

Cllr Mary Mitchell

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I am writing as a Cllr in Welsh Harp ward, Leader of the Green Group of Cllrs and candidate for the Green Party in the upcoming local election for Willesden Green Ward. I am writing to object to this license, under the Licensing Objectives of the Gambling Act 2005. The property of 1 Walm Lane is in close proximity to St Mary Magdelene's RC Junior School, the Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant and Nursery School, Happy Stars Day Nursery Limited, and B Park Nursery. Its location on Walm Lane is a prime route for travel from Willesden Green tube station to any of these schools and childcare facilities, and therefore granting the license will directly put children at risk of being harmed or exploited by gambling. The area is also a hotspot for ASB, with the entrance to Willesden Green station increasing in reports of anti-social behaviour and homelessness. It is a known hot spot for policing intervention. The opening of a large gambling premise in close proximity will only increase anti-social behaviour, and will increase crime and disorder in the area. I strongly oppose this licensing application.