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YOUR REF:

DATE: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Dear Sir/Madam,

**CONSULTATION ON GAMING ACT 2005**  
**DRAFT STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

**CONSULTATION PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER – 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2006**

As you may be aware, the Gambling Act 2005 gives Licensing Authorities a number of new regulatory functions related to gambling. These include issuing premises licences for casinos, bingo halls betting offices, adult gaming centres and licensed family entertainment centres; and granting permits for gaming and gaming machines in clubs, unlicensed family entertainment centres and gaming machines in pubs and other alcohol licensed premises.

In preparation for receiving application under the New Act, from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, the Act requires us to publish a three-year licensing policy statement. This will set out how we will meet the licensing objectives of keeping crime out of gambling; ensuring that gambling is conducted fairly and openly; and protecting children and vulnerable people. We are also required to consult on our draft statement of policy before publication.

The enclosed Draft Statement of Licensing Policy and Principles has been prepared for public consultation. Brent Council would welcome your views on the Draft before it is finalised and adopted and whilst your response to any part of the statement will be helpful we also would welcome your views particularly on those matters listed over leaf.

A list of organisations formally invited to respond is in Appendix F of the Draft, however, we would welcome comments from other individuals and organisations that would like to make them. Consultees are invited to alert other interested parties who do not appear on the list. Further copies of the draft policy statement are available to download from the Council's website [www.brent.gov.uk/hsl](http://www.brent.gov.uk/hsl), or on request from the above office.

Please return any comments to this consultation as soon as possible and in any event not later than 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006, the closing date for consultation. Responses and any questions about the consultation should be directed to:

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**CONSULTATION – PARTICULAR ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. Is the policy in general clear and easy to understand?
2. Although the borough currently has no casino, do you believe that the Council should adopt a “no Casino” resolution? (Clause 2.4)
3. What are your views on the policy’s interpretation and principles regarding who constitutes an “interested party” (Clause 1.8)
4. The borough does have betting shops, amusement centres, bingo clubs and permits for various gaming machines. Do you have any issues or concerns about premises licences and permits that the council will be considering in the future (Clause 2.1.1-2.1.24)
5. What specific and additional measures could be included, if any, to address the protection of children and vulnerable people from being harmed by gambling (Clause 2.1.12 – 2.1.14)
6. What are your views on the controls to prevent disorder at premises, and what other controls do you think should be considered? (Clause 2.1.10)
7. Are there other conditions that could be considered when considering the location of premises in areas where there is known crime concerns (Section 2.1)?
8. The Council can specify specific requirements for door supervisors who are non-Security Industry Authority registered. Do you agree with the proposals in the policy or are additional requirements needed (Clause 2.1.21 – 2.1.24)?

May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Geoff Galilee  
Unit Director