

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 would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.

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

Scotland is the only country in Europe to have these licenses which are detrimental to the growth of this industry

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

Unsure

Please explain the reasons for your response
Don't know what other avenues would be possible

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

A more open and free market for this industry to work in

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

Don't see any disadvantage

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?

14 days

Please explain the reasons for your response.
Taking any longer than this is just avoiding the decision , and does not allow time to reapply alswhere should the answer be no

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

fee must not exceed the cost of processing the application

Please explain the reasons for your response, including details of the amount of any suggested fees.
Councils should not be profiteering from applications to trade

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

Part of the fee returnable to the applicant

Please explain the reasons for your response
If refused then there is no further process or work to complete as there would be in a successful application

Page 14: Financial implications

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

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	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

If we received a percentage of applications refused back we would make moderate savings , but as there is no mention of no fee then the council will still make the same and no savings will be able to be passed to the public

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

Please explain the reasons for your response

This would bring us in line with the rest of Britain and Europe

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

I don't see any negative impact

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

Please explain the reasons for your response:

This bill only allows more work for this industry

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