



Gambling Act Policy 2025 – Summary of Changes

Section	Change	Notes
Annex 3	Amendment to district population taking data from most recent census.	Done pre-consultation.
Annex 3	Added link to district map.	Done pre-consultation.
Part B 1.5	Reworded first bullet point to make it clear what gambling activities children must not be in close proximity to:	Old Wording: - the third licensing objective seeks to protect children from being harmed by gambling. In practice that means not only preventing them from taking part in gambling, but also preventing them from being in close proximity to gambling. Therefore premises should be configured so that children are not invited to participate in, have accidental access to or closely observe gambling where they are prohibited from participating; New wording: <i>the third licensing objective seeks to protect children from being harmed by gambling. In practice that means not only preventing them from taking part in gambling where they are prohibited from participating in but also preventing them from being in close proximity to gambling activities where they are prohibited from participating in. Therefore, premises should be configured so that children are not invited to participate in, have accidental access to or closely observe gambling where they are prohibited from participating.</i>
Part B 1.26	Added wording for CCTV monitoring of access to areas with category C or above machines to bullet point 3.	Old wording: - access to the area where the machines are located is supervised New Wording : <i>access to the area where the machines are located is supervised; supervision can be via CCTV providing the CCTV is monitored by one or more persons whose responsibilities include ensuring under 18s do not enter the areas.</i>
Part B 1.2	Amended wording to make clear licence conditions are considered with the decision making of licences.	Old wording: 1.2 This licensing authority is aware that in making decisions about premises licences it should aim to permit the use of premises for gambling in so far as it thinks it: New wording: 1.2 <i>This licensing authority is aware that in making decisions about premises licences, including licence conditions, it should aim to permit the use of premises for gambling if it believes it is in accordance with the following:</i>
Part B 1.1	Added wording to make clear any exclusion or adding of conditions will be made in	Old wording: 1.1 Premises licences are subject to the requirements set out in the Gambling Act

	accordance with the decision making set out in 1.2	2005 and regulations, as well as specific mandatory and default conditions which are detailed in regulations issued by the Secretary of State. Licensing authorities are able to exclude default conditions and also attach others, where it is believed to be appropriate. New wording: 1.1 <i>Premises licences are subject to the requirements set out in the Gambling Act 2005 and regulations, as well as specific mandatory and default conditions which are detailed in regulations issued by the Secretary of State. Licensing authorities are able to exclude default conditions and also attach others, where it is believed to be appropriate and in accordance with the decision making set out below.</i>
Part B 1.21	Added phrase "prohibited from participating in" to reflect cat D machines are not prohibited to be used by under 18s. Cat D machines include crane grabs/drop penny machines.	Old wording: 1.21 Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling - This licensing authority has noted the Gambling Commission's Guidance that this objective means preventing children from taking part in gambling (as well as restriction of advertising so that gambling products are not aimed at or are, particularly attractive to children). The licensing authority will therefore consider, as suggested in the Gambling Commission's Guidance, whether specific measures are required at particular premises, with regard to this licensing objective. Appropriate measures may include supervision of entrances / machines, segregation of areas etc. New wording: 1.21 <i>Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling - This licensing authority has noted the Gambling Commission's Guidance that this objective means preventing children from taking part in gambling they are prohibited from participating in (as well as restriction of advertising so that gambling products are not aimed at or are, particularly attractive to children). The licensing authority will therefore consider, as suggested in the Gambling Commission's Guidance, whether specific measures are required at particular premises, with regard to this licensing objective. Appropriate measures may include supervision of entrances / machines, segregation of areas etc.</i>
1.10 Part B	Added additional wording to make clear an application can be made	Old wording: 1.10 If the construction of a premises is not yet complete, or if they need alteration, or if the applicant does not yet have a right to occupy them, then an application for a

		provisional statement should be made instead. New Wording: <i>1.10 If the construction of a premises is not yet complete, or if they need alteration, or if the applicant does not yet have a right to occupy them, then an application for a provisional statement should be made instead. Operators can apply for a premises licence in respect of premises which have still to be constructed or altered, and the licensing authority will determine any such applications on their merits. Such cases will be considered in a two stage process; first, the licensing authority will decide whether, as a matter of substance after applying the principles in s.153 of the Act, the premises ought to be permitted to be used for gambling; second, in deciding whether or not to grant the application the licensing authority will consider if appropriate conditions can be put in place to cater for the situation that the premises are not yet in the state in which they ought to be before gambling takes place.</i>