

Proposed Licensing of Funfairs (Scotland) Bill

Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Member of the public

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response

Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

Please insert your name or the name of your organisation. If you choose the first option above, this should be the name as you wish it to be published. If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

Page 7: Your views on the proposal - Aim and approach

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal to exempt funfairs from Public Entertainment Licensing requirements and to create a distinct new licensing system for funfairs in Scotland?

Fully opposed

Please explain the reasons for your response

Myself and other residents of (redaction) in (redaction) have had frequent funfairs literally dumped on our

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back gardens, and have had to deal with the noise and light pollution, the constant running diesel generators, sometimes through the night, noise and fume pollution, road blockages and restrictions, road safety bollards being removed by the operators leaving a hazardous school crossing, intimidation by the operators and their employees.

Q2. Could the aims of this proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

Yes

Q3. What do you think would be the main advantages, if any, of the proposal?

I dont see any for myself or other residents of our area.

Q4. What do you think will be the main disadvantages, if any, of the proposal?

See my earlier answers.

Q5. What do you think the maximum time available should be for local authorities to make a decision on an application to hold a funfair?

more than 28 days (please specify)

Please explain the reasons for your response.

Make it six months, that gives us time to build a case against the granting of the licence.

Q6. How do you think fees should be determined for local authorities to process an application?

maximum fee set in statute

Q7. What is your view on what should happen to the fee in cases where an application is refused?

None of the fee returnable to the applicant

Q8. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly cost-neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
(a) Showpeople						X
(b) Local authorities						X
(c) General public						X

Please explain the reasons for your response

Looking at the proposal it looks like it is making it easier for the licence to be granted so these funfair people, so no doubt at some time in the future someone will propose that they get the licence for free and turn up on people's back yards whenever they want.

Page 15: Equalities

Q9. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Negative

Q10. In what ways could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on equality be minimised or avoided?

No Response

Page 17: Sustainability

Q11. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

No

Please explain the reasons for your response:

See previous answers.

Page 18: General

Q12. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal to exempt funfairs from Public Entertainment Licensing requirements and to create a distinct new licensing system for funfairs in Scotland?

No Response