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**Sent:** 13 May 2020 14:45

**To:** Business Licence <business.licence@brent.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Objection to adult gaming license 141 Kilburn High Rd

Dear Sir / Madam

I would like to raise an objection to the application of a gambling license at 141 Kilburn High Road.

I have lived on [REDACTED] since 2001 and in this time there have been numerous betting shops occupying this site. Without exception, all of the previous incarnations have acted as a beacon for anti-social behaviour. It has been common to see grievances between gamblers being aired in the street and fights breaking out in the alleyway (Glengall Passage) immediately behind the shop. Street drinking and the resultant open urination has rendered the immediate vicinity an intimidating and unhygienic place. The respite afforded by the closure of the last venue has allowed this end of Glengall Road to return to being a safe and normal residential street again.

Other points to consider :

- Although the shop front is on Kilburn High Rd, the entrances have always been on Glengall Road which is a residential street. Is the intended new entrance on Glengall or Kilburn High Rd?
- In light of the inevitable financial hardships that the upcoming recession will bring, what possible benefit could a betting shop bring to the vulnerable people who struggle with finances and gambling in this area?
- Have the new applicants considered the public health requirements that will need to be enforced for suppression of Covid-19? Social distancing / regular cleaning of gambling machines and surfaces.
- Have the council considered the proximity of other gambling establishments in the area of which there are many?

Yours sincerely,