

# YOU CAN STAKE £100 EVERY 20 SECONDS ON BETTING SHOP ROULETTE MACHINES...



Many gamblers are gambling on roulette machines without understanding this. It is complicated, but the roulette spin on a machine can be as quick as every 20 seconds, so in under 62 minutes there can be as many as 185 spins. If you bet £10 on every spin you can stake a total of £1,850 in an hour with an average loss of 2.7% per spin total. Therefore, on average the roulette machine gambler who stakes £10 per spin loses £50 in just over an hour.

There is a Gambling Commission which is supposed to enforce the 2005 Gambling Act. Its motto is "Keeping gambling fair and safe for all..." With roulette on betting shop gaming machines several times faster than a busy casino table game of roulette, it eats up cash so much quicker.

## FOBT ROULETTE TAKES YOUR MONEY MORE QUICKLY...



DOES THAT SEEM FAIR TO YOU?



Estimated revenue from 36 FOBTs in Corby betting shops



**THE CIRCLE OF WASTE**  
The estimated economic cost of problem gambling to Corby per year for 100 addicts.

100x FOBT ADDICTS £0.8m



## WE RECOMMEND...

- 1 Reducing the number of machines from four per shop to one – not an increase!
- 2 Reducing the current maximum stake on FOBTs from £100 to £2 – there is no justification for gaming machines in betting shops to have higher maximum stakes than casinos.
- 3 Reducing the spin frequency - The current delay between wagering on spins is only 20 seconds. Increasing this to 60 seconds will make the game content less addictive.
- 4 Removing table game content from FOBTs, such as roulette - The pace of these games on FOBTs is far faster than in the real casinos, so players think they are getting the same fair deal but will lose far faster on FOBTs.

## HOW ARE ROULETTE MACHINES IMPACTING ON CORBY?

There are 9 betting shops in Corby, each shop is currently allowed 4 roulette machines, so there are probably 36 FOBTs in Corby.

In 2013 estimated average bookmaker win per machine is £50,000. So the bookmakers will win an estimated £1,800,000 from Corby FOBT gamblers. Being generous to bookmakers, an estimate of £800,000 to is paid to Government through FOBT taxes, bookmakers corporate profits taxes (mainly from roulette machines), rates, VAT and National Insurance.

But the reality is there is a social and economic cost of problem gambling.

Gamcare, a charity to help problem gamblers, states that US research shows that the average cost to society per year of a problem gambler is over £8,000. So even if there are only 100 FOBT addicts in Corby, (and we think there are more) then the cost to Corby could be over £800,000.

Local public services including hospitals, welfare, housing, benefits, police and judicial systems can all be impacted to deal with activities resulting from problem gambling. Without roulette machine addiction there could be better provision of those services for everybody.

## SO, WHAT IS THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COST OF BETTING SHOP ROULETTE MACHINE ADDICTION TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

Need help or advice on problem gambling  
You can contact your regular GP or...

- NHS National Problem Gambling Clinic tel 020 7534 6699
- GamCare tel 0808 8020 133

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