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I am writing as a resident of Willesden Green who lives [REDACTED] site of the proposed new adult gaming centre, to formally object to the proposal. I object due to the following reasons: 1. Protecting vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling. There are large numbers of vulnerable people in the area, including those living in poverty, homeless people and particularly those suffering from mental health and drug and alcohol problems. These groups of people are particularly vulnerable to exploitation from gambling. Further late night gambling venues would only serve to put these vulnerable groups at risk, further escalating the cycle of poverty, mental health and addiction. 2. The risk of increased crime and anti-social behaviour. It is well known that late-night gambling venues are associated with increased crime and antisocial behaviour in an area. This would bring increased threat to families with young children and single females such as myself coming home late at night (which I often have to do as I work shift work for the NHS). Furthermore, I feel it would have a negative impact on the small independant cafe that has recently opened next door to this site. As is clear in the applicants own documents, there are already a plethora of such premises within a small radius. We really do not need any more of these venues in this area. I strongly believe it will only worsen things everyone in the community, and particularly the most vulnerable.