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I respectfully submit that approval would conflict with the Gambling Act 2005 objective of protecting children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling. Given local demographics and the existing concentration of gambling premises, the risk of such harm is substantial. Betting shops contribute little to a thriving retail environment. They generate minimal foot traffic compared to other retailers, often keep windows obscured, and do not support the diverse, community-focused high street that regeneration efforts are meant to encourage. Granting this licence would undermine the council's stated objectives for the area.