### **ADDITIONAL PAPERS 2**

## LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Thursday, 24th April, 2025, 7.00 pm - Microsoft Teams (watch the live meeting <u>here</u> and watch the recording <u>here</u>)

Members: Councillors Sheila Peacock (Vice Chair), Kaushika Amin Nick da Costa

### Quorum: 3

6. APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF AN ADULT GAMING CENTRE LICENCE FOR FUTURE LEISURE, 519 GREEN LANES LONDON, N4 1AN (PAGES 1 - 18)

To consider an application for a variation of an adult gaming centre.

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Wednesday, 23 April 2025





Objection to the Application to Remove Condition Restricting Hours of Operation under S169(1)(a) of the Gambling Act 2005

Re: 519 Green Lanes, Hornsey, London, N4 1AN

Dear Haringey Licensing Team,

We strongly oppose the application to remove the existing operational hour restrictions (9:00 AM–11:00 PM) for the premises at 519 Green Lanes. This proposal risks significant harm to the local community, which includes families, vulnerable individuals, and small businesses, and contradicts both planning and licensing principles.

#### **Key Concerns**

### 1. Protecting Local Residents and Vulnerable Groups

This area is particularly vulnerable to the harmful impacts of gambling. Harringay Ward is identified as a high-risk area for gambling-related harm due to its levels of deprivation, mental health challenges, homelessness, and issues with street drinking and drug dependency.

The site is within 100m of South Harringay Primary School and near other schools and youth-focused establishments. This proximity increases the risks of exposing young people to gambling-related harm.

The proposals are in direct conflict with council's Public Health new 'Super zone' approach, which aims to tackle gambling and other factors that could have a detrimental impact on health. The Super zone setup by Public Heath is in recognition of the vulnerability of young people in the locality of these types of applicant sites being susceptible to undue influences that would include gambling (especially gambling that is represented in format of games that is attractive young persons).

# Close to a centre dealing with vulnerable people, including housing, clinics, recovery centre, food banks;

The applicant site is located within 400m of a council run shelter for women suffering from domestic abuse on Burgoyne Road. This centre is specifically targeted at single adults who experience domestic abuse and homelessness. The proximity of the applicant site will pose a threat to the recovery of women staying at the refuge by being directly exposed to the harms of gambling.

Harringay Ward is ranked high in all risks associated with gambling-related harm and the vulnerable groups highlighted in the statement of Gambling Policy, suggesting a strong need to safeguard the area from over-concentration of late-night operation gambling premises.

The physical and mental health of those using the centre is at risk, with data collected by the Gambling Commission in 2019 showing that adult gaming centres hosted sessions of more than an hour on at least 150,000 occasions in the space of six months and that prolonged periods of play could lead to larger financial losses and mental harm.

Harringay ward has the highest number of HMOs in the borough (London Borough of Haringey Houses in Multiple Occupation: Housing Stock Condition and Stressors Report, August 2023) HMO accommodation is associated with a vulnerable population and people at risk of gambling

addiction. Extending hours would make gambling more accessible at times when people are most at risk of harm.

### 2. Increased Crime and Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)

Haringey is already impacted by crime and ASB associated with late-night gambling venues. Extending operational hours would worsen these issues:

- **Crime hotspot concerns**: Green Lanes already sees significant ASB, theft, and drug-related incidents. Late-night hours would add to these pressures.
- **Disruption to nearby residents**: The streets immediately surrounding the premises would face increased noise and disturbances late at night, affecting the quality of life for residents.
- **Exploitation of at-risk groups:** The local area has seen a rise in street homelessness and substance abuse. Allowing extended access to gambling facilities would likely attract vulnerable individuals, worsening existing problems.

These issues directly conflict with the objectives of the Gambling Act to prevent gambling from being a source of crime or disorder.

### 3. Contradiction of Local Policies and Previous Decisions

This application disregards key local and national policies:

- Haringey Local Plan (Policy SP10) emphasises the importance of high streets that reflect community needs and values. Allowing gambling venues to operate late at night detracts from the inclusive, family-friendly character of Green Lanes.
- Haringey's Statement of Gambling Policy 2022-2025 highlights Harringay as an area requiring additional protection from gambling-related harm due to high levels of deprivation. Removing time restrictions would go against this strategy.
- A Planning Application and subsequent appeal to extend opening hours at Admiral Casino, 513 Green Lanes was dismissed. These decisions were based on valid concerns about residential amenity, noise, and ASB—issues that remain unresolved.

