

Consultation Responses:

1. Response from Cheshire Constabulary:

We have discussed the Revised Statement of Gambling Principles and the following is the only comment from the police:

The source data for section 3., i.e. 'Gambling Prevalence and Problem Gambling', is 2010 Natcen's British Gambling Prevalence Survey is of course now 5 years out of date. Perhaps using Chapter 7 of the Health Survey for England report, commissioned by the Gambling Commission and published on 18th December 2013, would be more up to date and therefore more relevant.

2. Response from Sandbach Town Council:

Further to recent notification received detailing consultation process for Revised Statement of Gambling Principles, I email to advise that Sandbach Town Council's Planning Committee reviewed the document at its last meeting and resolved that Members have no objection to the revised statement, providing regulations and extensions to permitted areas remain as previous Statement. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Query sent from Licensing:

Thank you for providing a response to the consultation on behalf of the Town Council.

Can I just ask you clarify which specific paragraphs the Planning Committee want to take from the old policy into the new?

Further response from Sandbach Town Council:

I'm afraid we were unable to locate a copy of the old policy - the only one on your website is the review doc 2016 - 2019 so we had nothing to compare against. As such, Members sent the response requesting regulations and extensions to permitted areas remain as existing. They did not feel that any change to these areas and regulations should be made for Sandbach.

3. Response from a Member of the Public:

In relation to the above consultation I would be grateful if Cheshire East Licensing and the Licensing Committee could support the following suggestions, largely based with the aim of further strengthening the important aim of the protection from harm for children and vulnerable adults:

Paragraph 2.7 please remove the underlining as it places an unnecessary emphasis upon a phrase which repeats section 153 of the Gambling Act 2005 and neither the Act nor the Explanatory notes do so.

Please add at the end of paragraph 8.18 "or other areas known to be near to

<p>vulnerable adults or attractive to children"</p> <p>Please add to paragraph 8.19 that applicants also has to send evidence of their policies/procedures together with their applications for the protection of children and young persons. Please see the Bedfordshire policy for 2013 currently being consulted upon at para 8.12 which has this mentioned.</p> <p>Please also make it clear that harm is not linked to just harm from gambling but also includes wider child protection considerations. Para 20.4 of the Bedfordshire policy mentioned above includes this in the Statement of Principles.</p> <p>Please strengthen paragraph 8.22 as many local authorities would like the max stake reduced from £100 to £2 for FOBTs due to problem addictions. Please add that:</p> <p>"In any applications which include FOBTs, the Licensing Authority will take particular care to ensure whether or not the Licensing objectives in paragraph 1.3 of this Statement are met, particularly in relation to vulnerable persons."</p> <p>Please add on the last sentence at page 40 " and to help protect children and vulnerable adults".</p>
