

Consultation on Hackney's draft revised gambling Statement of Principles

<https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/licensing/draft-gambling-statement-of-principles>

The consultation ran from 06/08/2021 to 29/08/2021

Responses to this survey: **20**

1. What is your name?

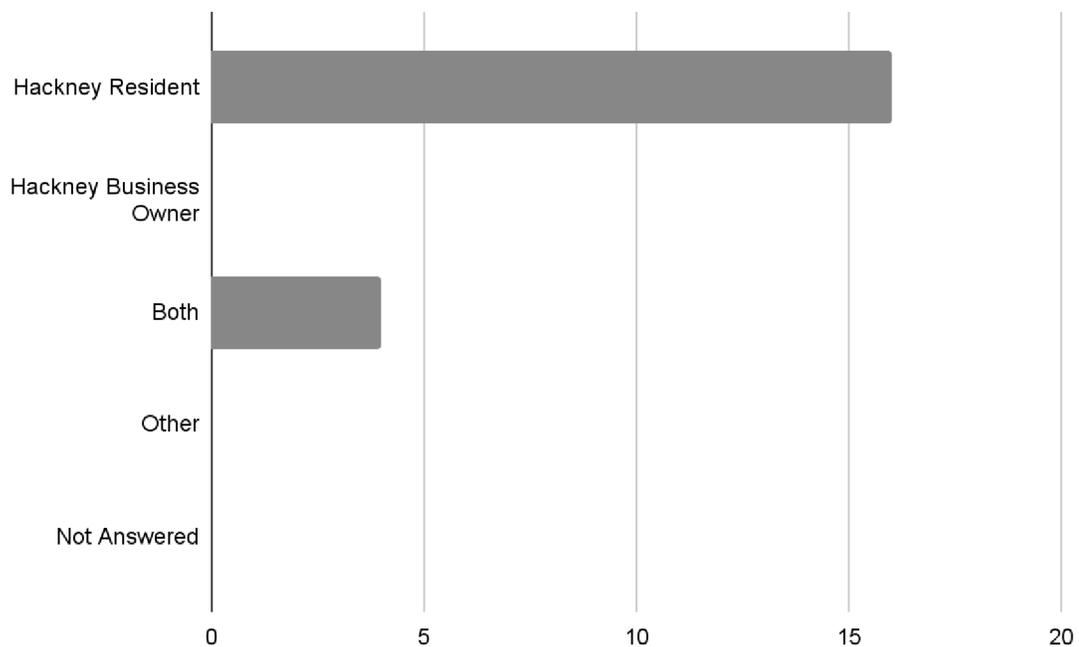
There were 20 responses to this part of the question.

2. What is your email address?

There were 20 responses to this part of the question.

3. Are you a resident or business owner?

There were 20 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Hackney Resident	16	80%
Hackney Business Owner	0	0.00%
Both	4	20%
Other	0	0.00%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

If other, please specify below:

There were 0 responses to this part of the question.

4. Please use the space below to provide your feedback on the draft revised gambling Statement of Principles:

There were 20 responses to this part of the question.

Response 1: *"Hackney is largely residential, and there is no place for betting shops on residential streets. Gambling ruins lives. It should not be so easy for someone to step out their front door into a bet shop and then to cross the road into another bet shop. When I last passed Scriven Road shops there were two bet shops on the same row, it's unsightly and unnecessary. The area would benefit from coffee shops and social areas, not more bet shops."*

Response 2: *"I feel it's been a real shame (and somewhat a disgrace) to have the likes of BetFred, PaddyPower and William Hill dominating Hackney's high street. Until recently the center of town was packed full of these places - 2 William hills opposite each other on Mare st plus one more on Wilton Way. And the old Hackney town hall. What a blight and really not a credit to such a progressive ward. I would like to see very few brick and mortar gambling outlets."*

Response 3: *"For this consultation to be meaningful, a summary is needed of the key changes. There's no way I can wade through such a huge document!"*

Response 4: *"My key message is that gambling is seriously bad news, especially in areas of low income and poverty."*

Response 5: *"I am against and gambling development."*

Response 6: *"I agree with no casinos policy and with the strictest of measures possible to protect vulnerable people. I also support a policy of seeking to restrict the number of betting shops in Hackney."*

Response 7: *"There are too many betting shops in Hackney which seem to draw in drunken people to beg outside."*

Response 8: *"I would prefer betting shops to completely disappear from the borough's high streets. Betting shops suck money out of local economies and encourage a lot of crime and disorder. For example, around Stamford Hill crossroads, pretty much every*

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other shop is a betting shop. This is far too many. One betting shop would be more than enough."

Response 9: *"What I have read seems more like a procedure and the GLP Boxes appear to contain guidelines for applicants. I would expect a statement of principles to encapsulate what the council thinks about gambling premises and the values it will use when granting a license."*

Response 10: *"I feel that there are too many new gambling premises in the borough. This is a deprived neighbourhood with an existing population with underdevelopment and high unemployment and high cases of mental illness. This does not enhance, benefit or help the community to thrive or develop. The gambling arcades do nothing to bring in new business and development to the area."*

Response 11: *"I would like Hackney to limit the number of betting shops in close proximity. This allows gamblers to move between Shops, losing more. I would like the borough to publish organisations who can support compulsive gamblers and those effected by their habit."*

Response 12: *"Less gambling premises please."*

Response 13: *"I agree with the no casino rule in principle."*

Response 14: *"I think there should generally be no betting shops at all. Regardless of what the operators say, these do exploit people's weak spots and end up destroying families and peoples' lives."*

Gambling is a drug that causes severe addiction. All other dangerous drugs are illegal.

In addition, gambling shops are horrible interior environments with no windows , aiming to let their customers forget the time and outside world. This is not a good and healthy addition to a high street.

In order to help Hackney residents socialise, what other replacement venues could be offered for the elderly or lonely people to meet in a more safe and positive way? How can we offer better employment for those who start gambling because they need money?

Often, gambling halls is where people go because they have no other option. Can we offer better options?

I'm very confident that people working in this industry can find other, more healthy, jobs."

Response 15: *"I agree with the principles. Whilst recognising how important and 'enjoyable' gambling is for some communities, I am appalled by the money lost by people who are struggling. Bingo however is slightly different and much more sociable."*

Response 16: *"no casinos in hackney please, and it would be great to reduce any other betting shop as they attract the usual crowd of losers."*

Response 17: *"I think Hackney should have limited betting shops - they are a blight on the streets! -and have no casinos."*

Response 18: *"I think gambling is becoming too common and has increased if you look at the stats during the pandemic. I speak as someone who has experienced the impact personally. More establishments encourage people. Simple as- with the online gaming rife it's easy to fall into the trap and it is a trap. I don't think Hackney or it's residents need any more temptation, it's a dangerous time after the pandemic to loosen restrictions."*

Response 19: *"There are too many gambling 'dens' in Green Lanes. Its like liking with the Turkish mafia on the streets. My friends and relatives hate visiting me as the area is full of drug users and gambling shops which spills onto the main road. These need shut down and cleaned up to allow residents a safe and prosperous place to live."*

Response 20: *"These businesses are an eye-sore & a negative presence & influence in the community. I don't want them in my neighbourhood. We need more wholesome outlets instead, like health stores, better food options, accessible & up-to-date libraries, gyms & outdoor spaces."*