### 4. Negative Impact on Local Families and Businesses

Green Lanes is a bustling high street that thrives on its independent restaurants, cafes, and shops. Late-night gambling venues would:

- Discourage families and residents from visiting the area due to safety concerns.
- Compete unfairly with legitimate evening economy businesses such as restaurants and cafes, which contribute positively to the high street's vibrancy.
- Reduce footfall for small businesses, as increased ASB and crime deter visitors.

Feedback from residents and local shopkeepers highlights growing concerns that unrestricted hours for gambling venues could damage the community atmosphere of Green Lanes.

#### Conclusion

The current restrictions on operating hours at 519 Green Lanes are critical for maintaining community safety, protecting vulnerable individuals, and preserving the character of the area. Extending these hours would disproportionately harm residents, families, and businesses while exacerbating local issues with crime and ASB.

We strongly urge the Licensing Authority to reject this application and uphold the existing time restrictions under the Gambling Act 2005 to safeguard the community.

Yours faithfully,

The Gardens Residents Association (GRA)



From: Jake >

Sent: 28 November 2024 21:54

To: Licensing < Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk >

Subject: Objection to Licence Variation Application by Future Leisure, 519 Green Lanes, N4

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Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to formally object to the application by Future Leisure to vary the licence for the Adult Gaming Centre at 519 Green Lanes, N4 1AN, in the Harringay Ward. This proposal raises significant concerns regarding its potential impact on our community.

Haringey already faces substantial challenges related to gambling. An estimated 4,000 residents experience problem gambling directly, with six times that number indirectly affected, including families, workplaces, and the wider community. The borough's concentration of betting shops is more than six times the national average, exacerbating these issues.

The social and economic costs of gambling-related harm are profound. A 2023 report by Public Health England estimated these harms cost society at least £1.27 billion annually, encompassing financial hardship, mental health issues, and increased crime rates. Introducing another gambling venue would likely intensify these problems, creating a detrimental atmosphere and further straining community resources.

Arguments suggesting that such establishments create jobs overlook the broader consequences. The net gain is questionable when considering the council's responsibility to address the resulting social harms. Not all jobs contribute positively to the community; for instance, illegal activities also generate income but are detrimental to societal well-being.

In light of these concerns, I urge the council to reject this licence variation application. Prioritising the health and safety of our residents is paramount, and permitting changes that could exacerbate gambling-related harms would undermine these efforts.

Thank you for considering this objection.

Yours sincerely,

Jake

----Original Message-----

From: mary

Sent: 13 December 2024 08:56

To: Licensing < Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk >

Subject: Extended gambling license application 519 Green Lanes

Data Sir or madam,

I understand there is an application for the extension of a gambling license at 519 Green Lanes, Haringey. I would like to object to the extension of this license. I live on e Road, a short walk from the premises. I have read the conclusions of research material on extended gambling hours, which are neither good for the gambler, nor for the local population. The premises are immediately opposite the Salisbury, a busy pub, and drinking and gambling do not go together. It is not good that as the Salisbury closes the gambling premises continue to be open.

Mary Heycock,

From: Cathy Sent: 14 December 2024 22:25

To: Licensing <Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: Future Leisure, 519 Green Lanes, Hornsey, London, N4 1AN

I have seen that Future Leisure wishes to vary the conditions of its licence for Adult Gaming Premises at 519 Green Lanes N4 1AN.

I can't find detail published of what this entails but have heard that it is a request to keep the premises open beyond 11pm until 2am. If this is the case I am writing to object.

Allowing this to happen would seriously affect the amenity of local residents who are likely to be disturbed by people coming and going when they are sleeping. There is no way of controlling this. It also risks being a magnet for ASB, crime and disorder. There are too many gambling outlets on a short stretch of Green Lanes where the night-time economy risks becoming too prevalent. Balance with the daytime economy needs maintaining.

I also fear that if one outlet manages to get permission to open until 2am, every outlet will expect the same – there have been several attempts over the last few years.

