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Gambling venues, including bingo halls, are associated with well-documented risks of addiction, which can lead to financial hardship, mental health issues, and social isolation. These harms do not affect individuals alone; they extend to families and the wider community, increasing pressure on social services and contributing to social instability. There is clear evidence that gambling venues disproportionately affect more deprived areas. Vulnerable residents, already facing economic challenges, are more exposed to gambling-related harm, which deepens existing inequalities and creates cycles of debt and dependency. The presence of additional gambling venues nearby is likely to increase anti-social behaviour in an area already under pressure, including loitering, conflict, theft, shoplifting, and other forms of low-level disorder. This negatively impacts residents, local businesses, and perceptions of safety. The proposed location raises further concerns due to its proximity to schools. Increased visibility of gambling activities near young people risks normalising such behaviour and undermining efforts to promote healthy, responsible lifestyles. I also urge the Council to ensure that any assessment of local risk and deprivation reflects the most up-to-date evidence. In particular, the application should be reviewed against the 2025 Indices of Deprivation, rather than relying solely on 2021 data, given the significant economic and social changes in recent years. Bingo venues undermine community wellbeing rather than contributing to positive, long-term outcomes for local residents. Finally, the neighbourhood plan approved by residents excludes the establishment of such businesses in this area.