the need to return as soon as possible to win back your losses?
- Do you ever borrow to finance your gambling?

The member of staff, if they think it necessary, will explain the various management tools in place such as self-exclusion, and will provide information on GamCare.

#### **Evaluate**

Chongie understands that evaluation of customer interactions is important to understand the impact they have had and to help ensure customers are getting the right help and support.

The result of a customer interaction may be that the customer is allowed to continue, the customer self-excludes or uses a different tool, or the customer is barred.

A monthly review of customer interactions should be carried out with considerations to the following points:

- Did the customer start using gambling management tools?
- Did the customer read the responsible gambling information?
- Was there a positive change in behaviour? Did the customer's gambling seem to change after the interaction?

Chongie keeps a record of customer interactions, and where an interaction has been ruled out, the reasons for this.

A flow chart of how Customer Interaction works is at section 8.3.

#### 2.4 Self-Exclusion

Self-exclusion is recognised by the gambling industry as a way for players to control their gambling. Chongie offers a self-exclusion facility to help those customers who feel that their gambling is out of control and want assistance to help them stop.

Chongie takes all reasonable steps to ensure that customers on the self-exclusion register are prevented from entering the premises. Whilst on the self-exclusion register, customers also have certain obligations contained in the terms and conditions that they acknowledge when joining the self-exclusion program.

#### What happens

- When a customer has requested that they be refused entry to our premises, the customer and the appointed manager will formally acknowledge and document the request on a self-exclusion request form, or directly on the web-based AGC national self-exclusion scheme. This will be preceded by a meaningful discussion about the terms and conditions applicable to the scheme and will include other options available to assist a person having a gambling disorder, including being signposted to counselling and support services. A copy of the terms and conditions will be signed by the excluder as acknowledgement of understanding and consent. Customers are given the opportunity of discussing selfexclusion in private where possible.
- Photo identification and signature of the excluder is required for self-exclusion agreements except where an alternative means of identification is at least as effective. Photographs, preferably of the passport style, should be full-faced and a good likeness both initially and throughout the duration of the self-exclusion agreement.

- The Duty Manager will offer the exclusion for a minimum duration of not less than six months, nor more than twelve months; the customer thereafter may request to extend the length of the self-exclusion for one or more further periods of at least six months.
- Chongie will not allow the excluder admittance to the premises during the term of the self-exclusion agreement.
- It is made clear to the customer that they may not revoke the self-exclusion during the agreed period and that if found either in the gambling area or attempting to gamble they will be asked to leave.
- Members of staff must be alert to self-excluded individuals attempting to breach agreements and instances of them getting another person to gamble on their behalf. It is a requirement that staff regularly pay heed to self-exclusion agreement records that are currently active (particularly photographs) in order to stay alert to the identity of those excluded in the locality of the premises.
- Self-excluders have the opportunity of also excluding from other premises owned by Chongie without necessarily having to enter areas licenced for gambling. Where the self-exclusion agreement is extended to other premises we will consider any specific requests made by a customer in setting the bounds of the exclusion area.

Chongie will offer customers with whom they enter into a self-exclusion agreement in respect of facilities for any kind of gambling we offer, the ability to exclude from facilities for the same kind of gambling offered in our locality by any other holder of an operating licence to whom this provision applies, by participating in one or more available multi-operator self-exclusion schemes.

A self-exclusion log is maintained on the premises for recording detail of those currently excluded in addition to records stored digitally.

Those self-excluded are removed from any marketing databases held by Chongie within two days of receiving the completed self-exclusion form, but we will take all reasonable steps to prevent details being knowingly sent as soon as practicable.

At the end of the self-exclusion period, the exclusion will remain in place for a further six months, unless the customer takes positive action in order to gamble again. At the end of the exclusion period, the Manager and customer will, together, review the terms of agreement either by telephone or in person. The review process is recorded on a self-exclusion review form.

Where a customer chooses not to extend the self-exclusion and makes a positive request to begin gambling again, the customer is offered a 24-hour 'cooling off' period before being allowed access to the gambling facilities.

Chongie retains self-exclusion records for the length of the agreement plus a further 6

Little Vegas

months.



#### 3 Children and Vulnerable Persons

#### 3.1 Access to Gambling

Chongie implements age verification procedures that use various methods to try and detect and deter children and young people from entering including U18 signage.

The premises themselves have been designed to ensure staff on the floor can see who is accessing the premises and floor staff must be vigilant. Specific risks have been considered in the Local Area Risk Assessment.

