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**Subject:** FW: Licensing Authority Representation - Little Vegas 17 High Road N22

Dear Sirs/Madam,

### **Licensing Authority Representation**

Application for a Premises Licence (Adult Gaming Centre) by Little Vegas, Shop, 17 High Road, Wood Green, London, N22 6BH.

The Council is aware that demand issues cannot be considered with regard to the location of premises but that considerations in terms of the licensing objectives can be. As per the Guidance for local authorities, this authority will pay particular attention to the protection of children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling, as well as issues of crime and disorder. Haringey is a very diverse borough, both culturally and socio economically and also has areas where levels of crime and disorder and anti social behaviour are more prevalent than in others.

Noel Park ranks 1st amongst all Haringey wards for crime. There were 308 crimes reported here in January 2025 alone

Crime type	Instances
Shoplifting	77
Violence and sexual offences	62
Anti-social behaviour	55
All other crime	114

With an estimated population of 13712, crime rate (crime per 1000 residents) is 264.29, a decrease of 6.82 % compared to previous year. We welcome the decrease but it is coming from a high starting position. The decrease is testimony to the ward priorities listed below being part of targeted and focused working by the police and local authority.

After careful consideration of the application, Haringey Council as Licensing Authority under the Gambling Act 2005 is making a representation against your application for the following reasons:

The Licensing Authority has recognised in its Local Area profile that the Noel Park ward is an area of ongoing concerns with regards to potential harm from gambling related activities.

Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and associated anti-social behaviour. Reported crime in other betting facilities show that there is a likelihood of violence from customers who become aggrieved when losing at the machines. Crime reports show that on some occasions there is a link between violent activity in one premises leading to further crime or anti-social behaviour in the immediate vicinity. There is already a high level of crime in this area being the main town centre in the borough.

Protecting vulnerable persons from being harmed by gambling. Haringey expects high standards of management and protection for those most vulnerable to the effects of a gambling premises in an area with high deprivation levels. Noel Park ward ranks 4<sup>th</sup> for deprived areas in Haringey.

The applicant must be able to demonstrate who they consider to be vulnerable persons and what detailed protection measures they have in place. Staff and shop customers are vulnerable to the effects of problem gambling. There are reports of instances of violence and verbal abuse reported at gambling premises in the area, which is often directed at staff and other customers. This is particularly concerning given that the applicant is now seeking a 24hour operation.

We are aware of residents being impacted by noise from the premises periodically. Machine and people noise as caused nuisance. Allowing later operating hours will only serve to exacerbate this further.

The granted Planning permission is clear that at no time shall any amplified speech or music generated from the site be audible within the adjoining residential premises.

It should be noted that the ward priorities are:

- Violence - Public space safety in Wood Green High Road
- Robbery - Items of personal property/ phones, wallets
- Drug related ASB - Possession & Dealing

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the Licensing Authority recommends that the Licensing Sub Committee when making their decision, have regard to the concerns that a 24hr operation would bring, the likelihood of the premises attracting a clientele of local residents that already experience deprivation, alcohol and drug dependency, high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour. The High Road has its own issues with socially vulnerable people and we do not consider that an increase in hours is particularly beneficial for this location.

The business has also acted on breach of Haringeys Policy in having staff out in the High Road actively handing out promotional leaflets to get people into the premises. Haringey does not allow for promotional activity that can negatively impact on people's lives, this includes, tobacco products, gambling, pay day loans, bad debt risk credit card offers, unhealthy food choices etc.

The potential for noise nuisance to impact on the residential properties later into the night is to be avoided. The business has also made an application for 24hour operation to Planning, this was refused. The subsequent appeal to the Planning Inspectorate was also dismissed due to the potential for late night noise from the operation of the premises impacting the residential properties. A copy of the Planning Inspectors findings is attached.

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Licensing Authority.

**From:** Jake Wells <

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**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@haringey.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Objection to Little Vegas' Application for 24-Hour Operation at 17 High Road, Wood Green, N22 6BH

Dear Haringey Council Licensing Committee,

I am writing to formally object to the application by Little Vegas, located at 17 High Road, Wood Green, N22 6BH, to vary its licence for 24-hour operation as an Adult Gaming Centre.

Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs), commonly found in such establishments, have been associated with significant social harm. Despite the reduction of the maximum stake to £2 in April 2019, concerns about their addictive nature persist.

The proposed extension to 24-hour operation raises further concerns. Extended hours may exacerbate gambling-related issues, leading to increased financial hardship and social problems within the community. It is important to consider the potential negative impact on vulnerable individuals during late-night hours.

Notably, areas such as Muswell Hill and Highgate do not have such establishments operating around the clock. This absence suggests a community preference for limiting the availability of gambling services, thereby reducing potential harm.

Moreover, the proliferation of gambling establishments in certain areas can lead to clustering, which has been a concern in Haringey. This clustering effect can negatively impact the character of local communities and contribute to social issues.

In light of these concerns, I urge the Licensing Committee to reject Little Vegas' application for 24-hour operation. Prioritising the well-being of our community and mitigating potential gambling-related harm should be our foremost considerations.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours sincerely,

Jake Wells