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Councillor Simon Ball

Elected Member

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Dear Councillor Ball

Council Meeting – 29th November 2023

Thank you for your question at Council on 29th November regarding whether 100% of gambling premises had disabled access.

I can advise that although the provision of disabled access is not a specific requirement of the Gambling Act, the operators of gambling premises must make reasonable adjustments to ensure that disabled people are not placed at a substantial disadvantage in comparison to non-disabled people. This is a requirement of the Equality Act 2010 and Licensing Officers assess compliance with the operator's obligations under this legislation as part of their routine checks on premises where gambling takes place.

The Council's licensing database does not record compliance with the Equality Act 2010, and therefore it is not possible to confirm with certainty that 100% of gambling premises in Rotherham are accessible to disabled people. However, a review of routine checks carried out over the last 12 months has revealed that no issues were identified at any gambling premises that were visited by licensing officers. In addition, the Council has not received any complaints regarding access to gambling premises. We can therefore have significant confidence that obligations are being

complied with, but officers will continue to monitor compliance during routine checks on licensed premises.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DL', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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