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Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to formally object to the proposed Adult Gaming Centre licence application at 1 Walm Lane. My objection is based on the licensing objectives outlined in the Gambling Act 2005, particularly the need to protect children and vulnerable persons, prevent public nuisance, and ensure that gambling activities do not contribute to crime or disorder. The proposed location raises significant concerns due to its close proximity to local schools, including QPCS, as well as other nearby educational institutions. This area is heavily used by children and young people on their daily journeys to and from school. Placing an adult gaming centre in such a location risks exposing children to gambling-related environments at a formative age. This could normalise gambling behaviour and increase the potential for harm among vulnerable groups. Furthermore, the presence of such a venue may lead to increased loitering, noise, and other forms of public nuisance in an area that should remain safe and appropriate for young people. I am also concerned about the potential for anti-social behaviour and the strain this may place on the local community. The location does not appear suitable for this type of premises given its immediate surroundings and the high volume of school-aged pedestrians. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the licensing authority to refuse this application in order to uphold the licensing objectives and protect the wellbeing of children and the wider community. Thank you for considering my objection.