# APPENDIX – 3 REPRESENTATIONS FROM RESIDENTS

## LADDER COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ... keeping crime off

P.O. Box 32109 Haringey London N4 IGN lcsp@blueyonder.co.uk

Jaliah Barrett head officer, Licensing

the "Ladder"

20 December 2009

Re: 513 Green Ranes, N4 1TA

Dear Date,

Hereinth the letter of objection from the LCSP, on behalf of local residents. Attached are requests from 2 boral residents, in Warham + Seymon Rds, arking the LCSP to act as their behalf.

It is also exply that I will be calling a police officer to act as a witness to gove endence on the day of the hearing.

Very best ushes for Christmas

From: To:

"ben swift" <benswifty@yahoo.co.uk> "LCSP [Ladder" < lcsp@blueyonder.co.uk>

Sent:

16 December 2009 21:07

Subject:

Betting Shop 513 Green Lanes

Dear Ian Sygrave,

As a resident of Warham Road Harringay N4 who lives in close proximity to the proposed betting shop (Betfred) at 513 Green Lanes, I would like the LCSP to represent my objections at the Licensing Committee hearing (and any subsequent appeal, should the need arise). Sadly since moving into this area my neighbourhood has become blighted by betting outlets. At the bottom of my road there are now 4 betting shops no more than 20 square meters from each other. I have witnessed its customers standing outside intimidating my wife with cat calls and other sexist behaviour. Many of the customers are drunk, smoking and offencive to to the public and throwing their rubbish on the floor. The Betting outlet will invite crime an antisocial behaviour. Valuable police time is taken up by having to patrol the areas outside the betting outlets and Betfred will only add to the overstretching of police resources. With this in mind I would greatly appreciate it the LCSP could represent my wife's and my objections at the Licensing Committee hearing.

Sincerely

Mr And Mrs Ben Swift 89 Warham Road London **N4 1As** 

From:

"Anette Collins" <anette\_collins@hotmail.com>
"LCSP" <lcsp@blueyonder.co.uk>

To:

Sent:

16 December 2009 20:43

Subject:

Betting shop licence application

## Dear Ian

I live in very close proximity to the proposed Betfred betting shop at 513 Green Lanes, and I would really like the LCSP to represent my objections at the Licensing Committee hearing (and any subsequent appeal, should the need arise). Thank you!

regards,

Anette Collins 79 Seymour Road London N8 0BJ



Licensing Team
London Borough of Haringey
1st Floor, Lee Valley Technopark
Ashley Road
Tottenham
London N17 9LN

Dear Miss Barrett,

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2009

Re: 513 Green Lanes, Premises Licence for Gambling

We are writing to you on behalf of the Harringay Traders Association to object to the above application. Our objections are based on two of the key gambling objectives.

1) Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime.

We believe that gambling premises such as betting shops attract serious crime into the area. e.g Armed robbery, criminal damage, theft and personal injury. Such premises offer a warm and inviting environment in which undesirable elements can congregate. There are no other premises in the area that can provide such a free opportunity. From the perspective of the Traders Assoc, we are concerned that the criminal activity caused by such premises could harm our High Street.

2) Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or being exploited by gambling.

This premises is located in the heart of a residential area with a high concentration of families and children, consequently there are four schools in close proximity to the proposed betting shop. Many residents will frequent our local shops and in particular the Post Office which is located next door. The traders are concerned that their customers maybe reluctant to shop on Green Lanes once it has become associated with a huge number of gambling outlets. We are also very concerned that this is subconsciously sending out a negative message to our youth, that gambling is part of the norm.

We are also aware that the Green Lanes area has a disproportionately large number of vulnerable adults. This is because of the mental health facilities at St Ann's Hospital, the clinic in Burgoyne Road, the numerous hostels in the Ladders and the Garden roads, and the large number of vulnerable adults living in rented accommodation such as HMOs. We are concerned that these numerous vulnerable

persons maybe harmed or exploited by the ever increasing number of attractively presented betting shops.

We are writing to object on behalf of all the Traders on Green Lanes, but in addition, we asked some of the local traders in closest proximity to the proposed site for their opinion, and we have enclosed their views.

