

Appendix 2

Summary of Consultation Responses to the Draft Gambling Policy.

Respondent	Response	Licensing Authority comments	Change policy?
1. Coral Betting	Supports the policy	None	No
	Highlights the forthcoming requirement for operators to produce local area risk assessments (LARA's)	The Licensing Authority is aware of the requirement which commences in April 2016. This will no doubt form part of the next Gambling Commission Guidance to Local Authorities as it is they who have introduced this obligation. Once that document has been published we will look at LARA's and how we expect operators to complete them. It is highly likely this will be included in the next policy.	No
2. The Association of British Bookmakers (ABB)	Talks about various pilot schemes which assist vulnerable persons to 'self-exclude' including ones in Medway and Glasgow	The Licensing Authority are aware of these schemes and officers have met with Gambling Commission representatives to discuss them. It is anticipated that if the pilots are successful they will be implemented nationally. The correct time to consider if such schemes would influence policy would be once the outcomes are known.	No
	Highlights the forthcoming requirement for operators to produce local area risk assessments (LARA's)	Response as above (Coral)	No
	Requests that should a local area profile be produced it would be freely available as part of the policy	The Gambling Commission have indicated that local area profiles will be included in forthcoming guidance to local authorities. Once the guidance is published a decision will be made firstly, on if a profile will be produced for this borough, and secondly how this will be communicated to the local licence holders.	No

	States the ABB's commitment to work with The Gambling Commission and local authorities	The Licensing Authority welcomes this	No
3. Essex Police	Acknowledge receipt and make no comment	None	No
4. Essex County Fire and Rescue Service	Requesting a different address is included for applicant consultations.	Address will be amended, although this is not technically a policy change.	No