

Local Authority: Sevenoaks District Council

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Elizabeth Dwinell dwinells@dwinell.fsnet.co.uk	No Casinos resolution requested on behalf of Sevenoaks Quaker Meeting.	Page 5	This is a decision for Members and will require consultation prior to a resolution being made.	No	20.10.09 Licensing Committee (LC) – cannot be included in this policy. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
Kelly Webb kelly.webb@sevenoaks.gov.uk	Map size should be increased.	Page 4		Yes	20.10.09 LC – to increase to as large a size as is practicable. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	Would not state contact name but use Licensing team and contact number.	Page 9	This has been changed.	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	There is no mention of volunteering organisations in the north of the district. Would be helpful to contact voluntary groups. Support organisations listed on the website should be consulted.	Page 22	Would be happy to include voluntary groups if provided with their details.	No	20.10.09 LC - Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	

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<p>Alison Tilbury Parish Clerk Riverhead Parish Council</p> <p>riverheadparish@tiscali.co.uk 01732 461278</p>	<p>Explanation needed for how applications are publicised. Will it be similar to the application process under the LA 03.</p> <p>Will PCs receive a tracker on a weekly basis notifying of new apps?</p>		<p>Not a matter for the policy however there is a register published on the licensing pages of the website. New applications will be updated when received.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p> <p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 26.10.09 Letter sent to Riverhead Parish Council explaining the process. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p>	
<p>Lorna Talbot Parish Clerk Seal Parish Council</p> <p>01732 763488 sealparishc@btconnect.com</p>	<p>Seal Parish Council supports the objectives and principles set out in the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy. However it considers that the document should set out in more detail how it proposes to address the third of the objectives set out under the Gambling Act 2005, namely the protection of children and vulnerable persons.</p> <p>In this regard, it is noted that vulnerable persons is interpreted to include people who gamble more than they want to, people who gamble</p>		<p>We believe these points have been addressed in sufficient detail. No additions are required.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p>	

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	<p>beyond their means and people who due to mental impairment, alcohol or drugs are unable to make informed decisions about gambling.</p> <p>We consider that the protection of children and vulnerable persons is a high priority and the document should make it clear that the licensing authority will also pay due regard to it in exercising its powers and responsibilities.</p> <p>It would be helpful for the document to contain more practical examples of ways in which it would expect applications for licenses and permits to ensure the protection of children and vulnerable users.</p>					
<p>Professor S. James Taylor 4 Knole Way Sevenoaks Kent. TN13 3RS</p>	<p>No Casinos resolution requested.</p>	<p>Page 5</p>	<p>This is a decision for Members and will require consultation prior to a resolution being made.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>20.10.09 LC – cannot be included in this policy. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p>	

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	<p>The declaration on page 5 states that the Licensing Authority will have regard to the licensing objectives of the Gambling Act 2005. In the Statement of Principles the draft addresses the problem of harm to children, and Appendix 2 delineates steps that need to be taken by holders of licences to prevent children from accessing machines in Category C or above. However you need to provide guidance to applicants as to how you will require them to seek to protect vulnerable adults from misusing the opportunities for gambling which would result from the issue of a licence. They need to show that they have thought about this problem as otherwise they do not deserve a licence under the Act. There needs to be a sentence added under the Statement of principles on page 11, something like “Applicants should explain how they will train supervisors to recognise vulnerable adults and steps they would take to deal with preventing additional harm</p>		<p>The Statement of Principles set out is consistent with the Gambling</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p>	

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	<p>from their activity.”</p> <p>There also needs to be an additional paragraph after the sentence in Appendix 2 which ends - - licensing objectives can be met effectively; something like “Applicant for a licence need to specify what supervision is proposed for the area where machines are sited and to clarify how supervisors will be trained to recognise vulnerable adults; at what stage do they propose to prevent vulnerable adult from harming himself by further gambling.”</p>		<p>Commission’s Guidance. No objections to this.</p>	Yes	<p>20.10.09 LC – Include amendment 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p>	
<p>Mr. R. Coupe 168 Chesterfield Drive Sevenoaks Kent. TN13 2EH</p>	<p>No reference of consulting Churches together in the Sevenoaks district.</p>	Page 4		No	<p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p>	
	<p>No Casinos resolution – revised paragraph on the following lines: ‘ This Licensing authority now intends to pass a ‘no casino’ resolution under Section 166 of the Gambling Act 2005.</p>	Page 5	<p>This is a decision for Members and will require consultation prior to a resolution being made.</p>	No	<p>20.10.09 LC – cannot be included in this policy. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p>	
	<p>There is still no explanation in</p>	Page 9		No	<p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include.</p>	

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	Para. 4 of what a ‘risk based inspection programme’ means. Please include one.				22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	I was pleased to note the steps recommended to deter people from drifting into the gambling area.	Page 17	This text has been revised to include the exact wording within the Act.	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	‘only’ is misplaced: it should not precede ‘permit’ but ‘for gambling’	Page 3, 1 (1)	‘of’ has been replaced with ‘for the’	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	In line 4 ‘of’ should be ‘the’	Page 3, 1 (3)	This has been changed.	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	In the first line under ‘Proportionate’ only should come after, not before ‘intervene’	Page 9	This has been changed.	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	In the last line of the page, the hyphen has been omitted from ‘side – effects’	Page 9	This has been changed.	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action	

