

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 If you choose the second or third option, a name is still required, but it will not be published.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

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**Please explain the reasons for your response**

It would appear the license system is unfair because of the imbalance charged by councils in Scotland. This is not a stumbling block in England.

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

No

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

The funfair though it is a commercial business brings pleasure to many people. Many people do not realise there are a lot of overhead to be taken into account when maintaining the equipment. The funfair becomes part of the community when visiting many towns. The showmen support many local charities especially at gala times.

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

None.

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?

28 days

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

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

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?

*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?

Yes

**Please explain the reasons for your response:**

It is up to all sides involved to be flexible in discussion to reach a sensible conclusion.

## 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?

None.