#### 3.2 Challenge 25

Chongie operates a challenge 25 policy which requires that all customers who appear to be under 25 are approached by a member of staff and their age verified by the production of the appropriate valid ID document as soon as entering the premises or as soon as possible thereafter but BEFORE gambling.

Acceptable forms of documentation include:

- Any ID carrying the PASS logo (e.g. Citizen Card, Connexions Card) Full Driving Licence with photo card.
- Provisional Driving Licence with photo card or International Passport
- Military Identification Card

The staff must check to see that the ID is acceptable and then record the interaction in the ID Record.

If suitable photographic ID cannot be produced, then the customer should be politely requested to leave the premises with the incident subsequently recorded.

Challenge 25 signage is positioned on or close to the entrance/exit door and displayed in conjunction with existing signage.

The Gambling Commission and Local Licensing Authority may conduct underage test entries to assess whether or not Chongie's Adult Gaming Centre's are allowing under- 18's to enter or gamble on the premises. BACTA also conduct age verification checks.

If at any time staff are informed that they have been the subject of an underage test by the Gambling Commission and/or the Local Licensing Authority, this is immediately reported to the Operations Manager and Compliance Officer.

All age verification test failures are fully investigated by the Operations Manager and/or the Compliance Officer. Performance is constantly monitored and further training may be given to staff if necessary to react to developing risks in particular areas.

Chongie does not deliberately provide facilities for gambling in such a way as to appeal particularly to children or young people, for example by reflecting or being associated with youth culture.

If a person over the age of 18 knowingly allows a child under the age of 18 in to the Adult Gaming Centre that person and the child will be banned for 6 months (the names and details will be recorded on a written form which will be filed at the unit).

This should be reported to the Premises Manager for that site, who will then complete the "ban log" and report and retain for future use/inspection.

If an employee of Chongie becomes aware that a child or young person is using or has used facilities for gambling provided in reliance on the licence, they shall ensure that:

- Any money paid in respect of the use of those facilities (whether by way of fee, stake or otherwise) by the child or young person is returned as soon as is reasonably practicable; and
- Any prize must not be given to the child or young person.

This should be reported to the Premises Manager for that site, who will then complete the ban log and report to the Operations Manager in writing.

Any member of staff who knowingly allows access to a person under the age of 18 will be subject to disciplinary action.

#### 3.3 Employment of Children and Young Persons

Licensees who employ children and young persons should be aware that it is an offence: -

- a) to employ them to provide gambling facilities in an Adult Gaming Centre
- b) for their contract of employment to require them or permit them to perform functions in respect any gambling machine in an Adult Gaming Centre
- c) to employ a child to perform any function in an Adult Gaming Centre where facilities are being provided to play gaming machines

Chongie will not employ and person under the age of 18 years

#### 4 Crime and Disorder

#### 4.1 Money Laundering and Proceeds of Crime

Chongie maintains a separate ML and POCA policy which is available to all staff.

#### 4.2 Suspicious Activity Reports

All employees are aware of where the SAR forms are located, how to complete them and how to submit them to the Operations Manager.

POCA requires SARs to be raised to the NCA in the event of knowledge or suspicion of the use of the proceeds of crime.

A SAR will be raised with the NCA by the Operations Manager as soon as is reasonably practicable where suspicion is held that the customer is engaged in money laundering.

If the level of concern leading to the SAR is maintained in future transactions or has increased thereafter, then further SARs will be considered.

Wherever knowledge or suspicion exists, the Operations Manager will make an assessment with regards to the continuation of the customer relationship. This decision is made with awareness of the potential offences under POCA if transactions are allowed to continue where knowledge or suspicion exists.

In accordance with Gambling Commission guidance, advice may be sought from the NCA around the most effective approach in respect of terminating a customer relationship.

Where a relationship is terminated, steps will be taken to uphold this as effectively as possible.

Further information is contained in the ML and POCA policy.

#### 4.3 Cash Handling

All members of relevant staff are trained specifically on cash handling and in particular with regard to security, accounting practices and record keeping in respect of:

- (i) Monetary stakes introduced to machines (gross takings),
- (ii) Money introduced to re-float machines
- (iii) Token transactions
- (iv) Customer refunds due to machine malfunctions.



(v) Money removed from machines (net takings)

#### Sign Off Keys

No keys are to be handed to anybody without checking ID. The person who hands over the keys will be held responsible. All visiting engineers need to sign in.

#### Cash Collection

Cash is collected daily and stored in a safe. The external cash collection will take place every 7-10 days and the Operations Manager will be present.

