

Rep from Licensing Authority

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Subject: FW: LICENSING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION-Application for a Variation of Gambling Premises Licence - Future Leisure Ltd, 519 Green Lanes, Hornsey, London, N4 1AN.

Importance: High

Dear Woods Whur,

I am writing as the Licensing Authority Responsible Authority in making this representation against the above named application. It is recognised that local licensing decision making is an administrative and evaluative process requiring a proportionate balancing exercise, that allows all parties to consider the specific locality alongside the details of the application.

An officer of the Licensing Authority, in whose area the premises are situated, who is authorised for the purposes of exercising its statutory function as a 'Responsible Authority' under the Gambling Act 2005

The Licensing Authority representations are primarily concerned with the three licensing objectives;

- **Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime**
- **Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way**
- **Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.**

The AGC is situated in an area that is recognised for its socio -economic concerns. Green Lanes has its own unique mix of problems such as street drinkers, high levels of anti social behaviour, crime and disorder for many years. This area is a busy town centre consisting of numerous social issues arising from an increased presence of street drinkers and begging as well as rough sleepers. An adult gaming centre operating throughout the night will be a magnet to these individuals already finding it difficult to maintain any kind of day to day social interaction.

It is recognised that the location of the proposed premises is an important consideration. The unit is based along a busy section of Green Lanes which is a main thoroughfare for children

and young people travelling to and from school or other activities, as well as for vulnerable persons seeking the health services at nearby St Ann's Hospital.

Special consideration should be given to the close proximity of the vulnerable people in the immediate locality.

The area has an existing AGC which has itself seen crime in terms of criminal damage to the machines from frustrated customers and also staff being attacked by customers who have lost money.

The location of the betting establishments in this regard provides for an environment in which gambling activity may be closely and prominently observed. Whilst we do not suggest that the applicant proposes to advertise in such a way as to make betting attractive to children, the LSC is asked to consider whether the location of this particular premises acts to normalise and thereby inadvertently promote gambling to children and young persons. And other vulnerable persons.

The close proximity of the drug outreach centre means that persons with substance misuse issues will be put to the test in making balanced and informed decisions and could potentially be drawn to gamble more in the hope of obtaining money to fund their addiction.

Within the Council's own Local area profile the location is deemed as being at high overall risk of gambling related harm, and generally considered inappropriate for further gambling establishments, which could potentially raise

the risk of gambling related harm to vulnerable people living in this area. Operators are asked to consider very carefully whether seeking to locate new premises within this area would be consistent with the licensing

objectives and the local risks identified.

Taking into account these matters the licensing authority take the view that there are insufficient conditions that could be offered to meet these concerns. Given these concerns in the locality the LSC is urged to not grant variation sought.

The current hours are sufficient for this location there should be no increase as such a step would further impact a community already at risk.

Yours sincerely,

Daliah Barrett (Licensing Team Leader)

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