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I object to the grant of a Gambling Premises Licence for Arcadia Casino Limited at 1 Walm Lane on the grounds that the application is inconsistent with the licensing objectives and would cause or materially contribute to local harm including crime and disorder, public nuisance, and the protection of children and vulnerable persons. Casinos increase risk of acquisitive crime (theft, robbery), disorder and drug-related activity near the premises. 1 Walm Lane is adjacent to residential streets and active local retail; the introduction of a casino will attract late-night footfall and pedestrians with cash, increasing risk. The presence of a casino close to schools, youth centres and sheltered housing increases exposure of children and vulnerable adults to gambling advertising and normalisation of gambling. There are enough premises already in the locality and some of their bright signs attract children. Casinos attract problem gamblers; proximity to support-poor communities or areas with higher social deprivation increases risk of harm. This business is not welcome in our community.