

Summary of proposed changes to the Statement of Gambling Policy and Camden Local Area Profile under the Gambling Act 2005

Substantive changes - Statement of Gambling Policy 2026-2029

Section and change	Reason for change
Foreword and document-wide update Revised the title, foreword and overall language to place greater emphasis on gambling-related harm, public health, community safety, local evidence and the statutory aim to permit gambling.	To provide a clearer statement of the Council's regulatory approach and reflect the current understanding of gambling-related harm.
Chapter 1 - purpose, scope and consultation Clarified the purpose of the Policy, its relationship with the Local Area Profile, the consultation process and the statutory and policy framework.	To make the Policy easier to understand and explain more clearly how applications, reviews and local risks will be considered.
Chapter 1 - Camden strategic context Added references to We Make Camden, the Evening and Night-time Strategy, Camden Local Plan, Joint Health and Wellbeing and Public Health priorities, Community Safety Partnership priorities, the Children and Young People's Plan and the Equality Policy.	To align the gambling policy with relevant Camden strategies and provide a stronger place-based and partnership context.
Chapter 3 - Local Area Profile and local risk assessments Expanded the explanation of the Local Area Profile and strengthened expectations that operators address Camden-specific risks in their local risk assessments, including sensitive uses, deprivation, homelessness, crime and ASB, clustering and other local vulnerabilities.	To support better quality applications and ensure operators adopt appropriate, locally relevant mitigation measures.
Chapter 4 - licensing objectives and vulnerability Updated the treatment of the licensing objectives, with a stronger focus on children, young people, vulnerable persons, safeguarding, financial hardship, the cost of living and other indicators of gambling-related harm.	To reflect current evidence and strengthen the protection of children and vulnerable people.
Chapter 5 - premises licences and decision-making Refreshed the premises licence sections and clarified the application, representation, hearing and licence-condition processes, including the role of the Licensing Panel and the use of the Local Area Profile when considering conditions.	To improve clarity, transparency and scrutiny in premises licensing decisions.

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Chapters 6 and 7 - permits, compliance and enforcement Updated and clarified the sections on permits, notices, registrations, lotteries, inspections, compliance, enforcement and fees.	To bring the operational sections up to date and provide clearer expectations for licence holders and applicants.
Appendices and references Updated responsible authority details, contact information, support references and other supporting material, and integrated current cost-of-living and vulnerability considerations into the main policy approach.	To remove outdated information and ensure supporting information remains current and relevant.

Substantive changes - Camden Local Area Profile 2026-2029

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Overall structure and presentation Rewritten and shortened the profile, added an executive summary and reorganised the document into clearly numbered sections.	To make the profile more accessible, focused and easier for operators, residents and decision-makers to use.
Camden geography and population Updated the borough profile to reflect the current 20-ward structure, recent ONS population estimates, population mobility, and current information on students and younger adults.	To replace outdated ward and population information and reflect Camden's current demographic context.
Equality, income and deprivation evidence Updated ethnicity, household income, deprivation, low pay, unemployment and related equality information using recent Camden, ONS and JSNA sources.	To provide a more current picture of the communities and economic circumstances relevant to gambling-related vulnerability.
Housing, homelessness and health Added current information on housing affordability, the social housing waiting list, rough sleeping, temporary accommodation, overcrowding, life expectancy and health inequalities.	To reflect the links between financial and housing instability, poor health and vulnerability to gambling-related harm.
Current gambling-related harm evidence Added recent national gambling survey and young people's gambling evidence, together with Camden-specific estimates of harmful gambling, at-risk gambling and harm to affected others.	To ensure the profile is based on the latest available national and local evidence.

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Groups and circumstances associated with vulnerability Revised the list of relevant groups to include children and young people, students, people experiencing deprivation, debt, unemployment, homelessness, poor mental health or substance misuse, and people affected by someone else's gambling.	To provide a broader and more evidence-led understanding of vulnerability in Camden.
Current premises, complaints and inspection evidence Added current information on licensed gambling premises, permits and lottery registrations, together with recent complaints and inspection activity and the main compliance issues identified.	To give operators and decision-makers a current picture of Camden's regulated gambling environment.
Updated mapping and datasets Replaced the older 2011 Census and Geofutures-based mapping approach with current datasets covering gambling premises, crime and ASB, education, unemployment, homelessness and housing instability, mental health and a refreshed gambling-harm vulnerability index.	To modernise the evidence base and improve the relevance of the mapped local risk information.
Implications for licensing and operator risk assessments Added clearer expectations that local risk assessments should use Camden evidence and address proximity to sensitive uses, advertising, shopfront design, staff training, customer interaction, clustering and referral pathways.	To translate the evidence in the profile into practical licensing and premises-management measures.
Conclusions and source material Updated the conclusions, identified broad priority geographies for particular attention and added a current public-source appendix.	To make the profile more transparent, evidence-based and useful in future policy reviews and licensing decisions.