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I am writing to express my firm opposition to the application for a new adult gaming centre on the High Road. As a local resident, I believe that approving yet another gambling venue would be detrimental to the area for several key reasons:

Excessive Saturation: There are already three similar establishments operating within a very short radius. Adding a fourth creates an unnecessary and disproportionate concentration of gambling facilities, which stifles the growth of a diverse and sustainable local economy.

Harm to High Street Vitality: The "clustering" of such venues actively degrades the character and prestige of our High Road. To maintain the area's appeal to residents and visitors alike, we should be encouraging high-quality retail or leisure options rather than further gambling-led development.

Neglect of Family Requirements: Our community is currently underserved by spaces accessible to parents and children. Rather than another "adults-only" venue, the planning department should prioritize applications that offer inclusive, family-oriented environments that contribute positively to our civic life.

Public Interest and Well-being: A fourth gaming centre offers no tangible benefit to the local population and instead risks exacerbating social issues associated with high-density gambling zones. I strongly request that the council rejects this application and instead seeks to protect the balance and quality of our local high street