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**From:** Claire Bold  
**Sent:** 27 November 2012 16:28  
**To:** 'info@gamblingcommission.gov.uk'  
**Cc:** 'garyalanbell@hotmail.com'  
**Subject:** Gambling Concerns

Good Afternoon,

During our consultation period for our 3 yearly policy statement review, we have received the response detailed below:

**Mr Gary Bell, completing survey as individual.**

**The changes being made seem awfully minor and hardly worth making. What's needed are drastic revisions. Effectively we are allowing casinos into our streets via the back door. This should be stopped completely and immediately.**

**The changes to the Gambling Act 2005 are not doing anything to stop the practice of punters placing quick-fire bets on a video game roulette via a Fixed Odds Betting Terminal.**

**These terminals need to be banned; they are a constant source of trouble within betting shops and cause gamblers to lose money quicker than almost any other type of bet.**

**The Gambling industry love them if course but addicted gamblers have a worse time because they are allowed and inevitably their are additional costs for taxpayers.**

**Half the gambling addicted patients cite these Fixed Odds Betting Terminals as causing problems so why should we have them in the local area at all?**

**They don't advance society in any way, they just allow gamblers to lose money faster and we all have to pick up the welfare bill of increased problems with addicted gamblers mental & physical health, increased poverty and increasing levels of violence and general anti-social behaviour.**

**We shouldn't be making it easier to gamble; we should be curbing them more and more.**

**Please send details of outcome to [garyalanbell@hotmail.com](mailto:garyalanbell@hotmail.com)**

We have advised the respondent that we are unable to alter the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005 and will refer their comments to you for your attention.

Please can you review the comments and respond to the respondent directly?

Kind Regards,

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**From:** Gary Bell [garyalanbell@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** 28 November 2012 12:54  
**To:** Claire Bold  
**Subject:** RE: Gambling Act 2005: Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation

Good Afternoon Claire,

Yes all agreed – thanks.

It does appear to be a bit of a waste of time having a Consultation on these relatively minor Changes as the real things that require Consultation are the Legislation itself but I guess you are just following the method that's set out when the Council needs to make such a change.

Regards,

Gary Bell.

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**From:** Claire Bold [mailto:Claire.Bold@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 27 November 2012 16:23  
**To:** garyalanbell@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Gambling Act 2005: Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your comments in relation to our current consultation.

The gambling Act 2005 sets out the requirements for Local Authorities to have a policy statement giving guidance in relation to how they will perform their functions under the Act. The Act also requires that we review this policy every three years and consult upon it.

As you quite rightly comment, there are only minor changes taking place to the policy on this occasion.

In relation to your comments regarding Fixed Odds Terminal Betting, whilst I appreciate your concerns unfortunately we do not have the power to comment or amend the legislation as the guidelines governing this type of betting are set out in legislation. Therefore, I have forwarded your comments and contact details to the Gambling Commission who are the main body responsible for the Gambling Act 2005 so that they can give your comments due consideration and advise of any measures they may take.

Kind regards,

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