In summary, there was unanimous opposition to this application for yet another betting shop on Green Lanes in addition to the existing seven of which three are located within 50m of the proposed site.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr S Mehmet

Chair

Harringay Traders Assoc

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# Express your view on a new Betting Shop

An application has been made to Haringey Council by Betfred for a licence for a new betting shop at 513 Green Lanes (formerly the Nationwide, near the Post Office).

Please let us know what you think about this by writing your name and address and ticking the appropriate box to indicate whether you: *support this application; are not sure; oppose it.* 

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Tel: 020 8802 3438 VAT NO: 679 6999 13					

## **Barrett Daliah**

From:

Pavlos Mastiki [pavtravels@yahoo.co.uk]

Sent:

22 December 2009 14:55

To:

Barrett Daliah

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Cllr Canver Nilgun

Subject: Betting shop at 513 Green Lanes: objection to the application for a gambling premises

Dear Daliah

# Betting shop at 513 Green Lanes: objection to the application for a gambling premises

Thank you for consulting me on this matter. I am writing to object to the application for two reasons:

- The increasing number of gambling venues in our area is leading to anti-social behavior. An increasing number of men loiter outside existing betting shops in the area and at times the atmosphere is threatening. I believe that a new betting shop will make the situation worse, by increasing the amount of venues where people can potentially loiter.
- Gamblers tend to be young adult males from ethnic minority backgrounds with generally very few prospects. The increasing number of betting shops will only **encourage more vulnerable young people** (e.g. from nearby schools and Saint Anne's Mental Health Unit) to perceive gambling as a way of life instead of focusing on developing their prospects.

We should be doing more to empower these young people to develop their full

potential. However, encouraging them to gamble (by making more gambling venues available and highly visible) will be counter productive .

Could you please acknowledge this objection and let me know of the outcomes of the consultation.

Regards

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#### **Barrett Daliah**

From:

Berry Adam

Sent:

22 December 2009 12:09

To:

Barrett Daliah

Cc:

Cllr Canver Nilgun

Subject: Objection to the Proposed Betting Shop at 513 Green Lanes

Dear Dahlia,

Please find forwarded Cllr Canver's objection to the proposed betting shop at 513 Green Lanes which she has asked me to forward to you:

Dear Daliah,

Re: Objection to a proposed betting shop at 513 Green Lanes.

I am writing to you to register my objection to the recent application for a gambling premises license at 513 Green Lanes. My objection to the license is based on two points, namely, the prevention of gambling becoming a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime and the protection of children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed, or exploited by gambling.

It is well known that betting shops attract crime into an area in a way that ordinary shops do not, often increasing activities such as Loitering, Anti Social Behaviour, Criminal Damage and Armed Robbery. Men who use the betting shops often congregate outside of the shops causing anti social behaviour for residents in particular women. Our recent survey in the area proves that loitering is one of the key concerns that local residents have.

The increased risks that such a premises would bring would have a direct effect on the large numbers of children and vulnerable adults in the area. There are a number of schools as well as a number of services for vulnerable adults near to the proposed premises including St Ann's Mental Health Unit, the clinic in Burgoyne Road, not to mention the number of vulnerable adults in HMO's, hostels and bedsits in supported housing. The profile of problem gamblers tends to be young adult males, from minority ethnic backgrounds, often in poor health and/or in poor living conditions. Unfortunately this is a demographic readily found in this area and it is for these reasons I am objecting to the application for a gambling premises license.

Please note my objection to this application ahead of the deadline on Wednesday 23rd December.

Yours Sincerely,

Councillor Nilgun Canver Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Community Safety Chair of Green Lanes Strategy Group

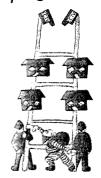
Best Wishes.

## Adam Berry

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the "Ladder"

Daliah Barrett Lead Officer, Licensing Haringey Council Units 271-2 Lea Valley Technopark Ashlev Rd London N17 9LN

20 December 2009

Dear Ms Barrett

Premises licence: Betting: 513 Green Lanes, N4 1TA

The Ladder Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) contains representatives of Neighbourhood Watches and Residents' Associations from the 'Ladder' roads, adjacent to Green Lanes, Harringay, and from Wightman Road and Green Lanes itself. We are an independent group, although working in partnership with Haringey Council and the Metropolitan Police where appropriate.

