

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Government review of high stake gaming machines.

Ealing continues to support the campaign by the London Borough of Newham and others for the £100 stake available for Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) to be reduced, with a £2 maximum stake. We recognise the negative impact these outlets can have on communities, with the high stakes currently permitted.

In response to your Call for Evidence on these outlets, Ealing does not have any data on FOBTs to support the case. However, we do have data on gambling as a whole which helped for the Statement of Licensing policy (attached).

The policy is made up of data collated by an external data analyst, in consultation with the gambling commission and through the review of guidance from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

Although there is no direct link to fixed odds betting terminals (FOBTs) the data and research carried out does provide links to crime and ASB associated with such premises (that would have FOBTs).

That said, we receive very few complaints associated with such establishments, giving us very little data both factual or anecdotal to draw upon, and as a result we are unable to provide an evidence based response specific to FOBTs.

Yours faithfully

**Cllr Julian Bell**  
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