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| Consultee Comment | LBH Response |
| There should be saturation policy introduced to the limit the numbers of gambling premises along Wealdstone High and Harrow Weald High Road. | The Gambling Act treats each application on it merits and does not give the Local Authority as the Gambling Authority the ability to create a saturation zone |
| As a Christian church we are particularly concerned with the protection of the vulnerable, both adults and children, and the poor.  The victims of excessive gambling are not just the gamblers themselves but their families, especially where their financial resources are meagre.  Furthermore the poor are particularly at risk of trying to solve their financial problems by gambling on the basis that "I might get lucky". | The Gambling Act sets out three objectives which must be met by any application:   * keeping gambling crime-free * making sure that gambling is fair and open * protecting children and vulnerable adults   All applications are advertised on the premises and in the local paper.  Copies of the application are also sent to a number of responsible authorities including children’s services and the police.  Any person can comment on a particular application if there are concerns that granting that particular licence would put vulnerable persons or children at risk. |
| Gambling can become a terrible addiction.  It should be viewed on the same level as alcohol or drug addiction.  We do not need any more gambling premises on our high streets. | The Gambling Act is a permissive licensing scheme which looks to grant applications provided that they demonstrate they support the gambling objectives of the protection of children and vulnerable people in a fair and open gambling economy which is also crime free.  Each application must be taken on its own merits but any resident can object to the application if they are concerned on its impact on the gambling objectives. |

Appendix 2– Comments on policy and LBH response