Residents discussed this application at the LCSP's monthly meeting on 10 December and agreed on the reasons for their objection, which are outlined in this letter.

We believe that in the context of the well known problems in the area, (including the crime which betting shops seem to attract), coupled with high-density residential accommodation and local schools, granting permission for yet another Betting Shop 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

## 1. Green Lanes context

The proposed betting shop is located in the heart of Green Lanes, and is very close to all of the seven existing betting shops, and the Adult Gaming Centre. Indeed two are virtually adjacent (507 and 519 Green Lanes, with another opposite, at 12 Grand Parade).

The clustering of such premises in a small area in <u>not</u> in general a relevant representation. <u>However</u>, a key passage in the Guidance to Licensing Authorities (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, June 2007) indicates it <u>can</u> be relevant in certain instances:

'Thus for example the following examples of possible representations would not be likely to be relevant:

that there are already too many gambling premises in the locality (although it <u>may be</u> <u>relevant</u> if it points, as a result, to rising problems in crime, disorder, underage gambling or problem gambling)'

We believe that it is indeed relevant in the Green Lanes area and that therefore the ever-increasing number of gambling premises is of the greatest significance in terms of crime and disorder, and vulnerable adults and increasing problem gambling.

Green Lanes is not a typical 'High Street', in that it contains a very large number of non A1 uses (ie not shops), currently at well over 40%, but set as a general rule at 35% in the UDP. This is relevant and significant because many of the non A1 premises already offer gaming/gambling machines, especially in the numerous social clubs, cafes, and pubs. There are also, of course, many lottery outlets in newsagents and grocers, not to mention the eight existing outlets devoted entirely to gambling.

#### 2. Crime and Disorder Issues

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.

In a recent incident an armed robber held up a betting shop at 559 Green Lanes (Sept 08) and threatened to shoot the terrified cashier. The robber has since been caught and sentenced to 7 years (Oct 09) but his accomplice remains at large, and the cashier was so traumatised by the event that she has been forced to leave her job. In addition, customers and passers-by were also put at obvious risk.

#### Official Crime figures

Figures from the police show that during the (financial) year 2009-09) there were 46 recorded crimes concerning betting shops, while for the first three quarters of the present financial year (April-mid December 2009) there were 37. This means that 83 criminal acts have taken place in Green Lanes since April 2008 which are directly attributable to the presence of betting shops (figures relate to 6 of the 7 betting shops in Green Lanes, and include offences such as criminal damage - the majority - theft and commercial robbery).

It should be remembered that these are **only the recorded figures**: the number of actual incidents is **likely to be considerably greater as many cases are simply not reported**. This is because betting shops 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 the figures reveal large numbers of instances of **criminal damage to machines**, **especially FOBTs** (Fixed Odds Betting Terminals) A typical offence is committed out of anger and frustration when a punter loses his money: offenders are almost invariably male. FOBTs, especially those offering £500 in prize money, are very addictive (see also below 3d). 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 been the focus of a campaign to reduce burglary. For instance, crime prevention officers in January 2008 identified Harringay ward's residents as the first candidates for receipt of free timer switches, funded by the Borough Association of Neighbourhood Watches. Since then, 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.

It is hard to avoid the conclusion that the local community in and around Green Lanes would be put at an increasing risk of crime if more gambling outlets were to open in Green Lanes, especially those offering greater access to a larger number of high prize money machines than are already available.

## 3. Children and Vulnerable Persons Issues

Haringey's 'Statement of Gambling Policy' (p5) makes it clear that 'when determining an application to grant a Premises Licence or review a Premises Licence, regard will be had to the proximity of the premises to schools, vulnerable adult centres or residential areas where there may be a high concentration of families with children' All of these factors are relevant here, as shown below.

## 3a) Schools and Children

The site of the proposed betting shop is between North and South Harringay Schools (Mattison and Falkland Roads respectively). There are also many other facilities for children nearby, for example in Cavendish Rd and Woodlands Park Rd. 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 and the post office - which, incidentally, is next door to the proposed betting shop. More and more 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.

