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I am writing to formally lodge a strong objection to the proposed development of an adult gaming and gambling centre at the above address. My objection is based on the following grounds: * Over-concentration and Lack of Diversity: The High Road is already served by three gambling establishments in close proximity. Permitting a fourth creates an unhealthy "clustering" effect. This undermines the commercial diversity of our high street and fails to provide a balanced mix of services for the local community. * Impact on Local Character: The proliferation of gambling venues negatively impacts the neighborhood. Rather than contributing to a vibrant, multi-use economy, these venues often lead to a decline in the perceived quality and safety of the streetscape. * Community Need: There is a significant deficit of family-oriented spaces in this area. We need developments that encourage social cohesion—such as cafes, community hubs, or child-friendly spaces—rather than another restrictive-entry gambling venue that excludes families and children. * Social Responsibility: Increasing the density of gambling opportunities in a residential area raises concerns regarding the protection of vulnerable individuals and does nothing to improve the local social fabric. This application should be refused in favour of more constructive, family-friendly uses that better serve the long-term interests of the community