Please protect our local neighbourhood and the wellbeing of our residents.
Cathy Graham
Gardens
N4
From: Hollie Bowden < Sent: 15 December 2024 01:22 To: Licensing < Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk > Subject: 519 green lanes
I object to this gambling establishment to have a late licence to 2am it will cause even more disturbance to green lanes
Best Regards,
Hollie
Interior Designer
Hollie Bowden
From: Karen Clarkom> Sent: 15 December 2024 08:59 To: Licensing < <u>Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk</u> > Subject: Royal casino slots 519 Green Lanes application to extend hours to 2am
Dear Licensing,
I am writing to object to this application.
There has recently been an application to remove the restriction on the opening hours of the 'Royal Casino Slots' so that it no longer needs to close at 11pm - and can trade until 2am.

Studies have shown that gambling facilities are linked to crime and ASB (noise and disruption) and risk affecting vulnerable groups the most (children and those with mental health challenges, the homeless, and suffering addiction).

There are already numerous gambling outlets on Green Lanes which can be seen to have a detrimental impact on community wellbeing and this could set a precedent for others wishing to open into the early hours.

The extended operating hours would result in comings and goings at unsociable times which the appellant would have little or no control over

Thank you

Karen Clark

Local resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: Julia Bell <

**Sent:** 16 December 2024 08:04

To: Licensing < Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk >

Subject: 519 Green Lanes

Hello

I would like to object to the betting establishment at 519 Green Lanes applying to extend its opening hours to 2am. This will encourage late-night noise, anti-social behaviour and is detrimental to nearby residents. It will set a precedent to similar betting establishments in this area of which we have far too many. These businesses target poorer areas like ours, trying to take advantage of vulnerable people with little money and gambling addictions. The council should be deterring this not encouraging.

Regards Julia Bell

Gardens

From: Jean-Marc>

**Sent:** 14 December 2024 10:05

To: Licensing < Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk >

Subject: Royal Casino Slots 519 Green Lanes

Royal Casino Slots 519 Green Lanes

Good Morning,

I object to the extended operating hours, and it should remain at the current closing time of 11.00pm.

As a local resident I can see that the gambling facilities are linked to crime and ASB (noise and disruption) and the risks in affecting vulnerable groups the most (children and those with mental health challenges, the homeless, and suffering addiction).

There are already numerous gambling outlets on Green Lanes which can be seen to have a detrimental impact on the community wellbeing, and this acceptance to allow later operating hours is a precedent for others wishing to open into the early hours.

Jean-Marc Bany.

From: Declan >

**Sent:** 14 December 2024 23:52

**To:** Licensing < <u>Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk</u>>

Subject: [gardensresidents] Future Leisure, 519 Green Lanes, Hornsey, London, N4 1AN

Formally objecting to request from the above gambling establishment to increase their opening hours <u>till 2am</u>.

This is an area with many young families but is already suffering from criminal activity and recent negative press. We do not need anything that could possibly, in any way, increase either.

Kind	regards

Declan

**From:** Slauson Ali, Carolyn **Sent:** 15 December 2024 05:31

**To:** Licensing < <u>Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk</u> > **Subject:** [personal] Gambling open hours extended

I am writing to object to the proposal to extend the hours to 2 am of the gambling establishment at 519 Green Lanes. It has been requested before and we opposed then as did most of the community. Why is this still being considered? These types of places prey on people's addictions and extending their hours just further harms the community and also provides more opportunities for crime late at night.

### Carolyn Slauson Ali

Senior Associate (she/her/hers)\*

From: Vaishali >

**Sent:** 15 December 2024 11:28

To: Licensing < Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk >

Subject: Objection to extending hours of 'gambling' establishment Future Leisure.

Dear Haringey Licensing Team

I strongly object to the proposal to extend the hours of opening for any 'gambling' business on Green Lanes, including Future Leisure (519 Green Lanes).

As a member of a family that includes a disabled adult and a child, I am anxious about the inevitable consequence of late night noise, antisocial behaviour and crime that will result.

Extended hours will lead to greater potential for drunk and disorderly behaviour which is worrying for the majority of residents. Theft and drug dealing are already big issues in the area. We should not be actively encouraging the potential for more ASB and crime. I live on a street with many young families and elderly residents. No one wants this.