## 3b) Mental Health Care for Children and Young People

In 2008 a new clinic opened in Burgoyne Rd, which is close to Green Lanes and the proposed new betting shop. This centre specialises in Child and Adolescent Mental Health. It attracts even more vulnerable young people into the area, not just from the locality but from all of Haringey and even other areas of North London.

## 3c) Vulnerable adults

There is an unusually high number of vulnerable adults in the area. Indeed, so well known are the numbers and problems of vulnerable people in the area that the Drug and Alcohol advisory services for Haringey Council launched a special outreach scheme in December 2007, specifically for the local community around Green Lanes. Known as the Turkish Café Project, this scheme makes help available in a range of local community languages.

## 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.
- (ii) an exceptional number of vulnerable adults living in 'care in the community' in the two wards adjacent to Green Lanes. In March 2007, Harringay ward had 12 hostels and St Ann's 8, the first and third highest numbers of hostels for all 19 wards in the Borough. (In comparison, 8 wards had none or only one).
- (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, with St Ann's not too far behind. This was recognised by the setting up in 2007 of a special Council Working Group on HMOs, with particular reference to these two wards. Too often, family houses have fallen victim to excessive subdivision (quite often illegally) into large numbers of poor quality small units, which are often 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 a number of 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.

## 3d) Vulnerable Adults and Problem Gambling

The lives of vulnerable adults are clearly harmed by addiction.

FOBTs (Fixed Odds Betting Terminals) are recognised as highly addictive. As early as 2003, the government expressed its concerns about the growing number of FOBTs as an undesirable development. Tessa Jowell MP, then Secretary of State at the DCMS, in a written statement to Parliament (8 Jan) said:

'The Government has noted with concern the increasing installation in licensed betting offices of machines, described as fixed odds betting machines, which enable customers to play virtual casino games.... We take the view that the uncoordinated proliferation of high-prize machine-gaming on the high street risks seriously increasing problem gambling' This led to the limitation of 4 high-value FOBTs in a betting shop and a code of practice for

FOBTs in Nov 2003.

However, as betting shops proliferate in a given area, so too do the FOBTs, and granting this application would increase their number in a tiny area of Green Lanes from 28 to 32 - surely a cause for concern, and an 'uncoordinated proliferation'. A limit of 4 per shop is clearly meaningless to a gambler when such large numbers are available almost next door.

## **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, with a 68% increase between 2006-2008 (Ref 1). These large figures are only the tip of the iceberg: 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. It's 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 poor or substandard accommodation such as HMOs (see 3c.(i) 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 more gambling outlets 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 recent study (supported by Gamcare - Ref 2) noted how 'the more marginalised and deprived are often the most susceptible' (to problem gambling and debt). Moreover, 'gamblers who had self-excluded [in a bid to control their addiction] from one or two venues in a locality tended to move between different gambling operators as a strategy to avoid detection...' (p122).

In other words, more gambling outlets in an area make life more tempting for problem gamblers.

#### Conclusion

In the light of all this evidence, the conclusion must be that an increased number of gambling outlets in Green Lanes will have 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 an increased availability of outlets and FOBTs in Green Lanes. We do not believe that any conditions could be imposed sufficient to meet all of our serious concerns under the two key licensing objectives, noted above, and we therefore urge the refusal of this application.

Yours sincerely

on behalf of the LCSP

Ref 1: The figures from the GamCare annual reports are as follows:

2006 30,247 calls2007 37,806 calls2008 50,788 calls

Ref 2: Gambling and Debt Pathfinder Study 2009, produced jointly by Manchester Metropolitan University, Gamcare, the Money Advice Trust and the Salvation Army

