

Civic Offices
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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on Statement of Principles Under The Gambling Act 2005

What's this about?

The Council's Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 needs reviewing. A new draft Statement of Principles has been produced and we want to consult with all interested parties to consider comments before obtaining member approval and publishing the new document.

What do I need to do?

Please read the enclosed document and send any comments by 19 February 2020 to the Licensing Officer ideally by email to licensing@eppingforestdc.gov.uk, or by writing to:
The Licensing Team Manager, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping CM16 4BZ
The proposed changes to the existing document are highlighted as track changes for your convenience.

What happens if I don't?

You run the risk of being required to comply with requirements made by the Council that you do not agree with.

Further Information

All licensing authorities are required to consult every three years on their Gambling Act 2005 policy. Epping Forest DC is required under the Act to:

- Be responsible for the licensing of premises where gambling activities are to take place by issuing Premises Licences
- Issue Provisional Statements
- Regulate members' clubs and miners' welfare institutes who wish to undertake certain gaming activities via issuing Club Gaming Permits and/or Club Machine Permits
- Issue Club Machine Permits to Commercial Clubs
- Grant permits for the use of certain lower stake gaming machines at unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres
- Receive notifications from alcohol licensed premises (under the Licensing Act 2003) of the use of two or fewer gaming machines
- Grant Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits for premises licensed to sell/supply alcohol for consumption on the licensed premises, under the Licensing Act 2003, where more than two machines are required
- Register small society lotteries below prescribed thresholds

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- Issue Prize Gaming Permits

- Receive and Endorse Temporary Use Notices
- Receive Occasional Use Notices
- Provide information to the Gambling Commission regarding details of licences issued (see section above on 'information exchange')
- Maintain registers of the permits and licences that are issued under these functions

The Licensing Authority will not be involved in licensing remote gambling or individuals who operate gambling premises at all. This falls to the Gambling Commission via Operator Licences

In exercising most of its functions under the Gambling Act 2005, Epping Forest District Council, as the licensing authority, must have regard to the licensing objectives as set out in section 1 of the Act. The licensing objectives are:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

How is the scheme be administered?

Applications will be made to the District Council who will issue the licences. In most cases, applications will be considered by officers. Where representations are received, however, applications will be decided by Councillors meeting as a sub-committee.

Yours faithfully

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Licensing Manager