

Appendix B

Uttlesford District Council, Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005

Elsenham Parish Council has reviewed the statement and has the following observations:

Page 8- A number of required bullet points are missing, with several paragraphs running on.

Page 16- This page makes reference to spread betting being regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA), however, the FSA no longer exists and has been replaced by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

Page 16-17/ 17-18: The text about designation of the body to advise the council on child protection occurs twice, once on page 16-17 and is repeated on pages 17-18. This is the section beginning, “The licensing authority is required by regulations...” and ending “designates the Essex Safeguarding Children Partnership for this purpose”.

Page 19: “the Licensing Authority also recognises that gambling is just one component of the of the issues with which the licensing regime can address.” Here, “of the” is repeated

Page 19: In section 10.3 of the [Uttlesford 2017-2020 statement of principles](#) the council states that it believes that trade associations, trade unions and residents and tenants associations would be interested parties. In the updated version for 2024-2027 there is only reference to trade associations and residents and tenants associations. There is no obvious reason for this change, given that section 6.21 of the [Gambling Commission’s guidance to local authorities](#) includes the list of examples previously covered. Trade unions should be included as previously for clarity.

Page 20 – the list of factors to be taken into account in determining whether a person lives sufficiently close to (or has business interests likely to be affected by) a particular premises, has been modified when compared to the 2017-2022 policy, and examples have been removed.

In the previous policy, one factor to be considered was: “The circumstances of the person making the representation. This does not mean the personal characteristics of that person but his or her interest, which may be relevant to the distance from the premises;”. This has been updated to “the characteristics of the complainant” which could be interpreted to mean the personal characteristics of the complainant, as the previous policy acknowledged and clarified.

Pages 50-51- It would be helpful for the policy to define the subcategories of exempt lotteries. It would also be helpful to offer clarification in this section about village fetes, as this is typically a place where lotteries such as raffles, tombola, or other similar events take place. It would be helpful to readers to provide clarification as to which categories these events typically fall under, such as by providing some examples of incidental non-commercial lotteries, or signposting gambling commission guidance. It might also be helpful to explicitly point out key rules that apply to the types of lottery that can be run without a license (for example, that tickets for incidental non-commercial lotteries can only be sold at the location of the event and whilst the event is taking place).

Elsenham Parish Council, August 2024