#### **Empty of Machines**

The empty of machines needs to be carried out ideally when there are no customers in the unit.

Once each machine/terminal has been emptied/re-floated the keys need to be locked away again in the safe.

#### Cash Reconciliation

The Premises Manager is responsible for this and any discrepancies / variances will be recorded as cash losses and investigated as necessary.

All accounting procedures will be recorded by senior management.

#### 4.4 Keeping Alcohol Out

Chongie implements clear rules and guidelines on the consumption and influence of alcohol.

Individuals under the influence of alcohol on entry

- In all our sites individuals who are deemed to be under the influence of excessive alcohol should be prevented from entering any of our premises.
- When such a situation occurs the member of staff should politely refuse entry to the site on the grounds of being under the influence of alcohol and ask the individual to leave the premises.
- Should the individual resist or refrain from leaving the premises in the first instance a
  Premises Manager should be called. They should also request that the individual leave
  the premises immediately. If an individual fails to leave the premises or becomes a
  nuisance that cannot be dealt with by the staff on duty the police should be called to
  assist.
- All incidents should be recorded fully on the premises log.



#### Alcohol consumption on site

Under no circumstances should customers be served alcoholic drinks on site, nor should they bring alcoholic drinks onto the premises to be consumed.

#### 4.5 **Dealing with Aggressive Customers**

Violence and aggression are used to show distress and dominance. Whilst there are some individuals for whom such behaviour is normal, members of staff must be extremely cautious of treating such behaviour as normal.

Staff must be aware of any signs of aggression including, but not limited to:

- Tensed muscles or sweating
- Twitching muscles, particularly in the face
- **Pacing**
- Changes in voice (pitch, volume)
- Language, obscenities, threats
- Facial expression
- Withdrawn or upset
- Carrying a weapon or suspected weapon

In the event a member of staff comes across a customer displaying signs of aggression or violence they should:

- Listen to the customers views or complaints
- Try to understand what their problem is and discuss it with them
- See if they can resolve the situation by taking any actions needed

Staff should be cautious in their approach and ensure they do not adopt a confrontational approach and are aware of how they can contact a another member of staff if necessary.

#### 5 Fair and Open

#### 5.1 General Terms and Conditions

Chongie utilise and comply with BACTAs general Terms and Conditions and all relevant sections of the LCCP

#### 5.2 Complaints Procedure

Chongie Entertainment Limited is committed to providing excellent levels of service and are constantly striving to meet the expectations of customers, and welcome feedback where services can be improved or where expectations have not been met.

Issues of concern can usually be resolved by discussing the matter with a member of the team within one of the Adult Gaming Centres. A database record will be completed at the time of the contact, detailing your contact details, which team member dealt with the issue, the nature of the complaint and how the complaint was resolved. A copy of this complaints procedure will be provided to customers upon request, or whenever they make a complaint.

However, we recognise that sometimes it may not be appropriate to contact us in this way, or you may feel your concerns have not been properly addressed internally after talking to the team. Where this is the case, we actively encourage our customers to use our Complaints Procedure so that issues and concerns can be raised with management and addressed appropriately. This document explains how the Complaints Procedure works, what you need to do and what you can expect.

There are two levels – Complaints Co-ordinator and Lead Contact of the Adult Gaming Centre.

Level 1 – Complaints Co-Ordinator

If Chongie Entertainment Limited haven't reasonably met your expectations or you wish to make a complaint relating to services you should write or e-mail in the first instance to the Complaints Co-ordinator, who will be the General Manager of the premises

Please put in the subject line 'FAO: Complaints Co-ordinator'.

In expressing concerns it is helpful to include all relevant details such as nature of complaint, date, people contacted and the other circumstances relating to your complaint. This helps to quickly and fully understand the nature of the complaint and begin investigations. Once the Complaints Co-ordinator acknowledges receipt of your letter or email in writing within 48 hours, he will also provide a copy of this complaints policy. You can normally expect a full written response within 10 working days of this acknowledgement. His aim is to resolve the complaint to your complete satisfaction at this level.

Level 2 - Lead contact of the Adult Gaming Centre.

If, after receiving our response at the 1st level you feel that your concerns have not been fully addressed you can ask for your complaint to be referred to the lead contact in relation to the services provided. Please contact Dobromir Baltadzhiev. You can normally expect a full written response to your complaint within 10 working days of acknowledgement of the complaint reaching the 2nd level.