In addition, encouraging gambling habits is ethically questionable, especially with the current cost of living crisis. Longer hours means more consumption of alcohol, which leads to less ability to make rational decisions. You are putting people with addictive personalities in a more vulnerable position, risking loss of personal income for themselves and their families.

I would be hugely disappointed of the council if they allow this, disregarding the wellbeing and safety of their residents over financial gain.

Yours faithfully

Vaishali Londhe



### LADDER COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

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Haringey Council Licensing Team Level 4, Alexandra House Station Road Wood Green London N22 8HQ

16 December 2024

Premises Licence: Adult Gaming Centre 519 Green Lanes N4 1AN
To open 24hrs/day, 7 days a week

#### Introduction

I am writing to you on behalf of the local community in my capacity as elected Chair of both the Ladder Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) and the Harringay Ward Police Panel. The LCSP is an umbrella organisation containing hundreds of individual members but also representatives of Neighbourhood Watches and Residents' Associations throughout the Ward including Green Lanes. We are an independent group, although we work in partnership with many other key stakeholders to improve the quality of life for local people. The Police Panel obviously works closely with our local officers and sets priorities which aim to keep the area safe, and free from crime, antisocial behaviour and other nuisances.

Our members – and particularly those who live near the premises (in flats along Green Lanes and at the eastern end of adjacent Ladder roads) – are very concerned at the prospect of an AGC opening 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We believe that, in the specific context of the local area, granting permission for a 24/7 gambling outlet in Green Lanes, Harringay, would be against two of the three key Licensing Objectives of the Gambling Act 2005:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed, or exploited by gambling

Evidence for our concerns is given in sections 2 and 3 below

However, before that we would like to note that the AGCs in Green Lanes have repeatedly tried, and failed, to secure planning permission for opening hours later than 23.00. Both LBH and the Planning Inspectorate have repeatedly refused permission, citing concerns about crime, ASB and nuisance likely to be caused. Indeed, the

Inspectorate refused a daily opening time until 2am for the adjacent AGC at 513 Green Lanes as recently as September 2024.

While we fully understand that Licensing is a separate and independent regime, it is worth stating that there is at present no realistic prospect of 24/7 opening being allowed by Planning, so this application could be seen as an attempt to put pressure on the planning process, were it to succeed.

In addition, the overall thrust of Haringey's Local Development Plan is to boost Wood Green as a night-time economy, while Green Lanes is supported as an <u>evening</u> economy. This means that there are currently no leisure/entertainment/restaurant/café etc facilities open 24/7 in the core area of Green Lanes. Granting such hours would therefore be a radical step and set an unfortunate precedent for many other premises especially all the other gambling outlets in Green Lanes, which would no doubt try to follow suit.

### 1. The applicant's Local Area Gambling Risk Assessment

We are concerned at the range and extent of the errors and omissions in this document; some of the most important include:

### (a) Incorrect list of gambling outlets (pp 11-12)

- There is no William Hill in Green Lanes, the reference to 472-480 Green Lanes is a location in Palmers Green and should read West Green Road
- By contrast, two other betting shops have been <u>omitted</u> from the list: Jennings, 32-33 Grand Parade and Ladbrokes 10-12 Grand Parade the latter omission is the more surprising as it is almost directly opposite the applicant!
- The list therefore fails to show the very close proximity of four gambling outlets (507, 513, 519 Green Lanes, 10-12 Grand Parade) which has obvious implications for problem gamblers and crime (see Section 2 below)
- Golden Slots AGC is at 48 Grand Parade, not 49

### (b) Incorrect list of gambling premises in tabular form (p 46)

- This table is based on the situation before the boundary changes of May 2022, and is therefore 2.5 years out of date
- In particular changes affecting Green Lanes mean that Harringay ward has seven gambling outlets, not three, a significant difference which also contributes to it being an Area of Vulnerability in the Council's Gambling Policy 2022-25

### (c) Incorrect statement that there are no homeless centres within half a mile (p 8)

- There are in fact three homeless centres, one each in Burgoyne Road (wrongly identified as Mental Health Clinic p7), Duckett Road (not mentioned at all) and Mattison Road (wrongly identified as a church p5)
- This is significant because it is widely accepted that the (recently) homeless are highly vulnerable to gambling harm

### (d) Omission of any references to Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in Harringay ward

- A recent study by Haringey Council reveals that Harringay Ward has by far the highest number of HMOs within the borough 785 (in August 2023) with over 2,300 occupants
- This is significant because, once again, it is widely accepted that individuals living in such accommodation are more likely to be vulnerable adults. For more detail about this see Section 3b, below

In conclusion, the extent and nature of all these errors and omissions leaves us very concerned about the overall reliability of the applicant's Risk Assessment document.

