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I strongly oppose the opening of a gambling shop on our local high street, as it would likely worsen problems that are already out of control. The area is currently struggling with high levels of crime, visible drug use, and a growing number of vulnerable people experiencing homelessness. Introducing a gambling venue risks attracting further antisocial behaviour, as such establishments can become hotspots for financial desperation and exploitation. Rather than supporting the community, it could deepen existing issues by drawing in individuals who are already at risk and placing additional strain on local services and policing. What our high street needs is investment in safe, positive spaces—such as community centres, support services, and reputable businesses—not developments that could intensify harm and instability.