

Appendix 2– Comments on policy and LBH response

Consultee Comment	LBH Response
<p>There should be saturation policy introduced to the limit the numbers of gambling premises along Wealdstone High and Harrow Weald High Road.</p>	<p>The Gambling Act treats each application on its merits and does not give the Local Authority as the Gambling Authority the ability to create a saturation zone</p>
<p>As a Christian church we are particularly concerned with the protection of the vulnerable, both adults and children, and the poor.</p> <p>The victims of excessive gambling are not just the gamblers themselves but their families, especially where their financial resources are meagre.</p> <p>Furthermore the poor are particularly at risk of trying to solve their financial problems by gambling on the basis that "I might get lucky".</p>	<p>The Gambling Act sets out three objectives which must be met by any application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• keeping gambling crime-free</li> <li>• making sure that gambling is fair and open</li> <li>• protecting children and vulnerable adults</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>All applications are advertised on the premises and in the local paper.</p> <p>Copies of the application are also sent to a number of responsible authorities including children's services and the police.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Gambling can become a terrible addiction.</p> <p>It should be viewed on the same level as alcohol or drug addiction.</p> <p>We do not need any more gambling premises on our high streets.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>