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Sent: 07 June 2020 20:59

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

Subject: Opposition to 141 Kilburn High Road - Application for Adult Gaming Centre

Dear Sirs,

Please accept this email as our objection to the application for an Adult Gaming Centre at 141 Kilburn High Road (Kilburn High Road/Glengall Road) for the following reasons:

- The building borders two street and is extremely close to quiet residential housing. Glengall Road (██████████, less than 200 meters from 141 Kilburn High Road) is a residential street with extremely high apartment occupancy rate including a five story block of flats in close vicinity.
- The business will be located almost directly in front of a bus stop. Many families use the bus stop directly outside 141 Kilburn High Road to commute to and from schools in the area, meaning that children will be exposed to the business throughout the day.
- The business will be located next to a row of convenience stores which are a focal point of the local community which are used consistently throughout the day and the evening (we frequently use these to buy daily essentials). It is completely inappropriate that a business of this type be situated here.
- A business whose principle hours of business are late at night is not compatible with this location and will encourage noise and disorderly behaviour.
- For residents living on Glengall Road, there is only one access point to local amenities and recreational services, such as cinemas, shops and local restaurants. Access to all of these would mean having to walk directly outside this establishment through all hours of the day - and it is not right that they should be made to do this.
- Apart from the security risks which are associated with these types of businesses, it is well known that gambling establishments pose a high risk to vulnerable members of the community. It would be dangerous and irresponsible therefore to locate this business at 141 Kilburn High Road.
- Furthermore and related to the previous, this business will be located less than 200 yards from three major high street banks (Santander, Halifax and Lloyds Bank) placing vulnerable persons at risk of exploitation
- This business will be located away less than 200Ft from a MacDonalds, where many young people gather in the evenings
- There are a number of adult gaming centres stationed along Kilburn High Road already. This business is highly likely to increase anti-social behaviour and possible risk of crime, as already evidenced by a number of incidents of antisocial behaviour outside such establishments including fighting and aggression, loitering, urination and theft. However, it is worth stressing that due to the factors referred to above, out of all establishments of this nature located on Kilburn High Road, this would be the most poorly positioned in terms of its risk to public health and the wellbeing of the local community.

I would be grateful if you would confirm receipt on the above.

Kind Regards