

Licensing & Enforcement,
Environmental Health Service,
Cambridge City Council,
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12th February 2016

Dear Sir,

**Consultation on Cambridge City Council's Statement of Principles –
Gambling Consultation – Risk Assessment**

Coral Racing Limited is most grateful to be given the opportunity to respond to this consultation exercise. Coral was one of the first national bookmakers to be licensed under the Betting and Gaming Act of 1960, and so has been operating the length and breadth of the UK for over 50 years. Its premises comprise locations in the inner city, on the high street, in suburbs and in rural areas, and in areas of both high and low deprivation. It now operates c. 1850 betting offices across Great Britain, which comprise about 20% of all licensed betting offices. It is, therefore, a highly experienced operator.

Coral Racing Limited are broadly supportive of your detailed document regarding the new risk assessment inclusion and appreciate the advice and guidance you have provided within it.

We have been progressing the new risk assessment requirements for over 6 months and have been discussing our proposals for applying the correct assessments with a number of councils (through consultation exercises) as well as in more detail with Westminster City Council.

As we are sure you appreciate, with an estate as wide as ours, it is not sensible to have a bespoke template for each of the c.350 local authorities and we have agreed a form for completion in conjunction with Westminster City Council which we are using for all our shops. Comparing our format to your suggestion, there are many similarities and they both cover the key areas of risk assessments. Our shops will be inspected by our security team and the assessments will be completed by them in conjunction with our operational teams who understand the local area in greater detail. Your draft document does not indicate that use of your template is mandatory and as such, we will continue with our standard template in your area which of course, you are able to inspect at any time.

Naturally, if these do not meet the level desired by yourselves, we would be happy to receive feedback on the areas which you would like further information on.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature and name]



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