

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME CIVIC SOCIETY

SUBMISSION RE DRAFT UPDATE OF NBC GAMBLING POLICY

This appeared to be a comprehensive document

1. Perhaps the list of Consultees should include Civic Societies and Residents' Associations specifically since organisations like the Civic Society keep a watching brief on the civic impact of such establishments, and RAs would be aware of the impact of gambling establishments on the locality (2.2 and 8.3).
2. Should or will or both? (4.5)
3. The area profile was a useful idea. And it was interesting to note that the main form of gambling in Newcastle appeared to be via betting shops. Is this owing to demand or because it is easier to acquire a licence for a betting shop? (5.1)
4. There appeared to be a differentiation between nuisance and disorder – they are very closely related and one can lead to the other. Perhaps this could be more clearly stated? (12.2)
5. That the NBC web site will contain helpful information re gambling – it was questioned that vulnerable people with an inclination to gamble might not use this web site. Perhaps there is a need for alternatives. (15.2).
6. Should read secretary of State (16.2)

Since the policy appears to rely heavily on self regulation by establishments, initial screening and regular monitoring should also be strengthened since the strength and effectiveness of any policy relies upon its successful implementation and the manner and effectiveness of its enforcement and monitoring.

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