### 2. <u>Crime and Disorder issues (Licensing Objective)</u>

The Harringay Green Lanes area is located in a borough which is one of the most deprived. This is recognised by the applicants who note that the borough is the fourth most deprived in London and ranked 49/317 local authorities in England (p17). In addition, the Local Area Profile in the Council's Gambling Policy has identified Harringay ward as an Area of Vulnerability. Within this overall context, the extension of opening hours to 24/7 is particularly unwelcome.

The large number of premises with gaming machines provides an obvious target for irate punters who have lost money (criminal damage cases) while professional criminals or opportunist crime target both the machines and the cash in transit. Staff and innocent bystanders are also vulnerable.

It should be remembered that many of the criminal damage cases are simply not reported. This is because betting outlets do not wish to be associated with too many such occurrences for fear that their licence may be called in for review.

It is worth noting that criminal damage to machines is very common. A typical offence is committed out of anger and frustration when a punter loses his money – offenders are almost invariably male. Shop frontages are also a target – we understand that the plate glass window at 513 Green Lanes AGC had to be replaced earlier this year. Links between crime and addiction are extremely well known and there is little doubt that some customers will be committing acquisitive crime in the local area to feed their addiction.

In this context of gambling-induced crime, it is worth noting that the Green Lanes area has for some time been the focus of a campaign to reduce burglary. There has also been a concerted – and ongoing – effort by the Harringay SNT police to improve security at vulnerable domestic properties throughout the Ladder roads in order to reduce the likelihood of burglary.

There has also been an increase this year in numbers of thefts from a motor vehicle – the sort of crime which provides funds for a drug or gambling addiction

The Harringay area is already a well-know hot spot for drug dealing, including Class A. As a result, two of the three Met. Police Ward priorities are based around drug dealing in conjunction with other criminal activity. There is a very real concern that a 24/7 gambling outlet will act as a magnet for criminal activity, especially as this is already the case in similar locations eg near Turnpike Lane.

Finally, it is worth remembering that Green Lanes used to have a 24/7 economy. It led (in 2002) to an explosion of crime and disorder, culminating in murder, a drug-related turf war and an associated proliferation of late night gambling outlets. As a result, the Council, the police, local residents and traders all came together via the Green Lanes Strategy Group to try to make Green Lanes a better place. We are therefore really anxious that we should not turn the clock back by allowing a 24/7 economy to re-emerge. We have seen the consequences and do not want to experience them ever again.

### 3. <u>Children and Vulnerable Persons Issues (Licensing Objective)</u>

Haringey's 'Statement of Gambling Policy 2022-25' makes it clear that when determining an application to grant a Premises Licence the Council will have regard to the location of services for children and the need to protect vulnerable adults. All of these factors are relevant here, as shown below.

### (a) Schools and Children

The site of the proposed betting shop is between North and South Harringay schools (Falkland and Mattison Roads respectively). There are also many other facilities for children nearby, for example in Cavendish Road and Woodlands Park Road. Four more nurseries and primary schools are also listed by the applicants (p3). As they are local schools, most of the children will live in Harringay and St Ann's wards, in the residential streets of the Ladder and the Gardens. In addition, of course, there are many other children between the ages of 11 and 18 who live in the area.

Local parents have told the LCSP that they do not want their children to be over-exposed to ever-increasing numbers of gambling premises on their way to and from school, or to the shops in Green Lanes. Gambling premises, passed several times every day, mentally creates an impression that gambling is somehow only to be expected as a dominant presence in daily life. This is not the sort of environment in which parents should be forced to bring up their children. Late night and 24/7 opening also poses a particular risk for older teenagers (16-18 year olds) who may be tempted to enter and who will need to be very closely monitored by staff as a result.

