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I wish to object to the above application under the Gambling Act 2005 on the grounds that it fails to adequately promote the licensing objective of protecting children and vulnerable persons from harm or exploitation. The proposed premises is located on a busy high street with significant footfall from children and young people, including those attending nearby schools. The introduction of an Adult Gaming Centre in this location risks normalising gambling behaviour and increasing exposure of children to gambling environments. While the applicant proposes standard mitigation measures such as CCTV and Challenge 25, these do not sufficiently address the risks associated with the location, particularly the presence of young people in the immediate area. Furthermore, the area includes individuals who may be vulnerable to gambling-related harm. The addition of another gambling premises risks exacerbating financial and social harm within the community. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be refused.