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I am writing to formally object to this application for an adult gaming centre at 1 Walm Lane. Our High Road already has a disproportionate concentration of gambling venues, and approving yet another will only deepen the harm already being felt in this community. I have serious concerns about the cumulative impact on vulnerable residents, including those with gambling addictions, as well as the well-documented link between clustering of such premises and increased anti-social behaviour. The character of our High Road is being steadily eroded by the proliferation of gambling shops. This application does nothing to serve the needs of local residents and should be refused on grounds of cumulative impact, vulnerability of local residents, and the risk of anti-social behaviour. I urge the council to reject this application.