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Sir/Madam I strongly object to the proposal for the Santander site at 131-135 Kilburn High Rd. My objection relates to the three Licensing Objectives of the Gambling Act 2005. 1. Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling: The proposed use is too near to local schools, foodbanks and the high footfall of minors at this junction. 2. Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder: I am very concerned at the very high likelihood of anti-social behaviour often associated with late-night high-street gambling hubs including shoplifting. 3. Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way: I am concerned that the Council has not secured enough transparent and guarantees that the site won't be mainly used in other ways than the 'bingo'. The Council has an obligation and duty to protect the vulnerable and seek prevention of disorder. The proposed use does neither and risks making things worse for the area. I ask that the Council uses the 2025 Indices of Deprivation data, not the applicant's 2021 figures, to assess local risk. Please send acknowledgement that this objection has been received and considered. Thank you