

## Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment Form

THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF  
GAMBLING LICENSING POLICY



## Environment and health

### Greenhouse gas emissions

SLDC's aim is to be carbon neutral by 2030: How will your proposal affect greenhouse gas emissions?

Consider:

Energy saving, for example preventing unnecessary use of energy - reducing use of appliances or cutting down on journeys that are not required.

Improving energy efficiency - ensures that the maximum benefit is gained from energy that is used. For example energy is not wasted or lost through insulation, heating the right areas and efficient lighting.

Renewable generation for example using renewable resources, such as wind, sunlight, rainwater.

Minimising emissions from transport.

Response:

Neutral Impact on Greenhouse gas emissions. The Statement of Gambling Policy sets out the basis on which decisions under the Gambling Act 2005 will be made and strives to achieve a local balance between the commercial interest of the licensed gambling community and the people that use those premises. There is no mechanism within the Act, or the latest statutory guidance to Local Authorities (dated, April 2021) which would enable SLDC to address greenhouse gas emissions through this policy.

### Alternative ways to deliver proposal

Please show how you are addressing alternative ways of delivering your proposal with a reduced or zero requirement for energy, building space, materials or travel

How are you using the waste/energy hierarchy – 1) avoid, 2) reduce, 3) reuse?

Response:

Neutral Impact. There is no mechanism within the Act, or the Statutory guidance, which would enable SLDC to deliver this policy in an alternative way.

### Air quality

Please demonstrate how your project will have an impact on air quality.

Response:

Neutral Impact. The policy would not impact on air quality.

## Biodiversity

Please outline any impacts on biodiversity that your proposal might have

“To halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, (create) more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people”: Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England’s wildlife and ecosystem services, DEFRA.

Response:

Neutral Impact.

## Climate change impact

How does your proposal mitigate the impacts of climate change?

Assess the risks and impacts associated with climate change (extreme weather events: flooding, heatwaves, droughts and fires) and the implications for our services and communities. Describe measures in place to embed resilience and recovery.

Response:

Neutral Impact.

## Active travel

How does the proposal enable active travel?

Encouraging and facilitating walking, cycling and public transport.

Response:

Neutral Impact.

## Economy and culture

## Sustainable development

How does the proposal contribute to inclusive and sustainable development?

Response:

Neutral Impact

## Pay

How does the proposal impact on jobs and levels of pay?

Response:

Neutral Impact

## Healthier high streets

Demonstrate how the proposal contributes to healthier high streets.

Response:

Neutral Impact

## Culture, creativity and heritage

How does the proposal impact on culture, creativity or heritage and if not can they be embedded in this proposal?

Response:

Neutral Impact

## Housing and communities

### Housing standards

Does the proposal lead to an improvement in the standard of housing?

Response:

Neutral Impact

### Access to housing

How does the proposal increase access to housing?

Response:

Neutral Impact

## Crime and fear of crime

How does the proposal reduce crime or fear of crime?

Response:

Positive Impact. Preventing Gambling from Being a Source of Crime or Disorder, Being Associated with Crime or Disorder or Being Used to Support Crime is one of the three licensing objectives (along with Ensuring that Gambling is Conducted in a Fair and Open Way and Protecting Children and Other Vulnerable Persons from Being Harmed or Exploited). All three objectives have equal importance, and the promotion of all three objectives is a paramount consideration within the policy.

The policy highlights the key role with which local police and other regulatory bodies have in relation to gambling premises understanding organised crime can sometimes gravitate towards gambling premises. In order to enforce the Licensing Objectives we will adopt a partnership approach not only with the police but other law enforcement agencies to determine licensing applications, to impose conditions on how a premises may operate, or to review the license of a premises which may be linked to increased crime.

The Statement of Gambling Policy Chapter C highlights the need for Gambling Operators to continuously assess crime and vulnerability risks as part of their Gambling Risk assessment policy. This must be carried out upon application, post application or because of a change in the Gambling Act 2005 legislation.

## Social connectedness

How does the proposal increase social connectedness?

Response:

Neutral impact

## Health and sustainability impact summary

Each category is rated either: Positive, Negative, Neutral, or unknown

### Environment and Health

Greenhouse gases emissions: Type rating (e.g. Positive) for categories below

Air Quality: Neutral impact

Biodiversity: Neutral impact

Impacts on climate change: Neutral impact

Reduced or zero requirement for energy, building space, materials or travel: Neutral impact

Active travel: Neutral impact

## Economy and Culture

Inclusive and sustainable development: Neutral impact

Jobs and level of pay: Neutral impact

Healthier high streets: Neutral impact

Culture creativity and heritage: Neutral impact

## Housing and communities

Standard of housing: Neutral impact

Access to housing: Neutral impact

Crime: Neutral impact

Social connectedness: Neutral impact

## Health and sustainability action plan

What actions will be taken to eliminate or minimise any negative impacts identified above?

No negative impacts have been identified.