

Local Authority: Sevenoaks District Council

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<p>Elizabeth Dwinell dwinells@dwinell.fsnet.co.uk</p>	<p>No Casinos resolution requested on behalf of Sevenoaks Quaker Meeting.</p>	<p>Page 5</p>	<p>This is a decision for Members and will require consultation prior to a resolution being made.</p>			
<p>Kelly Webb kelly.webb@sevenoaks.gov.uk</p>	<p>Map size should be increased.</p> <p>Would not state contact name but use Licensing team and contact number.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Page 4</p> <p>Page 9</p> <p>Page 22</p>	<p>This has been changed.</p> <p>Would be happy to include voluntary groups if provided with their details.</p>			
<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</p>			

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			will be updated when received.			
<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 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</p>		We believe these points have been addressed in sufficient detail. No additions are required.			

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	<p>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>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</p>	<p>Page 5</p>	<p>This is a decision for Members and will require consultation prior to a resolution being made.</p>			

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	<p>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 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</p>		<p>The Statement of Principles set out is consistent with the Gambling Commission’s Guidance.</p> <p>No objections to this.</p>			

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	<p>supervisors will be trained to recognise vulnerable adults; at what stage do they propose to prevent vulnerable adult form harming himself by further gambling.”</p>					

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<p>Mr. R. Coupe 168 Chesterfield Drive Sevenoaks Kent. TN13 2EH</p>	<p>No reference of consulting Churches together in the Sevenoaks district.</p> <p>No Casinos resolution – revised paragraph on the following lines:</p> <p>‘ This Licensing authority now intends to pass a ‘no casino’ resolution under Section 166 of the Gambling Act 2005.</p> <p>There is still no explanation in Para. 4 of what a ‘risk based inspection programme’ means. Please include one.</p>	<p>Page 4</p> <p>Page 5</p> <p>Page 9</p>	<p>This is a decision for Members and will require consultation prior to a resolution being made.</p>			

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	<p>I was pleased to note the steps recommended to deter people from drifting into the gambling area.</p> <p>‘only’ is misplaced: it should not precede ‘permit’ but ‘for gambling’</p> <p>In line 4 ‘of’ should be ‘the’</p> <p>In the first line under ‘Proportionate’ only should come after, not before ‘intervene’</p> <p>In the last line of the page, the hyphen has been omitted from ‘side – effects’</p> <p>The inverted commas should be closed, probably at the end of paragraph 6.</p> <p>‘Premises’, being inanimate cannot notify or wish. This needs to be amended to e.g.</p>	<p>Page 17</p> <p>Page 3, 1 (1)</p> <p>Page 3, 1 (3)</p> <p>Page 9</p> <p>Page 9</p> <p>Page 11 1 (1)</p> <p>Page 12</p>	<p>This text has been revised to include the exact wording within the Act.</p> <p>‘of’ has been replaced with ‘for the’</p> <p>This has been changed.</p> <p>This has been changed.</p> <p>This has been changed.</p> <p>Changed to ‘Premises licence holders’.</p> <p>This has</p>			

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	<p>‘the owner’/ ‘the manager’ of the premises. ‘</p> <p>Apostrophes are needed after “Members” in the first line of the first ad 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’.</p> <p>Delete the hyphen in line 3</p> <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 13</p> <p>Page 18 (viii)</p> <p>Page 19 (ix) line 12 (x)</p> <p>Page 20 (xi)</p> <p>Page 21 (xvii)</p>	<p>been changed.</p> <p>This has been changed. This has been changed. This has been changed.</p> <p>This has been changed.</p>			

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<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>	Page 15	'Gambling' inserted in the heading for clarity.			
<p>David Wigg 72 Brattle Wood Sevenoaks Kent</p> <p>wiggjd@googlemail.com</p>	<p>No Casinos resolution requested.</p>	Page 5	<p>This is a decision for Members and will require consultation prior to a resolution being made.</p>			
<p>Mr. M. Hart Ramac Holdings Ltd Hardys Yard London Road Riverhead Kent. TN13 2DN</p>	<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 		<p>It is not considered that these requirements could be lawfully imposed under the Gambling Act 2005 (items 1 – 5).</p>			

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	<p>but 25 would be a responsible age.</p> <p>3) Time periods for individuals to play machines or cash limitations on tables a means to protect people from themselves from incurring debt.</p> <p>4) Monitoring of playing areas by operators to try 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>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</p>		No changes to Policy required.			

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J Philpott Senior Licensing Officer Dartford Borough Council	The machine entitlement for Bingo premises is now 8 not 4 as shown.	Appendix 5	This has been changed.			
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.			
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</p>	The protection of children and vulnerable persons.				

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	<p>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 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,</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 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</p>			

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	<p>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 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.</p>	<p>Application procedures for more than two machines.</p>	<p>as they think relevant.</p> <p>This is a matter for Members.</p>			
<p>Mr. John Humphrey 5 Cobden Road Sevenoaks Kent. TN13 3UB J1humphrey@hotmail.com</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Appendix 2 (xvii)</p>	<p>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</p>			

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	<p>police the number of machines if two or more come together in this way ?</p> <p>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 allowed the maximum number of machines separately, or would they be allowed only the maximum number of machines between them?</p>		<p>ancillary amusement.</p> <p>Section 286 – fair defined as meaning ‘a fair consisting wholly or principally of the provision of amusements. Therefore this does not include circuses.</p>			
<p>Neil Townsend Hartley and District Social Club Ash road Hartley Kent. DA3 8EH</p>	<p>The part that is written in brackets does not make sense as it relates to premises that have complied.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Page 12 third paragraph.</p> <p>Page 12</p>	<p>Remove section.</p> <p>Doesn’t conflict but the section on page 16 does go further. Therefore would suggest – Premises should be configured so that children</p>			

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			are not invited to participate in, have accidental access to, or closely observe gambling where they are prohibited from participating.			
Councillor Keith Loney	<p>Remove the first two sentences under 2. Introduction and enlarge the map that follows.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Proposal for a casino – this is history not relevant to new policy.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Page 3 & 4</p> <p>Page 4</p> <p>Page 5</p> <p>Page 8 – text to replace paragraph 7</p>	<p>Removed.</p> <p>Would accept change.</p>			

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	<p>sub committee determining that application or review.</p> <p>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.</p>	Appendix 5				
Councillor Elaine Bracken	<p>Operating licences? Personal licences?</p> <p>' and the powers under the section 346 of the Act to institute criminal proceedings in respect of the offences specified.</p>	<p>Page 6</p> <p>Page 9</p>	Remove the paragraph			

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.