

## Appendix B

### Full responses received from members of the public

"You seem to have all the bases covered. As a frequent National Lottery user I obviously gamble but I do agree that there should be stake limits in Casinos, on-line Gambling sites and for slot machines."

Gambling of any sort is a danger, in this day and age money is hard to earn and easily wasted on a flutter Machines should be limited in quantity and pot payments and advertising of any sort kept to a minimum.

It is as bad as alcohol and even more addictive in some circumstances, even a raffle ticket for a gambling addict is enough to put them back on a slippery slope I speak from experience and I am paying for it now I am retired. My x husband was a gambler and got into debt without me knowing running up debts of £30,000 plus, it cost me my life's savings and my pension, trying to bail him out. There is no helping them! and also cost us our marriage. Just keep it behind closed doors and with limits, do not allow children to be introduced to it as a fun thing in any format. I cannot implore you any harder

Gambling - Eastbourne is really looking lovely with

the new shopping centre. It is such a shame there is a gambling shop right across the centre. You are just enticing the gamblers to come forward and it just spoils the atmosphere. I know they bring income but it isn't is a positive way.

"Response to Eastbourne's Gambling Policy Consultation

I represent Brighton Humanists, an organisation with members in your Borough. Thankyou for consulting us regarding the changes to your Gambling Policy. As a general principle we are opposed to gambling except where the sums involved are very small and the proceeds go to a good cause rather than to private enterprise. However, we recognise that the law is what it is. Gambling carries with it a risk of addiction which not only harms the individual but also has an adverse effect on the economy. As you are probably aware there are, for example, an estimated 55,000 underage problem gamblers in the UK. To avoid the costs having to be borne by the community we would like to see a ring-fenced levy on private operators to meet the cost of assisting those who become addicted. There are precedents for this such as the "polluter pays" policy adopted by the Environment Agency. The changes to your policy state that "Local risk assessments should show how vulnerable people, including people with gambling dependencies

are protected". It may be possible therefore to implement a levy as a part of the risk assessment and we would urge the Council to look into this."

"10.6: I believe this is wrong and the word NOT should be included. It should read "The Council will need to be satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that the particular location of the premises would not be harmful to the licensing objectives."

There are so few changes which are not required by statute or the fact that this is a renewal that I have no further comments."

### **Responses from Responsible Authorities**

As discussed, it is noted that the draft policy does not make mention of operators retaining a copy of their Local Risk Assessment (LRA) on the premises. This is something the Commission recommended on the attached bulletin

<https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/PDF/LA-bulletin/Licensing-authority-bulletin-January-2018.pdf> .

We hope both Eastbourne and Lewes will include this as a requirement.

Regards

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