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To: Patel, Yogini; Long, Councillor Janice; Choudry, Councillor Aslam

Subject: RE: CONSULT - Gambling AGC - 322 Neasden Lane, NW10 0AD - LICPG/04332/17

Dear Yogini,

Please register my strong objections against this application. The Neasden Shopping Centre is already saturated with gambling establishments with William Hill, Cashino dominating the Shopping Centre area. Another one is not required. The Centre is a main bus hub for the area. There are many buses at the Shopping Centre. It is a busy hub for children during term time where pupils change buses to get home.

The Neasden shopping centre has known gang activity where there is class A drug dealing around the shopping centre. The current betting shops at the centre attract gang members and they are regularly seen hanging around existing betting establishments at the shopping centre. The amount of establishments selling alcohol have drastically increased over the last five years too. This had led to a sharp increase in street drinking at the shopping centre area. In addition many with mental health needs use the shopping centre on a daily basis and can be seen street drinking and laying on the floor as well as begging. The deadly combination of available alcohol, vulberable people, gangs, drug dealing make another betting establishment in Neasden unwelcome. The addition of the Adult Gaming Centre will support more crime and disorder in the area.

Vulnerable people such as the beggars and people with mental health needs at the Centre are at further risk from being confronted with more drug dealing on top of an additional gambling option.

I am also disappointed with the process at which a decision was made to develop another gambling establishment. St Luke's Hospice were proactively seeking to sing a lease for 322 Neasden Lane but at the last minute, a decision was made to ignore their bid and therefore the lease was negotiated with the gambling establishment.

Please note my objections for this application.

Regards,

Cllr Hirani

Cllr Krupesh Hirani

Brent Labour Party Councillor for Dudden Hill Ward

Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing

Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

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