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Dear Sirs,

Gambling Act 2005 - Formal consultation on West Berkshire Council's Draft Statement of Principles

As required by the Gambling Act 2005, this Council in its capacity as the Licensing Authority has to formulate a new Statement of Principles at least every 3 years. The last Statement of Principles was produced and became effective from [January 2019](#). This policy needs to be reviewed by the end of January 2022. The [new Draft Statement of Policies](#) incorporates a number of minor changes when compared to the previous iteration of the report. A section on small society lotteries has been added and the policy has been amended to make it compliant with the current legislation and regulations as well as making it consistent with the very recent updates to the guidance to licensing authorities published by the Gambling Commission. The opportunity has also been taken to provide some additional information in order to assist anyone reading the policies to understand the various sections to ensure that the policy is both up-to-date and informative.

In carrying out this function this Licensing Authority is required to formally consult with Responsible Authorities under the Act, and other bodies and organisations who will or may have an interest, prior to agreeing the new Gambling Statement of Principles. Your comments and observations are therefore sought and will be considered before finalising and publishing the new Statement of Principles. More information on the consultation can be found [here](#)

The consultation period on the draft Statement of Principles commenced on Monday 05 July and ends on 27 September 2021. Your response or observations, in writing, should

reach this Licensing Authority by no later than 23:59 on 29 September 2021. Should you wish to comment on the statement you could do so by:

1. Sending a letter with your comments to Moira Fraser, Licensing Team , Public Protection Partnership, Theale Library, Church Street, Theale, Berkshire, RG7 5BZ
2. Sending an e-mail to Licensing@westberks.gov.uk

We look forward to receiving your responses and observations

Yours faithfully,
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