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Sent: 07 June 2020 14:02
To: Business Licence <business.licence@brent.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to William Hill betting shop on Kilburn High Rd

Dear Sirs,

It is with great concern that I write to you to strongly object to the opening of a gambling shop/facility in the corner of Glengall Road and Kilburn high road.

I have lived in [REDACTED] for 5 years now and my objection is based in the points below:

(a) gambling can be source of crime or disorder or being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime. We have clear and unquestionable evidence of this point as there was a William Hill store in the same corner until very recently. The store's customers remained in the corner for hours alternating between gambling inside the store and drinking on the sidewalk opposite to the store. The wine/alcohol bottles, cans, urine (and even vomit and fecal traces too!) were noticeable the next mornings, specially early on Saturday and Sunday.

Moreover these same customers have engaged in fights (police has been called many times and in some cases the police car needs to remain parked there to avoid more trouble), disturbing pedestrians that have to walk around them to avoid them.

The fact that there are 3 primary schools and 1 nursery in the near proximity expose children and young parents on a daily basis to this anti-social behaviour.

(b) protecting children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

The fact that there are several schools around this location and the fact that the exterior of these shops are normally advertising substantial prizes can influence young children to think gambling is a potential source of revenues. It does not show the reality that the odds are in favour of the "house". (Just check the profitability of these businesses to know that this is the case). There are also may vulnerable people living on Glengall Rd.

(c) the fact that there are already 4 betting shops in the area.

I acknowledge that there people who like to gamble and they may need a regulated facility to do this. But there are already enough places to do that in the area. In fact there is one "Cashino" shop already across the street on Kilburn High Road and 3 more sport bet shops 5 minutes walk from this location. I believe that all those are more than enough to cover the demand for gambling in the area.

I hope you reconsider the licence and help us to make our neighbourhood a safer and a better place to live.

Regards