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I object strongly to the above application. My grounds are set out below: 1. Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling. This site is very close to local schools (including a primary school on an adjacent road), active food banks and has a high footfall of under 18s at key times of day. 2. Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder. It is well known that there is significant antisocial behaviour associated with gambling premises, particularly those which operated extended hours into the evening. Shoplifting also increased to fund gambling habits. 3. Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way. It remains unclear how the proposed operators are funded and whether they care about their impact on the local environment and residents.