

Appendix 6 – Representations

Letter and email to local authority licensing department informing of representation from local resident. The email contained the same letter that was posted.

Letter received via post on 19 August 2021, the email containing the letter was received on 18 August 2021.

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18 August 2021

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Borough Economy
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Dear Licensing Team

Re: Application for a premises license under the Gambling Act 2005 at 562 Bearwood Road

As residents of Sherwood Road, in very close proximity to the address for which the application has been made, I wish to make a representation against the application on the following grounds:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder

I am concerned that another gambling premises on Bearwood Road will add to the already substantial street crime and anti-social behaviour in the area. In particular the 24-hour slot arcade that already exists on Bearwood Road directly opposite the premises this application is for has noticeably increased this, with an increase in late night noise, litter and people urinating in the street. I appreciate this is not something the licencing team can address directly and I am already working with a local councillor and police to do so.

2. Protection of children and vulnerable people

I am concerned about the protection of children and vulnerable people as this application relates to a premises very close to bus stops used by local school children and local residents many of whom are elderly. The addition of a sixth gambling premises will make it impossible for any pedestrians or users of public transport to avoid walking and waiting outside the premises.

3. Size, nature, proximity of premises

Bearwood Road already has 5 gambling premises situated very close together and on both sides of the road, therefore making it impossible to avoid the arcades and bookmakers whilst walking round local shops, cafes and bus stops.

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4. Impact on location and routes used by staff and customers

Customers and staff using this premises late at night will travel by car and will add to traffic and parking congestion in the local area. Because two of the adjacent streets are one-way this adds to the circulation of traffic during night hours as well as during the day. Parking in Sherwood and Anderson Roads will be impacted, making it very difficult for elderly residents and those with young children to park close to their homes.

I would therefore like to make this representation and register my objection to this application for a license.

Yours faithfully



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