

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".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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Please explain the reasons for your response

I run a carousel hire company and attend funfairs in uk and Southern Ireland. However most of my events are in England and ireland as there are no licensing fees and organising events is a lot simpler. I feel this is discrimination and have been told against European law. We are based in Scotland but forced to do events a lot further away. This effects the Scottish economy and also the general public who are limited to the events had in Scotland. Also the prices of events are higher on general public, due to added expenses on organising events.

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

This is a law created in parliament only used in Scotland as trial. However has stayed law unsuccessfully therefore should have been scrapped a long time ago as against European law and unfair on Scottish voters. If was success would have made law in rest of uk.

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

More local funfairs boosting economy and helping to maintain a fading historic industry of funfairs in Scotland.

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

None unless more complicated system implemented.

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.

This allows time for any objections or any issues to be resolved. Any longer would just be more costly to all.

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

maximum fee set in statute

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

This would be fair across regions and allow smaller councils to charge less to try to get more events.

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

Application refused obviously full fee is not needed.

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:

	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

Other areas in uk have lots more funfairs as costs reduced and can offer better pricing for fairgoers. Which means less cost for councils as less paperwork and meetings.

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

No discrimination on show people and no discrimination on Scottish people in general.

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

Scrap altogether only negative would be those profiteering from this at moment.

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:

Scrap current bill will be same as rest of uk...

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?

Can't understand why such a unfair licence has been enforced on Scotland only for so long with such strong views against ...