# GAMBLING COMMISSION

# Guidance to Licensing Authorities 2nd Edition June 2007

- 7.49 The Secretary of State and Scottish Ministers have made regulations under section 160 of the Act concerning notice of application. These require applicants for premises licences to give notice of their application to the responsible authorities. They also stipulate that applicants publish notice of their application in a local newspaper and display it on the premises for the benefit of interested parties. These provisions apply, with one or two necessary modifications, in relation to applications for provisional statements and some ancillary applications that can be made in relation to a premises licence. Responsible authorities will have a legitimate interest in the development of the premises, because of the functions that they will need to carry out in relation to them. But licensing authorities must take care to ensure that the concerns that responsible authorities may have in relation to their own functions are not taken into account if they are not relevant to the application for a premises licence under the Act. Thus, for example, the following examples of possible representations would not be likely to be relevant:
  - that there are already too many gambling premises in the locality (although it
    may be relevant if it points, as a result, to rising problems in crime, disorder,
    underage gambling or problem gambling);
  - that the proposed premises are likely to be a fire risk;

## 2001 CENSUS DATA: WARD PROFILE Harringay

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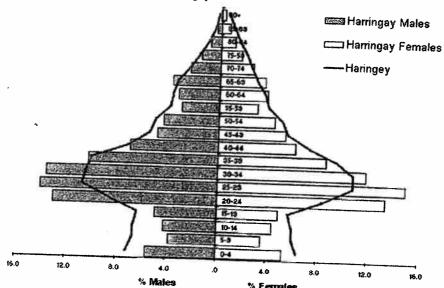
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Male	10,525	100.0		n.a
Female	5,219	49.6	47.9	1 7
HOUSEHOLDS	5,306	50.4	52.1	-1.7
Owner Occupied	4,520	100.0	92,170	n.a
Council	2,124	47.0	45.8	1 2
Housing Association	353	7.8	19.7	-11.9
Private Rented / Other	411	9.1	10.5	-1.4
	1,632	36.1	23.9	12.2

Fig 1: Population pyramid - Harringey and Harringay Ward

Source: KS01, KS18

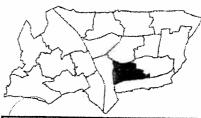


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20-24	512	4.9	6.0	-1.1
25-29	1,385	13.2	8,5	4.7
30-34	1,525	14.5	10.7	3.7
35-39	1,334	12.7	10.7	2.0
40-44	993	9,4	9.8	-0.3
15-49	689	6.5	7.2	-0.6
50-54	533	5.1	5.5	-0.4
5-59	464	4.4	5.0	-0.6
0-64	320	3.0	3.9	-0.9
5-69	371	3.5	3.6	-0.1
0-74	383	3.6	3.1	0.5
5+	262	2.5	2.4	0.1
	344	3.3	4.3	-1.0

## 2001 CENSUS DATA: WARD PROFILE St Ann's

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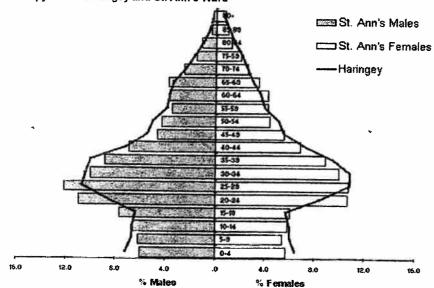
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Female	6,385	50.7	52.1	-1.5	
HOUSEHOLDS	4,865	100.0		n.a	
Owner Occupied	2,274	46.7	45.8	0.9	
Council	964	19.8	19.7	0.1	
Housing Association	425	8.7	10.5	-1.8	
Private Rented / Other	1,202	24.7	23.9	0.8	

Fig 1: Population pyramid - Haringey and St. Ann's Ward

Source: KS01, KS18



AGE STRUCTURE	no.	%	Borough Average	diff.	
0-4	734	5.8	6.8	-1.0	
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20-24	1,364	10.8		2.4	
25-29	1,441	11.4		0.7	
30-34	1,259	10.0	10.7	-0.7	
35-39	1,115		9.8	-0.9	
40-44	866	6.9	7.2	-0.3	
45-49	641	5.1	5.5	-0.4	
50-54	544	4.3	5.0	-0.7	
55-59	485	3.8	3.9	-0.1	
60-64	494	3.9	3.6	0.3	
65-69	451	3.6	3.1	0.4	
70-74	319	2.5	2.4	0.1	
75+	512	4.1	4.3	-0.2	

Source: KS02

Havingey Council
23-12-09

Mario Petrou Hearts of Horringay Po Bosc 45129 Loudon, NIS 3XF

Re: 5/3 Gueen Lanes NO ITA

I very strongly object to the granting of a premisis license to the Done Brothers (cash betting) ltd t/a 13 etqued for \$13 6 need Lames NS.

