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I strongly object to this planning application for more gambling sites in the borough of Brent, based on the following: 1. Brent already has 81 licensed gambling businesses in its borough which is an exceedingly high number for a population of circa 350000 persons. What is the rational and necessity to add yet more gambling shops? There are excessive numbers of betting shops in areas such as Harlesden (seven within 600m) and Willesden (more than ten in a one-mile stretch). 2. Gambling addiction and associated problems costs the borough of Brent £14 million a year which impacts other services such as schools, infrastructure and social services. The borough has more than double the national average of problem gamblers. It would be immoral, counterproductive and frankly maddening for this planning application to be approved