

# **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL – LOCAL AREA PROFILE**

## **Gambling Act 2005**

### **1. Introduction**

Buckinghamshire Council is a unitary authority created in April 2020 from Buckinghamshire County Council AND the districts of Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe.

The council area is largely rural although there are a number of significant urban areas including Aylesbury, Buckingham, Amersham, Chesham, Beaconsfield, High Wycombe and Marlow.

The Council's Corporate Plan for the authority can be accessed via the following link:  
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/your-council/corporate-plan/corporate-plan-2020-2023/>

Local Area Profiles (LAP's) are intended to assist existing and prospective operators in creating risk assessments by raising awareness of local issues in the authority area which may affect the licensing objectives. They also enable the Licensing Authority to better serve the local community by identifying risks, providing greater clarity for operators, improving decision making and encouraging a proactive approach.

It is the operator's responsibility to identify when significant changes may require existing risk assessments to be reviewed. To assist, the Licensing Authority will notify licensed operators when changes are made to the LAP. The characteristics identified in local area profiles are not exhaustive and operators may identify other significant factors that need to be taken into account. Operators are expected to take a proactive approach in reacting to significant changes to the local environment and they should not wait to be notified by the Licensing Authority before reviewing their risk assessment to account for a change in local circumstances.

The Licensing Authority will refer to information in the latest LAP when considering premises licence applications and will routinely review information in the LAP to ensure that its content remains current.

The links and signposts provided in this document are intended to assist operators and applicants to produce and update tailored risk assessments, specific to their individual premises and with regard to the Licensing Authority's Statement of Licensing Policy and the licensing objectives.

### **2. Gambling Commission Guidance**

The Commission has introduced a new social responsibility code (10.1.1 updated June 2021) within the Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice (LCCP) which confirms that premises licence holders must conduct a local risk assessment for each of their current premises. This social responsibility code allows operators to demonstrate how they aim to address any

local risks which may affect compliance with the licensing objectives. The code can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/licensees-and-businesses/guide/local-area-risk-assessments>

Gambling operators must assess any local risks to the licensing objectives posed by the provision of gambling facilities at each of their premises, and must have policies, procedures and control measures in place to mitigate those risks, having taken into account all relevant information.

Risk assessments need to be site specific and not generic 'one size fits all' documents. The purpose of the local area risk assessments is to allow operators, stakeholders and local authorities to have a greater understanding of the local environment and mitigate possible risks to the licensing objectives.

### **3. Aylesbury Vale Zone**

A full profile of the composition of the zone can be found using the following links, which provides data in respect of:

- Map of the locality
- Demographic and Public Health data
- Life style
- Local Plan
- Transport and Employment
- GP/Patient services used
- Community Assets

<https://www.buckinghamshireccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Locality-Profile-Aylesbury-Central-2016.docx>

<https://www.buckinghamshireccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Locality-Profile-Aylesbury-South-2016.pdf>

### **4. Amersham, Chesham and Beaconsfield & High Wycombe**

A full profile of the composition of the zone can be found using the following links, which provides data in respect of:

- Map of the locality
- Demographic and Public Health data
- Life style
- Local Plan
- Transport and Employment
- GP/Patient services used

- Community Assets

<https://www.buckinghamshireccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Southern-GP-Locality-Profile.pdf>

<https://www.buckinghamshireccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Amersham-Chesham-GP-Locality-Profile.pdf>

<https://www.buckinghamshireccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Wycombe-GP-Locality-Profile.pdf>

## **5. Identifying Sensitive Locations**

Specific Community Board webpages provide key information which should be considered in conjunction with the relevant legacy authority local development plans. This data should assist in identifying higher levels of risk to one or more of the licensing objectives, which are:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

Operators are expected to establish whether their gambling premises are in the vicinity of a high risk area and will be expected to demonstrate that they have fully considered the potential impact of the operation of gambling facilities at their premises on the promotion of the licensing objectives in the local area.

## **6. Community Boards**

The licensing authority is split into 16 definable Community Board (population) zones. A full profile of the composition of each zone can be found using the following links, which provides data relating to:

- Population
- Education and Skills
- Vulnerable Groups
- The economy
- Housing
- Access and Transport
- Crime and Safety
- Communities and Environment;
- Health and Wellbeing

Information in relation to these community board areas can be found at the following links:

- [Amersham](#)
- [Aylesbury](#)
- [Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye](#)
- [Beeches](#)
- [Buckingham & Villages](#)
- [Chesham & Villages](#)
- [Denham, Gerrards Cross & The Chalfonts](#)
- [Haddenham & Waddesdon](#)
- [High Wycombe](#)
- [Missendens](#)
- [North West Chilterns](#)
- [South West Chilterns](#)
- [Wendover & Villages](#)
- [Wexham and the Ivers](#)
- [Wing & Ivinghoe](#)
- [Winslow & Villages](#)

## **7. Local Plan**

The Council has started initial work on a new unitary Local Plan (link below) which will set out the long-term vision and strategic context for managing and accommodating growth within the district.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/local-development-plans/local-development-scheme/our-current-plans-and-documents/>

Until the new Local Plan has been adopted, local profiles should be assessed in conjunction with the local development plans for the legacy council areas, as below:

Aylesbury: [Adopted Aylesbury Vale District Local Plan \(AVDLP\) 2004 | Buckinghamshire Council | Aylesbury Vale Area \(aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk\)](#)

Chiltern: [Buckinghamshire Council – Chiltern Area - Development Plan](#)

South Bucks DC: [Buckinghamshire Council – South Bucks Area - Development Plan](#)

Wycombe DC: [Wycombe development plan](#)