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	The inverted commas should be closed, probably at the end of paragraph 6.	Page 11 1 (1)	This has been changed.	Yes	by LC 20.10.09 LC – keep change. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	‘Premises’, being inanimate cannot notify or wish. This needs to be amended to e.g. ‘the owner’/ ‘the manager’ of the premises. ‘	Page 12	Changed to ‘Premises licence holders’.	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	Apostrophes are needed after “Members” in the first line of the first and second paragraphs, as they have been properly inserted after ‘Miners’ in the first line of paragraph 1 and after ‘members’ in line 5 of paragraph 2. In paragraph 1, line 4, delete the hyphen from ‘as set out’. Again ‘only’ in paragraph 3 is mis-placed: it should be after ‘application’.	Page 13	This has been changed.	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	Delete the hyphen in line 3	Page 18 (viii)	This has been changed.	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	

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	<p>In the second paragraph ‘although’ would be better than ‘however’. The same applies overleaf in (xi) paragraph 3 .</p> <p>In paragraph 2 the comma has been omitted after ‘Guidance’. The last line reads rather oddly: ‘ and merely indicates possible measures’ would be better.</p> <p>In line 2, ‘is’ should be ‘are’</p>	<p>Page 19 (ix) line 12 (x)</p> <p>Page 20 (xi)</p> <p>Page 21 (xvii)</p>	<p>This has been changed.</p> <p>This has been changed.</p> <p>This has been changed.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>20.10.09 LC – keep change 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p> <p>20.10.09 LC – keep change 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p> <p>20.10.09 LC – keep change 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p>	
<p>Mr. G. Barnes Property Director 17 Court Street Faversham Kent. ME13 7AX gbarnes@shepherd-neame.co.uk</p> <p>01795 542140</p>	<p>I presume that the premises licence referred to on Page 15, relate to gambling premises as opposed to premises licensed for the sale of alcohol.</p>	<p>Page 15</p>	<p>‘Gambling’ inserted in the heading for clarity.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>20.10.09 LC – keep change 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p>	
<p>David Wigg 72 Brattle Wood Sevenoaks Kent</p>	<p>No Casinos resolution requested.</p>	<p>Page 5</p>	<p>This is a decision for Members and will require consultation</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>20.10.09 LC – cannot be included in this policy. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action</p>	

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Mr. M. Hart Ramac Holdings Ltd Hardys Yard London Road Riverhead Kent. TN13 2DN	<p>We feel your draft statement covers the general operating requirements quite clearly, the only observations we would add are: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Subject to the type of premises and category of machine we would propose that all children up to 14 should be accompanied by a parent or adult for category D machines. 2) In category A to C proof of age is mandatory for access assumed to be 18 but 25 would be a responsible age. 3) Time periods for individuals to play machines or cash limitations on tables a means to protect people from themselves from incurring debt. 4) Monitoring of playing areas by operators to try 		It is not considered that these requirements could be lawfully imposed under the Gambling Act 2005 (items 1 – 5).	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p> <p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p> <p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p> <p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the</p>	

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	<p>and prevent intimidation of successful players by undesirables trying to extort.</p> <p>5) Limit number of premises licensed.</p> <p>6) Control of noise and external signage and lighting.</p>		Nuisance is not a licensing objective under the Gambling Act 2005.	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p> <p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p> <p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p>	
<p>Karen Jefferys 26 Brook Road Swanley Kent, BR8 7EZ kjefferys@me.com</p>	<p>The term ‘vulnerable people’ should recognise that this may cover those who live in deprived wards like White Oak and St. Mary’s who could easily get into financial difficulty as a result of gambling.</p>		<p>No changes to Policy required.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p>	
<p>J Philpott Senior Licensing Officer Dartford Borough Council</p>	<p>The machine entitlement for Bingo premises is now 8 not 4 as shown.</p>	<p>Appendix 5</p>	<p>This has been changed.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>20.10.09 LC – keep change 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC</p>	

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Councillor Jill Davison	The persons consulted when preparing this policy were deliberately wide’ – However this is an ugly sentence and could be re-written	Page 4	This sentence has been removed.	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA) Market Towers 1 Nine Elms Lane London SW8 5NQ 020 7627 9191 enquiries@beerandpub.com www.beerandpub.com	<p>Pubs have had category C machines on their premises for many years. Machines already displayed the ‘No Under 18s to play’ prohibition notice before the Act came into force, following co-operation with machine suppliers.</p> <p>BBPA member company training schemes also reinforce the management of the machines to ensure the minimum age requirement is complied with, for example by requesting recognised ID such as PASS accredited proof of age card, driving licence or passport where there is doubt that the player is 18 years of age or over.</p> <p>There is no actual requirement under the Gambling Act 2005 for machines to be sited in the bar, but supervision of machines is obviously very</p>	<p>The protection of children and vulnerable persons.</p> <p>Licensed premises gaming machine permits and notifications</p>	<p>Paragraph 4 of schedule 13 to the Act does not limit the discretion of the Authority to</p>	No	20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	

