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Dear Sir/Madam

Gambling Act 2005 – Revised Statement of Licensing Principles Consultation

We are currently in the process of reviewing the Council's Statement of Licensing Principles. As part of the statutory consultation process I would welcome your views, comments and observations on the Draft Statement of Licensing Principles in respect of the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act) for Cherwell District Council.

The Act requires the Licensing Authority to determine and publish its Statement of Licensing Principles for each three year period (the dates of which are determined by the Secretary of State). The Act requires that before doing so the Licensing Authority must consult the following on the Draft Statement of Licensing Principles:

- The Chief Officer of Police;
- One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area;
- One or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under the Gambling Act 2005.

I wish to ensure that our consultation process is as comprehensive as possible and therefore I will also be inviting comments from a wide range of other non-statutory bodies that have an interest in licensing functions.

In the interests of the environment I have not included a paper copy of the Draft Statement of Licensing Principles. The draft document is on deposit for public inspection at all of our district offices and via the consultation portal of our website <http://consult.cherwell.gov.uk/portal>.

If you require a paper copy version of the Draft Statement of Licensing Principles please contact the Licensing Team using the above telephone or email contact details.



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I would be grateful for any comments you may have before Friday 30 November 2012 when the consultation period closes. I will assume that if I don't receive any comments by the closing date you are satisfied with the Draft document as it stands. Responses can be made online using the consultation portal of our website <http://consult.cherwell.gov.uk/portal>, in writing to the above address, via email to licensing@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or by fax, for the attention of the Licensing Team, to 01295 221878.

All responses received will then be considered and the Draft Statement of Licensing Principles may be amended where appropriate. The Final Statement of Licensing Principles will then be published.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to discuss the document with you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in purple ink, consisting of a stylized 'N' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Natasha Barnes
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