It may be necessary for additional information to be sought from an external source. When this is necessary, it may not be possible to respond to your complaint within 10 working days and the Lead contact of the Adult Gaming Centre will contact you again. He will explain the reasons for asking for a time extension and seek your approval.

Chongie Entertainment Limited understand the need for ADR provisions to be in place and therefore intend to contract with a Gambling Commission approved ADR provider.

#### 5.3 Marketing and Promotional guidelines

Chongie has an Advertising and Media Policy which is available to all staff.

Chongie's marketing team ensures that promotional material is developed in a socially responsible manner, particularly to protect young or vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by advertising and in accordance with the following provisions:

- The Gambling Commission's LCCP;
- Committee of Advertising Practice (CAP) code.

#### 6 Recording and Reporting Requirements

#### 6.1 General Reporting Requirements

Chongie acknowledges its obligation to ensure that staff openly co-operate with the Gambling Commission in the proper performance of their compliance functions and that they are made aware of those officers' rights of entry to premises contained under Part 15 of the Gambling Act 2005 and that:

- they must provide the Gambling Commission with any information that the Commission would reasonably need to be aware of in exercising its regulatory functions or suspect may relate to the commission of an offence under the Act, including an offence resulting from a breach of a licence condition or a code of practice provision having the effect of a licence condition. Changes in key circumstances must be reported within five days of their occurrence in accordance with the terms set out in the Operating Licence.
- Chongie must provide the Gambling Commission with such information as the Commission may require from time to time about the use of facilities provided such as:
  - (i) the numbers of people making use of the facilities and the frequency of such use;
  - (ii) the range of gambling activities provided by the licensee and the number of staff employed in connection with them; and
  - (iii) the licensee's policies in relation to, and experience of, problem gambling.
- Chongie must submit a Regulatory Return to the Gambling Commission containing such information as the Commission may require from time to time, and provide evidence that the terms on which gambling is offered are not unfair under the Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1999 and, where applicable, meet the reasonableness test under the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977.
- The Appointed Manager will be informed immediately a Gambling Commission Enforcement Officer properly identifies himself on the premises, and will attend to the Officer without undue delay. Staff will co-operate at all times with the Commission's Enforcement Officers.
- Members of staff are trained as part of their induction process in the understanding
  of, and the strict adherence to this policy, and required to sign to this effect retaining
  a copy for their future reference. The original is retained on the employee's personnel
  file.

# Page 208

#### 6.2 Challenge 25 Register

	Name and other details	Date of	Signed	Print Name	Any other comments
		Challenge			
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

#### 6.3 Self-Exclusion Register

	Name and other details	Date of exclusion	Expiry of Ban	Signed	Print Name	Breaches of self exclusion by self excluded member	Date of when self excluded has opted and declared to return to gambling
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

Compliance Pack

## Page 210

#### 6.4 Customer Interaction

	Name and other details	Date	Observation	Action	Outcome	Signed	Print Name
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

## Page 211

#### 6.5 SARS Register

	Form Name	Date of Form	Submitted	Signed	Print Name	Any other comments
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

#### 6.6 Staff Training

	Staff Name	Date of Training	Trainer	Training covered	Signed	Print Name	Any other comments
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							

9				
10				

#### 6.7 Incidents Requiring Police Attendance

	Date of Incident	Description of Incident	Police attendance?	Signed	Print Name	Any other comments
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

