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To: The Planning Authority Arun District Council, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton BN17 5LF

15/8/26

Re: PLANNING APPLICATION BR/141/26/PL :58 HIGH STREET BOGNOR REGIS

Objection to the proposed change of use of a betting shop to a 24-hour Adult Gaming Centre

I wish to formally object to the proposal to change the existing betting shop to a **24-hour Adult Gaming Centre (AGC)**.

While I recognise that gambling premises may be permitted in appropriate locations, I believe that the proposed 24-hour operation would have a significantly greater impact on the local community than the existing use. In particular, I ask the Council to carefully consider the potential effects on **gambling-related harm, addiction, vulnerable people, residential amenity, noise, disturbance and the character of the area.**

Gambling addiction and vulnerable people

Gambling addiction can have serious consequences for individuals, families and the wider community. Problem gambling can result in financial hardship, debt, relationship breakdown, anxiety, depression and other significant social harms.

The proposed 24-hour opening would provide access to gambling throughout the night and into the early hours of the morning. This is particularly concerning because gambling-related harm can affect people who are already vulnerable, including those experiencing financial difficulties, social isolation or other problems.

A betting shop operating for limited hours is materially different from a premises providing gambling opportunities continuously through the night. The additional hours could increase opportunities for repeated or prolonged gambling and potentially make it more difficult for people experiencing gambling problems to disengage.

I therefore ask the Council to consider whether the proposed opening hours are compatible with the objective of protecting the wellbeing of the local community and reducing the potential for gambling-related harm.

Impact on the surrounding community

A 24-hour gambling establishment has the potential to change the character of the area, particularly during late-night and early-morning hours when surrounding businesses may be closed and fewer people are present.

The Council should consider the potential for:

- increased late-night and overnight activity;
- noise from customers arriving at and leaving the premises;

- people congregating outside the premises;
- smoking and associated litter;
- shouting, arguments or other disturbances;
- increased pedestrian and vehicle movements during unsocial hours;
- additional pressure on local policing and other services; and
- an adverse effect on the amenity and sense of security of nearby residents.
- we already have street lights switched off at midnight which causes more crime which is never investigated

These impacts may be particularly significant if there are homes, residential accommodation, nearby; which there are flats above and near to the premises, nearby roads would also result in increased traffic noise past residential premises near to this location.

Planning considerations

I ask the Council to assess the proposal against the relevant policies in the **adopted Local Plan, development plan and the National Planning Policy Framework**, including policies relating to community wellbeing, healthy communities, amenity, crime and disorder, town-centre vitality and appropriate uses.

The fact that gambling may already take place at the premises should not, in my view, mean that the proposed intensification and extension to **24-hour operation** is treated as having no additional impact. The change would create a substantially longer period during which the premises could generate activity and associated impacts.

The Council should also consider whether there are less harmful and less disruptive opening hours that would allow the premises to operate while protecting the amenity of nearby residents and the wider community.

Cumulative impact and location

I also ask the Council to consider the proposal in the context of other gambling premises and late-night uses in the surrounding area. There is already a concentration of betting shops, gaming centres in this area, a further or intensified gambling use will contribute to cumulative negative impacts.

The council should be aiming to improve our high street, encouraging businesses that are wanted by, and benefit the community. We already have far too many betting shops, vape shops, Turkish barbers etc in the High Street and London Road area. Another cash business is NOT conducive with a thriving high street. The local MP is currently carrying out a survey asking residents how to improve the area, and I am sure that an extra gambling establishment will NOT be something that ANY resident wants.

I would ask that the planning department contact Alison Griffiths MP and ask her for the results of her "29 for 29; your priorities for Bognor Regis" survey

Request to the Council

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Council to **refuse the proposed 24-hour change of use**, or at the very least to require significantly restricted opening hours if permission is otherwise considered appropriate.

If the application is approved, I ask that the Council carefully consider robust planning conditions addressing opening hours, noise, lighting, external activity and other matters necessary to protect neighbouring residents and the wider community.

I would be grateful if this objection could be taken into account when determining the application.

Yours faithfully,

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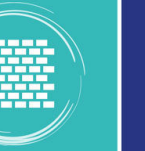
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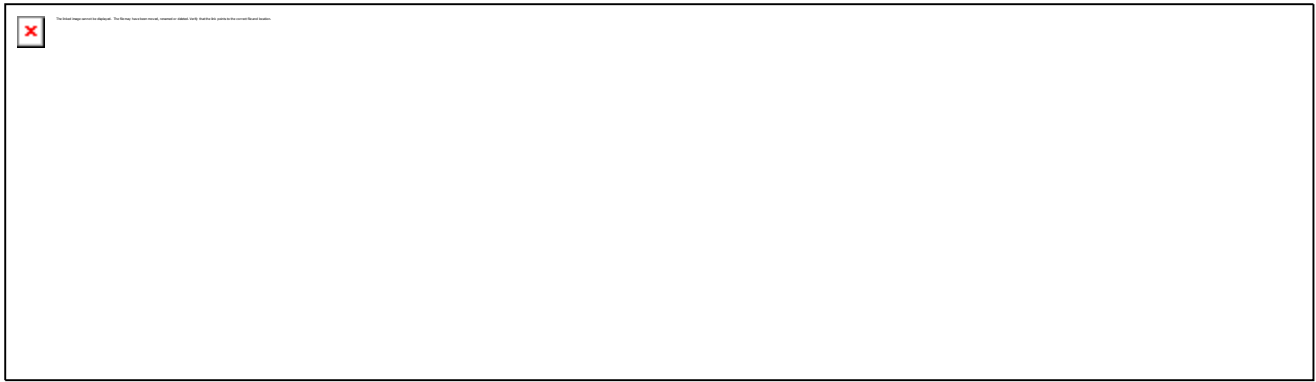
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