

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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 Supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response

I think it's unfair Scottish show families are unfairly punished compared to the rest of the UK.

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

No

Please explain the reasons for your response

Needs to be done by the government and rolled out to local councils to be followed consistently.

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

Fairness and transparency

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

No Response

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?

less than 14 days (please specify)

Please explain the reasons for your response.

7 days should be the max to allow Showmen time to plan fairs

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

power of Ministers to set scale of fees

Please explain the reasons for your response, including details of the amount of any suggested fees.

Should be a fair level of charge set from the size of the fair.

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

Full fee returnable to the applicant

Please explain the reasons for your response

Fee should only be used to secure the application and returned if its refused

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			

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?

Positive

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

By imposing a trial period.

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?

Yes

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?

Any new system should be fair to showmen, the public and councils with consistency throughout the country as well as the UK.