

## Appendix B :

### Responses to Coventry City Council Statement of Gambling Policy Consultation

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### 1 Background

- 1.1 The public consultation on the draft Statement of Gambling Policy took place for 6 weeks from 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- 1.2 The consultation was extensive and included a range of statutory consultees, stakeholders, and local communities.
- 1.3 3 responses were received during the consultation period.
- 1.4 All consultees were asked for comments on the draft policy, which have been organised into themes and are presented below.

Theme of comments	Respondent	Feedback/comments/amendments	Action
Location	Betting and Gaming Council	Paragraph 9.3 contains a list of examples of measures that may be taken to demonstrate that an applicant has considered the local area profile and potential impact of the gambling business on the licensing objectives. One of these bullet points is " <i>will opening times be set so that the premises are not open during school start and finish times</i> ". This bullet point should be removed as it suggests that this may be appropriate. It is very unlikely that this would ever be appropriate. Gambling premises have always been situated in areas of dense	<p><b>Noted but no action required for the policy.</b></p> <p>Paragraph 9.3 states explicitly that this bullet point is not mandatory and is simply an example of a measure applicants may wish</p>

	Anonymous	<p>population or high footfall. It has always been the case, therefore, that children will walk past gambling premises and it would only be appropriate to restrict opening times where there was clear evidence that to allow the premises to be open would pose a risk to the licensing objectives. Our concern is that by leaving this condition in the draft statement of principles, it may be considered to be a normal course of action to restrict opening times whereas it is quite the opposite.</p> <p>I think consideration should be given to the number of gambling outlets in a given area when considering licensing. EG in the city centre there is a cluster of betting shops in Trinity Street.</p>	<p>to implement in their risk assessment, when considering the local area profile.</p> <p><b>Noted but no action required for the policy.</b> Already addressed in paragraph 8.6.</p>
Promotion of the three Licensing Objectives	Anonymous	All good but in understanding protection of vulnerable people contact needs to be made with organisations who work with them i.e. alcohol, gambling, homeless charities	<p><b>Noted but no action required for the policy.</b> Already included in paragraph 7.4.</p>