#### (b) Vulnerable adults

There is an unusually high number of vulnerable adults in the area. There are three main reasons for these high numbers:

(i) The extensive mental health care facilities at St Ann's Hospital, which draws in vulnerable adults from a broad area of North London. Moreover, there are approximately 4,000 adults with severe

- mental illnesses living in Haringey three times more than would be expected, even given Haringey's level of deprivation (Gambling Local Area Profile January 2022 para 8.4)
- (ii) An exceptional number of vulnerable adults living in 'care in the community' in the two wards adjacent to Green Lanes. Harringay ward in particular has one of the highest numbers of hostels of all 21 wards in the borough
- (iii) There is also an unusually high number of vulnerable adults in the area because of the huge number of HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupation). Harringay ward has the largest number of any ward in the Borough. For example, under the Council's Selective Licensing Scheme this core area of Green Lanes is a hotspot as identified by the Lower Super Output Areas. This means that it has disproportionately high numbers of HMO/private sector dwellings and is problematic in terms of poor housing, environmental crime, ASB, and crime reported to the police.

  Too often, family houses have fallen victim to excessive sub-division into large numbers of small units, which are frequently found to be homes of young single men many of them vulnerable adults: recent migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, those who lack the means to live anywhere else. Such adults may be all too willing to take a gamble, believing that they have nothing to lose. Academic studies in several countries, including Australia, Sweden and the United States, have shown the rate of problem gambling to be several times higher among minority or immigrant groups than the rest of the population.

### (c) Vulnerable Adults and Problem Gambling

The lives of vulnerable adults are clearly harmed by addiction. Slot machines are recognised as highly addictive and this application, if successful, will simply increase the opportunity to feed that addiction by offering a gambling facility at very late hours when no such venue is currently open anywhere else in Green Lanes.

### **Evidence for Problem Gambling**

GamCare (funded by the gaming industry) is the leading agency offering help and support to problem gamblers. Their Annual Reports reveal the steadily increasing numbers of people seeking help each year. The Gambling Commission estimates that there are a quarter of a million problem gamblers in Britain, but Gamblers Anonymous thinks it is well over half a million. Either way it is certainly a significant and growing problem.

GamCare's Annual Reports reveal that their callers seeking help were largely male, and that the key age-group was 18-35 years old – the very group which are above-average in numbers in the two wards either side of Green Lanes, often single, living in accommodation such as HMOs (see above). This is based on latest census returns which, it is recognised, are an underestimate in this case, because many such vulnerable adults simply do not fill in their returns.

### Problems of increased availability for vulnerable adults

We are seriously concerned that an outlet with longer hours in Green Lanes will simply provide more temptation, through increased availability, for the very large number of vulnerable local adults in the area. There is plenty of academic research which supports this stance, ie that increased availability leads to more gambling and more problem gambling for the vulnerable.

One study (supported by GamCare 'Gamblers and Debt Pathfinder Study 2009') noted how 'the more marginalised and deprived are often the most susceptible' (to problem gambling and debt). We need to wonder who would wish to gamble in the early hours of the morning, at 3am or 4am. It is surely the case that a problem gambler or vulnerable adult would be the most likely customer.

### Conclusion

In the light of this evidence, the conclusion must be that a gambling outlet in Green Lanes offering access to slot machines 24/7 will have a seriously adverse impact on two of the key licensing objectives.

The increased risk of crime, whether violent or acquisitive, could obviously affect literally anyone; children will be at an increased risk of exposure to more gambling; while the large number of vulnerable adults are far more likely to gamble (or worse still, fall victim to addiction) given a hugely increased time frame of 24/7.

We therefore urge the Council, as the Licensing Authority, to limit the trading of the AGC to the existing hours of 9am – 11pm daily. This would be the same as the nearby AGCs at 513 Green Lanes and 48 Grand Parade, and in line with all of the existing betting shops.

Finally, we note that the Licensing Committee refused an identical application for 24/7 opening for the AGC at 513 Green Lanes in 2021. As the issues and problems around crime, gambling addiction and vulnerable adults and children have only increased since then, we can see no reason why 24/7 opening should be granted for the current application.

Ian Sygrave
Chair, on behalf of the LCSP
Chair, on behalf of the Harringay Police Panel