This proposed establishment is too near schools, the nost oppice is nest door where many young people with or without an occorryaning adult prequently are, a many voluevable people living in the area use the health services or come into the area to are them the health services or come into the area to are them. Many local women are anxious when walking part Many local women are anxious when walking part groups of new that vortinely conquegate outside groups of new that vortinely conquegate outside all the existing gambling shops. So why should all the existing dipperent?

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Showldn't veridents have a meaningful sug about such things within their local area?

The licensing committee most note that the Green Land area is saturated with betting shops, which are detrimentally affecting the ambience of the vettil rise.

People are not going to want to more into the area & families will start leaving it.

Please refuse this application, your sincerely MP etwor

#### **Barrett Daliah**

From: Cllr Alexander Karen

Sent: 20 December 2009 11:20

To: Barrett Daliah
Cc: Cllr Baker Carolyn

Subject: Licensing Application: 513 Green Lanes, London

## Licensing Application: 513 Green Lanes, London

As local ward councillor for Harringay ward I would like to make the following representation in respect of this application.

I would ask the licensing committee to consider the 2 licensing objectives which apply in this case, namely:-

- 1. Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime. Whilst I am aware that sheer numbers are not in themselves grounds for the application to be denied, there is now such a concentration of betting shops in this short parade of shops that they are likely to attract crime like armed robberies, burgulary and muggings (from people to get money to gamble).
- 2. Protecting children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling. Within the immediate vicinity are two primary schools and St Ann's Hospital which cares for vunerable adults with mental health problems.

For the above reasons I would ask that the Licensing Committee refuse this application.

Yours faithfully

## Karen Alexander

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#### **Barrett Daliah**

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Subject: Correction - Objection to Licence for 513 Green Lanes

## Please see below email from David Lammy MP

I am writing in my capacity as Member of Parliament for Tottenham to object in the strongest terms to the above licence.

This local area is in danger of becoming saturated with gambling outlets, going far beyond what is needed to provide choice for those that wish to gamble.

# 1. Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime

The number of premises makes it very difficult for the authorities to monitor their individual impact and any crime or disorder caused. However, local Safer Neighbourhood Teams have advised that betting shops in the local area are often sources of antisocial behaviour and that dealing with situations in and around them takes up a lot of police time.

The betting shops and gambling establishments along Green Lanes often have large groups of men, more recently accompanied by young boys, congregating outside. They are often smoking and drinking alcohol and causing a deeply uncomfortable and intimidating atmosphere for people who walk past. There is no doubt that the proliferation of betting shops has harmed our local area and I believe that another one would simply consolidate this harm.

Local people want a vibrant and diverse range of establishments on their high street. Another betting shop would detract further from this aim, both by yet another premises being used as a betting shop and by decreasing the attractiveness of Green Lanes to other businesses looking for somewhere to invest/open a new business. Granting this appeal would therefore be actively harmful to the future of the local area.

A sizable number of people live above the businesses on Green Lanes itself and are particularly affected by these issues.

## 2. Protecting children and other vulnerable person's from being harmed or exploited by gambling

A number of schools, nurseries, and key community buildings are very close to the proposed site. St. Ann's Hospital, which is used by many vulnerable people, including people with mental health problems, is a short walk from Green Lanes and from the proposed site. It is therefore a serious concern this betting shop could cause harm to children and vulnerable people in the area.

An increase in the number of betting premises on Green Lanes - which, if they are new, tend to be brightly lit, modern and inviting - could increase the attractiveness and accessibility of gambling in an area frequented by a large number of young people and vulnerable adults. In making a decision I hope you will take into account the impact on those that do gamble or may do so with little further encouragement. In an area like Tottenham and Haringey where many people are on low incomes, we can ill afford to increase the prevalence, accessibility and attractiveness of gambling in this way.

In conclusion, for the reasons outlined above, I would like to ask that this application is refused and that the very real concerns of local residents are placed above the desires of betting shop proprietors.

Yours sincerely

David

DAVID LAMMY Member of Parliament for Tottenham