



**GBG Licensing Group
By Teams
29 July 2025**

Attendees:

Simon Reynolds (Buzz Bingo)	Andrew Cotton
Sam Moore (Buzz Bingo)	Peter Hannibal (GBG)
Charlotte Meller (GBG)	

Apologies: Elizabeth Speed, Imogen Moss

Item 1 Minutes from April 2025 meeting

1. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the discussions. GBG is waiting a date to have discussion with the Chair of National Pub Watch (Steve Baker OBE) as part of an exploration of existing information sharing networks (albeit the current common denominator for pub watch membership is an alcohol licence).

Item 2 Gambling Reform APPG

2. Discussed the recent GBG/Bacta meeting with representatives from this APPG, in particular their views on the limitations of local authority powers (both under GA05 and planning) and how best to present this as part of the GBG's response to the [APPG Inquiry](#).
3. The ongoing misreporting and misrepresentation of facts in the media was also discussed.
4. Noted that GBG articles about LA planning powers and LA responsibilities under GA05 had been shared with the APPG after the meeting.
5. **Action: Licensing Members to share their views on the APPG'S Inquiry (if not already done so) .**

Item 3 GBG's Gambling Facts document

6. This has been shared widely to DCMS, MPs, Councillors and will be kept updated when new data sets are published. Please let us know of other data sets that would be useful to include, which would assist in application hearings.

Item 4 LCCP & Self Exclusion

7. When DCMS attended the July Board meeting there was a discussion around how the LCCP requirements for self-exclusion have been interpreted differently , leading to

variations in how self-exclusion is offered (both on a single premises basis and as part of multi operator scheme). DCMS requested further information after the meeting which the Executive.

8. Attendees discussed the feedback picked up from recent GC compliance visits where they have said that SE must be “advertised” in premises. LCCP 3.3.1 sets out the responsible gambling information that must be “readily available” (including SE) and the ways to do this.

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9. Members are encouraged to consider [Newham’s consultation on its Gambling Policy Statement](#) (closing date 8 August) , which places a very strong emphasis on having a robust premises specific local risk assessment (pages 30-35) and proposes additional requirements on premises in its “*gambling vulnerability area*” (ages 8-9).
10. The GBG’s High Street Hub will feature again at the ARE Expo in Manchester in 2026 and will be working in partnership with the IoL on one of the days. **Please contact Charlotte if you are interested in supporting the Hub next year.**
11. The GBG also has a speaking slot at the IoL’s National Training Conference in November. Thanks to Buzz for getting involved in this year’s session.
12. Andrew Cotton advised that he had provided feedback to the Commission and DCMS regarding the recently published non remote casino guidance, flagging areas which would benefit from further clarification.
13. Peter advised that in recent compliance visits the Commission has stated that if a Cat C (or D) is out of action awaiting repair then the relevant number of B3 machines must be turned off to ensure that the 80:20 ratio is met until such time as Cat C machine is repaired (no matter how quickly the machine is likely to be fixed and available for use).

Next meeting: Tuesday 28 October (By Teams, 10 – 11.30) *(however we may reconvene before once the DCMS consultation is published in autumn)*