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To: All Town and Parish Councillors

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Dear Clerks to the Town and Parish Councils

### **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 2022. This policy therefore needs to be reviewed by the end of January 2025.

We are now in the process of reviewing and updating the document. The only changes to the current SoGP are an update to the population data and the insertion of some additional information around gaming machines in the glossary.

In carrying out this review function the 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, including a copy of the draft document, on the consultation can be found here: [Draft West Berkshire Statement of Gambling Principles 2025-2028 - West Berkshire Council](#)

The consultation period started on Thursday 18 July and ends on 12 September 2024. Your response or observations, in writing, should reach this Licensing Authority by no later than 23:59 on 12 September 2024. Should you wish to comment on the statement you could do so by:

1. Sending a letter with your comments to Moira Fraser, Policy and Governance, Public Protection Partnership, Theale Library, Church Street, Theale, Berkshire, RG7 5BZ

2. Sending an e-mail to [pppconsultations@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:pppconsultations@westberks.gov.uk)

We look forward to receiving your responses and observations

Yours faithfully,  
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