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Formal Objection to Premises Licence Application – 1 Walm Lane (Ref: 37891) To the Brent Licensing Committee, I am writing as a local resident to formally object to the application for a new Adult Gaming Centre at 1 Walm Lane. Living nearby, I am deeply concerned that this proposal directly contradicts the licensing objectives of the Gambling Act 2005.

- 1. Protection of Children and Vulnerable Persons** This junction is a high-traffic route for local families and children. 1 Walm Lane is in immediate proximity to community assets, including the local library and schools. As a resident, I see firsthand the high footfall of minors at this junction. Furthermore, the area is served by local foodbanks; placing a gambling venue here deliberately targets a community already struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, presenting a high risk of harm to vulnerable residents.
- 2. Preventing Gambling from Being a Source of Crime or Disorder** Our local high street already faces challenges with anti-social behavior. Adult gaming centres, especially those with late-night operating hours (requested until after midnight), are known to attract loitering, public nuisance, and street-level disorder. Granting this licence would exacerbate these existing issues and undermine the safety of the residents who live and walk through this area daily.
- 3. Public Nuisance and Transparency** The proposed venue would replace a former bank in the heart of our community-focused area. The likely addition of bright, obscured signage and late-night activity is inconsistent with the character of Walm Lane and would create a significant public nuisance in terms of noise and light pollution for those living in the immediate vicinity. As a member of this community, I urge the committee to prioritise public safety and the protection of the vulnerable by refusing this application.