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To: Licensing < <u>licensing@shropshire.gov.uk</u> > **Subject:** Gambling Act Policy Consultation

Hi Licencing, Oswestry Town Council considered the above policy at its meeting last night. They highlighted the importance of such a policy and the need to control gambling activity and protect people from the risks. They also noted that the policy refers to parish councils as an "interested party" however we are not aware of being consulted on any application and wanted to clarify how councils such as ours can contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the policy.

Kind regards

Arren

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From: Jessica Moores On Behalf Of Licensing

Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 11:56 AM

To: Arren Roberts < Arren Roberts @oswestry-tc.gov.uk >

Subject: RE: Gambling Act Policy Consultation

Hi Arren

Hope you're well.

Oswestry Town Council's comments on the draft Gambling Act 2005 Policy Statement 2025 – 2028 are noted, thank you.

Town and parish councils are considered interested parties and are able to submit representations to relevant applications. They aren't however responsible authorities, so the applicant isn't required to give notice of a premises licence or permit application to them. For new premises licence applications there is a requirement for a notice to be displayed on the premises during the consultation period and for a notice to be placed in a local newspaper. We also put the details of the application and consultation dates on our website here.

We receive relatively few new gambling premises applications across the county, which is probably why the Town Council can't recall any recent consultations.

Thanks

Jess

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