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I fully object to the proposal to add another gambling establishment in the area. There is an overproliferation of gambling premises already in the Kilburn/ Cricklewood area along the A5 with two large premises opposite each other at the junction with Chichele Road and various other smaller premises along the length of the road. This and Walm Lane have many deprived areas, with vulnerable populations. The addition of further adult gambling venues has the potential to further increase the risk of crime and anti-social behaviour in the area where there are already significant concerns, that have been raised with the council, particularly around Willesden Green and Kilburn stations where the street drinking, drug taking/ dealing and rough sleeping is ever-present. These populations are at high risk for harm or exploitation due to the easy access to the already existing adult gambling premises and no more should be permitted. Finally, while wonderfully diverse, Walm Lane/ Willesden High Road and Kilburn High Road are at risk of being dominated by takeaways and gambling establishments, which puts at risk any potential for other shops and amenities, which might feel put off by the environs. Please consider this in the context of the development plan and refuse this application.