

**Gambling Act 2005**

**Application for Variation of Bingo Licence**

1.	Haven Leisure Limited	Atlantic Showbar Craig Tara Holiday Park Dunure Road Ayr
	To change the name of the premises to 'Live Lounge' To vary the layout of the premises in accordance with the provided plan	
	Letter from South Ayrshire Council Child Protection Committee	

## Variation of Bingo Premises Licence Application – Craig Tara Holiday Park – Live Lounge, Dunure Road, Ayr

### *Response from South Ayrshire Council Child Protection Committee 4/8/25*

No objection to the application, but provided comments as below

“Albeit this is only a name change, we recognise this is a very popular holiday park and there are so many Children & Young People (CYP) who visit. We would imagine that protections are already in place to prevent CYP accessing this facility through licensing restrictions. Gambling is considered a Public Health Issue, harming and causing adverse impacts on the health and wellbeing of individuals, families, communities and society. Young People’s gambling behaviour is considered a growing problem (Public Health Scotland 2025) and can stem from experience of parental gambling as a child or being exposed to gambling at a young age. There are dangers of early exposure to parental gambling or early involvement in gambling and gambling-like practices generally, and we could encourage a thoughtful preventative approach by the license holder to mitigate the harms which can occur due to young exposure to gambling and gambling behaviour”.

Rationale to statement:

- In the [2021 Scottish Health Survey](#), 34% of 16 to 24 year olds participated in gambling activities.
- According to the Gambling Commission’s 2024 survey, 80% of young people aged 11 to 17 years old who gambled in the past year did so for fun, reinforcing the perception of gambling as a harmless activity despite its potential for harm.
- Young People and Gambling 2024 Official Statistics show a small but statistically significant increase since 2023 in the proportion of young people actively involved in regulated gambling excluding arcade gaming machines. This included Playing bingo at somewhere other than a bingo club.
- Gambling Commission's research found CYP are more likely to be influenced by the gambling behaviours of their parents and family members than by gambling advertisements. (Source: Gambling Commission, 2020)
- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 aims to embed UNCRC into Scottish law, ensuring that children’s rights are protected and promoted in all areas of life. While the act itself does not specifically address gambling and gaming, its broader implications for children’s rights can influence how these issues are managed, particularly in protecting children from related harms.
  1. Protection from exploitation - This can be applied to ensure that children are not exposed to gambling activities or targeted by gambling advertisements
  2. The right to education - which can include educating children and young people about the risks associated with gambling and gaming, and promoting healthy, informed choices.
  3. The right to health - This can involve measures to prevent gambling addiction and gaming-related issues among young people
- To alert parents and children of gambling harm, more can be done through:
  1. education and raising awareness of the risks of gambling harm
  2. changing behaviours of young people’s gambling habits through restriction of advertising and exposure to gambling and gambling mechanisms within gaming) ”



