

Objection 1

My objection is based on

- Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

This is a deprived area and the council should not be encouraging such businesses to operate in the borough given the high level of unemployment and crime rates. These types of business thrive on those who are financially vulnerable.

UK Rehab state

*' When gambling addicts exhaust their own access to cash, they may borrow from family and friends and, when that source of funds dries up, turn to a life of crime. Burglaries and petty theft are common but some gambling addicts **will commit fraud** to the tune of thousands of pounds'*

I find it infuriating that the council would consider this given that there are a number of betting shops with slot machines within the area and there is no need for anymore.

Please can I be kept updated on this application and can you acknowledge receipt of this e-mail.

Objection 2

Dear Licensing team,

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

Criminals are already using the existing Gambling services available in the area immediately surrounding the Heathway as a base of operations to launder drug money and stolen goods. Another area to do this is only making their lives easier.

* Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way

The area is already saturated with other Gambling premises, and an additional licensed area or this amendment being passed is absolutely not going to create a fairer or more open environment for Gambling. Fair and open Gambling is happening at every bookmakers kiosk on the Heathway estate, and the additional FOBT are not being added for fairness or for openness, but to abuse the victims of addiction even further.

* Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling

The Heathway is advertised in estate agent windows as a family hub, with shops and cafés and schools nearby.

An increased presence of Gambling facilities is going to do nothing to stop local children from becoming Gambling addicts, nor will it decrease the harm to local addicts.
It will do nothing but the opposite.

I trust that these points are adequately 'directed around The Gambling Act 2005 licensing objectives' for your team.

Objection 3 –

Gambling venues are concentrated in the most deprived areas of Britain, according to a report commissioned by the Standard Life Foundation charity. Despite all the 'income' gambling and gaming venues may allegedly bring to the budget, it is certain that flooding poor areas with gambling and gaming facilities bring nothing more than addiction and disorder. Gambling causes great harm to individuals and to our communities, with those with the least resources being targeted more. As a resident of Dagenham, living in the close proximity of Dagenham Heathway, commuting daily to and from Dagenham Tube Station, i strongly oppose opening yet another gambling/gaming venue.

There are 5 similar venues, located on Dagenham Heathway within only 145 meters (474feet):

Paddy Power

William Hill

Gaming Fun

Coral

Betfred

The area is massively overcrowded and sees antisocial behaviour on the daily basis. Opening yet another gambling shop will have only detrimental effects on Dagenham.