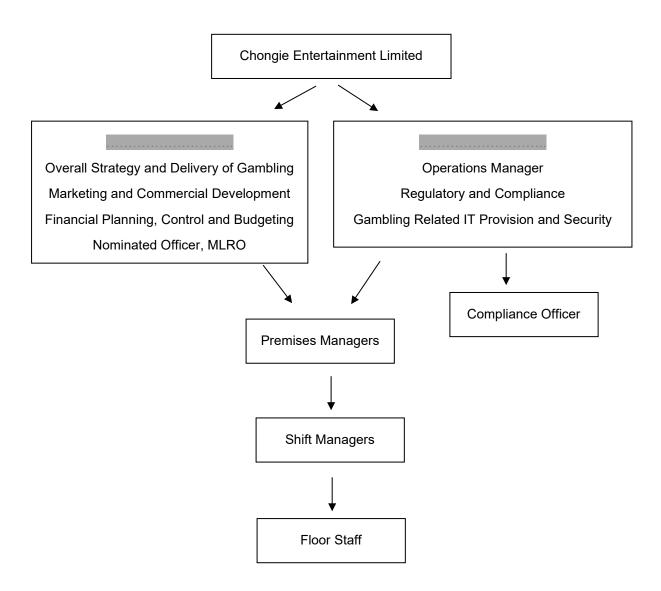
#### Training

7

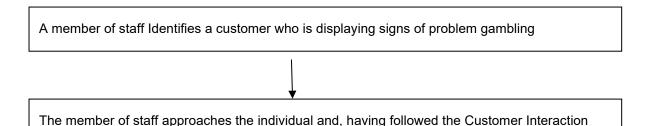
- 7.1 All members of staff receive full training on the Compliance Pack and all other Policies and Procedures of Chongie.
- 7.2 All members of staff will complete training on starting and at annual refreshers.
- 7.3 All training will be recorded in the training Record.
- 7.4 Training is carried out by the Dobormir Baltadzhiev, Operations Manager or an external Consultant.

#### 8 Appendices

#### 8.1 Management



#### 8.2 Self-Exclusion Flow Chart



•

policy, deems it necessary to explain the Self-Exclusion policy to the customer

Once the customer has decided they wish to self-exclude, the member of staff will complete a Self-Exclusion form and have a discussion surrounding the terms and conditions of the self-exclusion. This will include the duration and terms as well as sign posting to other services such as GamCare. A copy of the Terms and Conditions must be signed and photo ID is required. The Self-Exclusion log must be completed

The customer will not be admitted to the premises for the duration of the self- exclusion period.

At the end of the self-exclusion period, a conversation will be had with the customer to decide whether they would like to extend or not. If not active attempts to gamble the period will continue for a further 6 months. If the customer chooses not to extend they will be offered a 24 hour cooling off period

The self-exclusion log must be completed

#### 8.3 Customer Interaction Flow Chart

A member of staff IDENTIFIES a customer who is displaying signs of problem gambling

The member of staff **INTERACTS** with the customer by approaching them and striking up a conversation.

The member of staff may ask questions such as:

Do you feel that your gambling spends are controlled?

- Do you acknowledge that your activity may result in losses and can withstand these losses?
- When you lose, do you feel you the need to return as soon as possible to win back your losses?
- Do you ever borrow to finance your gambling?

The member of staff then **EVALUATES** the Customer Interaction and decides on the appropriate follow up action

The appropriate follow up action may be:

- The customer continues to gamble
- The customer agrees to think about their gambling habits
- The customer takes some literature relating to problem gambling, such as a GamCare leaflet
- The customer refers themselves to Gamcare
- The customer Self-excludes
- The customer is barred

#### 9 Monitoring

To ensure that the policies and procedures continues to be fit for purpose:

Chongie are committed to carrying out an ongoing risk assessment of its policies and procedures, tailoring them to and any training around new products and newly identified risks as appropriate.

This policy is subject to review following any new guidance published by the Gambling Commission.

Reviewed By	Reviewed On	Next Review





### CHONGIE ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED STAFF ALARM POLICY



Staff Alarm

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Chongie Entertainment Limited is committed to protecting its employees from any harm. All employees in the Adult Gaming Centres are therefore provided with personal alarm systems and the panic alarm system is installed. This system helps to deter aggressive or anti-social behaviour as well as provides staff with a way of getting help when they need it.

#### 2. STAFF ALARM FOBS

Staff must carry their staff alarm fobs at all times when working. This increases their security, as well as the security of customers and anyone else in the premises.

Staff can also take comfort and confidence knowing they are carrying their staff alarm fob and can call for assistance if and when needed.

The staff alarm fob notifies Senior Management of a potential or actual problem.

#### 3. USING STAFF ALARM FOBS

Staff alarm fobs should be prioritised over the panic alarm button in situations which do not require urgent police assistance. Staff alarm fobs should be activated whenever members of staff need help. Staff must be confident to use their staff alarm fobs whenever they feel it necessary, they must not be hesitant to use them.

Staff alarm fobs should only be used when it is safe to do so, members of staff must not endanger themselves.

All staff members are trained on how to use their staff alarm fob.

#### 4. USING PANIC ALARMS BUTTON

The panic alarm buttons must be used when a member of staff would usually call for police assistance, for example in the face of physical violence, the threat of physical violence or a robbery. This system is linked directly to the police and must be respected.

Panic alarm buttons should only be used when it is safe to do so, members of staff must not endanger themselves.

All staff members are trained on how to use the panic alarm button.

#### 5. TESTING

Staff alarm fobs and panic alarm buttons must be tested monthly.

All staff members are trained on how to test their alarms.

