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I object to the gaming centre because it contravenes the following Licensing objectives of the Gambling Act 2025 1. The centre will be in the proximity of local schools such as St Mary Magdalen's Jr School, Convent of Mary and Jesus infant school, several after school centres as well as tutoring centres such as Explore Centre at the Willesden Library and Lead after school club on 5 Walm Lane attended by under 18 people. The centre is located 300m from Willesden Green Library where hundreds of teenagers go after school and during weekend to study, they often stay there until closing time. QPSC secondary school is also in proximity, many pupils get off at Willesden Green Station and then walk to the school, as that is the closest tube station. There are also food banks in the proximity including the one on weekends on Sainsbury's front court. 2. The centre's opening hours will further increase anti social behaviour associated with late night high street gambling hubs and also shoplifting. The area and in particular the high street has had several incidents over the past year, including several stabbing. For the above reasons I firmly object to this opening