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My objection is based on concerns that the application conflicts with the objectives of the Gambling Act 2005, specifically the protection of children and vulnerable persons, and the prevention of crime and disorder. Firstly, the location is surrounded by a high concentration of schools, colleges, parks, and family-oriented facilities, resulting in significant daily footfall of children and young people. In addition, the area has high levels of deprivation, with many households experiencing financial hardship. The presence of a nearby food bank illustrates the vulnerability of the local population, who may be particularly at risk of gambling-related harm. Secondly, the area already experiences high levels of crime, including anti-social behaviour and violent incidents. There is also an existing concentration of gambling premises within a one-mile radius. Introducing another venue is likely to increase late-night activity and could exacerbate existing crime and disorder issues.