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	<p>important and this is again reinforced by the Gambling Commission Code of Practice and staff training. The provision of Gamcare literature/leaflets would, in our view, go beyond what is required by the Gambling Commission Code of practice.</p> <p>Most machines will, in any case already carry the Gamcare telephone number. The pub sector takes its social responsibility very seriously and has made voluntary contributions to the Responsibility in Gambling Trust for a number of years and to other bodies such as Gamcare before that. When operators apply for additional machine permits and they are complying with the Gambling Commission Code of Practice, there is no reason why these should not be granted. It would be helpful if the Statement of Principles could reflect this.</p> <p>The association would welcome the inclusion in the policy of an outline of the application procedures for</p>	<p>Application procedures for more than two</p>	<p>matters specified in the Code of Practice.</p> <p>In considering applications of more than two machines the Licensing Authority are required to have regard to licensing objectives, any relevant guidance issued by the Commission and such other matters as they think relevant.</p> <p>This is a matter for Members.</p>	<p>No</p>		

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	permits for more than two machines. Some councils have taken the view that they will grant up to four machines permits without the need for a hearing. We support such an approach in the interests of reduced administration and bureaucracy for both Councils and applicants and would encourage you to consider this possibility.	machines.			20.10.09 LC – Do not include. Members agreed to look at each application on its individual merits. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
Mr. John Humphrey 5 Cobden Road Sevenoaks Kent. TN13 3UB J1humphrey@hotmail.com	I am a little concerned about the section relating to travelling fairs. I believe that larger operators may have several travelling fair units and these may occasionally come together to form a large fair or sometimes even two or three smaller operators may come together to operate one large fair. If each unit has the maximum number of gaming machines, is it possible to police the number of machines if two or more come together in this way ? Secondly, does the provision on travelling fairs also include travelling circuses? What if a circus and a fair simultaneously set up on different parts of the same field, would they each be	Appendix 2 (xvii)	Under section 287 of the Act travelling fairs are permitted to provide unlimited number of category D machines. However these must be no more than an ancillary amusement. Section 286 – fair defined as meaning ‘a fair consisting wholly or principally of	No	20.10.09 LC – Do not include. However, following a request by a Member it was agreed the Licensing Team would undertake inspections at Travelling Fairs to ensure compliance. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	

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	allowed the maximum number of machines separately, or would they be allowed only the maximum number of machines between them?		the provision of amusements. Therefore this does not include circuses.			
Neil Townsend Hartley and District Social Club Ash road Hartley Kent. DA3 8EH	The part that is written in brackets does not make sense as it relates to premises that have complied.	Page 12 third paragraph.	Remove section.	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	The paragraph starting with ‘if a premises wishes to have more than 2 machines’ and talks about protecting children. This conflicts with advice given in the last paragraph on page 16 regarding protecting children.	Page 12	Doesn’t conflict but the section on page 16 does go further. Therefore would suggest – Premises should be configured so that children are not invited to participate in, have accidental access to, or closely observe gambling	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	

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			where they are prohibited from participating.			
Councillor Keith Loney	Remove the first two sentences under 2. Introduction and enlarge the map that follows.	Page 3 & 4		Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	Add after the first paragraph “The current statement came into force on 3 January 2007.” As this shows that the Council are not starting from scratch.	Page 4		Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	Proposal for a casino – this is history not relevant to new policy.	Page 5	Removed.	Yes	20.10.09 LC – keep change 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	Would suggest replacing paragraph 7 with – Councillors who have made a representation on an application or review will be ineligible to serve as members of the Licensing Committee’s sub committee determining that application or review.	Page 8 – text to replace paragraph 7	Would accept change.	Yes	20.10.09 LC – New wording to be inserted <i>Councillors who are not within the definition of an "interested party" may attend meetings of the Licensing Committee's sub-committees but have no right to address the hearing unless appointed by an "interested party" to assist or represent that party.</i>	

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	I have a problem with the references to <i>Clubs or miners' welfare institutes</i> . Reference is made to B3A machines. Is this a further category of machine not shown along the top of the appendix.	Appendix 5		Yes	22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC 20.10.09 – Appendix to be amended in final version. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
Councillor Elaine Bracken	Operating licences? Personal licences?	Page 6		No	20.10.09 LC – Do not include. 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	
	' and the powers under the section 346 of the Act to institute criminal proceedings in respect of the offences specified.	Page 9		No	20.10.09 LC – Do not include 22.10.09 Cabinet endorsed the action. 27.10.09 Services Select (SS) endorsed action by LC	

A few other responses have been received but the comments are correcting grammatical errors only and therefore are not included in the consultation responses.

Councillor Darrington, Kent Police, Swanley Working Mens Club and Hartley Country Club all sent thanks and either no comments or favourable comments regarding the contents of the Policy.