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**From:** Graham Bridgman

**Sent:** 29 September 2015 08:46

**To:** Licensing

**Cc:** Jeff Beck

**Subject:** RE: Consultation - Gambling Act 2005

Drafting points

- If you are going to initial capitalise defined words or phrases (which I agree you should to make them stand out in the text), be consistent. So, “Young Person” and “GC Guidance” (or better “the **Guidance**?”);
- 1 & 2
  - replace “West Berkshire District Council” with “the Council” – if you are going to define something you should then stick to the defined term throughout (or don’t bother defining it and use the whole phrase throughout if it makes the document more readable);
  - use of “the District” without it being defined;
- 3 & 4 use of “the Policy” without it being defined;
- 7 use of “Licensing Objectives” without being defined (either define in section 1 or “licensing objectives”);  
either “the Act” or “the Gambling Act XXXX” if it isn’t the 2005 Act;
- 6 Paragraph spacing between 10 and Section 5;
- 11 if you are going to use “the Authority” as synonymous with “the Licensing Authority” the definition should refer to both;
- 11 c) “the Act” not “this Act”;  
why add a definition (“LAP”), if you are not going to refer to it later?
- 13 should be simply “the Act”;
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- 14 b) either “elected members” or define “Elected Members”, similarly at f) “Officers”, “Codes of Conduct” and “Declarations of Interests”;
- 19 “GC” not “Gambling Commission” and same comment re LCCP as for LAP above.

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**From:** Jeanette Guy  
**Sent:** 02/10/2015 09:18:53  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** FW: Consultation - Gambling Act 2005  
**Attachments:** WBC GA2005 SOP EGM v1.pdf

Dear Licensing

Thank you for consulting us on the renewal of this Statement of Principles.

I have no comments to make in respect of the prevention of public nuisance.

If you have any queries please contact me.

Kind regards

Jeanette

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Morning Cheryl

At its Planning & Highways Meeting of 5 October 2015 member made the following comment:

**107. WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION - GAMBLING ACT 2005**

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Jo Day  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Tony Stretton

**RESOLVED:** That Members support the renewal of the Gambling Act 2005.

Kind regards

Margaret

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19 October 2015

Dear Sirs

#### **Gambling Act 2015 – Gambling Policy Review**

Thank you very much for your letter of 25 September 2015 enclosing the proposed amendments to West Berkshire Council's licensing policy on gambling. We are not a gambling operator in the area, although we do represent a number of Licensed operators. These comments are not, however, made specifically on behalf of any of them.

We note that the changes relate to the possibility that the Authority may consider adopting a Local Area Profile (LAP) (new paragraph 13) and the requirement for operators to carry out local risk assessments (paragraphs 19 – 22).

In relation to the LAP, we are concerned that the effect of this, if adopted, could be to add an additional layer of codification, ossifying the nature of any particular area. Inevitably, the LAP adopted will at best be a snapshot of the area frozen in time as it was at the time of adoption of the LAP. It will either then act as a brake on future developments and changes to the area, or become out of date and therefore redundant.

Ultimately, the only purpose for adopting a LAP would be if that were to provide information that indicated that the grant of a premises licence were in some way not to be appropriate due to one of the three Licensing Objectives. The Authority would have the discretion to consider those issues and make its decision based upon them in any event and therefore the LAP serves no ultimate purpose.

Yours faithfully

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West Berks Police, having read through the Gambling Licensing Policy Consultation Document, have no additional comments / representations to make.

**Regards**

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