Allison, Christine (Licensing)

From:

Marshall, Linda (Licensing) on behalf of Licensing

Sent:

10 July 2012 08:06

To:

Allison, Christine (Licensing)

Subject:

FW: Gambling Consultation Document

FYI

Linda Marshall Licensing Officer Tel: 01480 387063

Before printing, think about the environment

From: Mike Shellens [mailto:shellens@waitrose.com]

Sent: 09 July 2012 14:59

To: JIC; Anne Saunders; Billie Leighton; Eileen Collier; John Childs; John Richmond; Jon Chitty; Liz Ruston; Maureen

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Cc: Licensing

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Janet, (et al)

4 personal comments. Not sure how we get PC agreement on this or, indeed, whether it is needed.

- 1) helpful if an email address were included on the covering letter.
- 2) 9.8 enjoins us not to contact a member of the Licensing Sub Committee.

I assume this is for predetermination reasons.

Pre-determination was explicitly rejected in the Localism Act.

Does the same apply here.

- 3) Whereas throughout the rest of the document the need to protest children is linked to the parallel need to protest young children, in 24.3 the vulnerable people get no mention. Is this an oversight?
- 4) The document does not make clear that virtual gambling is excluded by virtue of it being referred to in primary legislation.

For the sake of completeness it should be made clear in this document that things such as the National Lottery or virtual gambling on web sites, even if they be based in this District, are excluded from our consideration.

Hope this helps.

Happy to talk.

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Allison, Christine (Licensing)

From:

Ann Enticknap [annenticknap@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk]

Sent:

26 July 2012 16:26

To:

Allison, Christine (Licensing)

Subject:

Gambling Act 2005 - Draft Statement of Principles - consultation

Dear Christine

The draft Statement of Principles was discussed at a meeting of the Planning Committee last night where Members resolved that they had no comment to make.

Kind regards

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25 July 2012

Christine Allison Huntingdon District Council Pathfinder House St. Mary's Street Huntingdon PE29 3TN

Dear Ms. Allison,

Revision of Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy – Consultation

I am writing on behalf of the Racecourse Association, the trade association for horse racecourses in Great Britain. We have reviewed the revision of statement of gambling licensing policy for Huntingdon District Council, to which we would like the opportunity to respond on behalf of our members.

Location (paragraph 15.5) - The proposed location of gambling premises may be taken into account when assessing the application. The Councils are asked to consider that the location of racecourses will not have altered since its foundation, and cannot be transferred to another location.

Conditions (paragraph 15.8) - In certain circumstances the Council may impose additional conditions on racecourses to ensure the licensing objectives are met. The Council is asked to ensure that these conditions do not exceed those premises license conditions outlined in the Premises License Mandatory and Default Conditions.

Door Supervisors (paragraph 15.14) - The Councils are asked to be aware that under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Private Security Industry Act 2001, racecourses are already required to provide licensed door supervisors in some roles.

Betting Machines (paragraph 21.8) - The Councils are asked to note that racecourses do not hold Operating Licenses and consequently any betting machines on racecourses will be provided by other operators. The racecourses will contractually require these operators to fulfill any conditions with regard to the provision and supervision of these machines.

www.britishracecourses.org e-mail: info@racecourseassociation.co.uk Fax: 01344 627233

Should you wish to discuss the comments raised any further, please feel free to contact my colleague Holly Cook on 01344 873536 or holly.cook@racecourseassociation.co.uk

Kind Regards,

Paul Swain



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28 September 2012

Dear Ms. Allison,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Huntingdonshire Council's review of its Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles (Gambling Policy).

The Association of British Bookmakers (ABB) is the leading trade association for high street bookmakers and represents the operators of around 7,000 betting shops in the UK, including Gala Coral, Ladbrokes, William Hill and about 130 independent bookmakers.

Betting is an everyday leisure activity which is more popular than ever, with 8 million people visiting betting shops every year. Betting shops are modern leisure retail businesses offering customers state-of-the-art video and audio systems, comfortable furniture, alcohol-free refreshments and friendly staff. They are an important part of the retail mix on high streets generating more footfall than other similar sized outlets apart from post offices and pharmacies.

We also play our part in supporting the UK economy, despite challenging conditions for the industry, contributing nearly £1 billion in tax every year - about £400 million more than we make in profit – and support 100,000 jobs. The industry takes on a relatively high proportion of staff with few qualifications and provides them with structured training and long term career opportunities.

Betting shops are highly regulated, licensed, responsible businesses who work pro-actively to tackle any issues in communities alongside the police, regulator and local authority.

We believe the Council's current Gambling Policy has been effective in promoting the licensing objectives as set out in Section 1 of the Gambling Act 2005, and we are satisfied with the proposed Policy.

If the Council considers any further changes I should be grateful if you would let me know.

Please do let me know if you would require further background information on the LBO sector and/or our responsible gambling procedures.

Yours sincerely,

Dirk Vennix Chief Executive

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