

## Objection 1

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With regards to the Change of use of the ground floor at number 95 Rushey Green, London, SE6 4AF (Use Class E) to Adult Gaming Centre (Sui Generis)

As a local resident and near neighbour I strongly object to the change of use of this property to an adult gaming centre. There is already an adult gaming centre at 116 Rushey Green almost directly opposite and several betting shops close by. Rushey Green is already plagued with anti social behaviour and much of it is focused around this type of gambling shop. It is my belief that this will encourage more antisocial behaviour in the area. At a time when the understanding of the damage that gambling addiction is wreaking on our society is becoming clearer and clearer, Lewisham council should be trying to reduce the number of gambling and adult gaming centres in the area, not increase them.

Many thanks,

## Objection 2

Dear Zara

I object to an adult gaming centre in this location.

The term "bingo" as a descriptor is not clear. Is this a participatory game such as those often found in larger premises, such as "Mecca Bingo" or non-communal games played at terminals. I am also concerned about the addition of gaming terminals of B3, B4, C and D type, as an additional automatic bolt-on to this licence type and suspect this venue will essentially become primarily a slots gambling establishment "arcade", rather than a bingo hall.

I am concerned about the co-location of an adult gambling centre adjacent to another business that is targeted at, and for, children - Kaspas. Other such venues in the vicinity attract anti-social behaviour in a an area with already some of the highest crime and disorder levels in Lewisham, and this problematic behaviour can often be found in the immediate vicinity outside of an establishment, where in this case a number of children and young people congregate with their ice creams.

Finally Rushey Green is a high deprivation Ward, even amongst other Lewisham wards. Gambling establishments disproportionately locate in these areas and can be found to attract, and target, those with least financial means. These venues often exploit vulnerable individuals, many of whom can be found in this ward.

For all of these reasons, I hope Licensing Committee will **refuse** an application.

**Councillor Walsh** (Labour)

### Objection 3

Dear Zara

I'm writing as a resident of Rushey Green and would like to bring to your attention the possible social disruption to our community by yet another adult gaming center, planned in 95 Rushey Green.

I've raised an objection on the local planning website and have learned by neighbours and the wider community that this planning application is a big concern for everyone for the following reasons:

- Alcohol related crime is higher in the vicinity of gambling centers
- there are already 2 gambling centers directly opposite the proposed location
- many children live in the same block and the site is located directly next to an ice cream and cake shop popular with children in the area.
- the plan was met with large opposition when raised with the community and the existing gambling shops are already seen as a nuisance.

This is a unique opportunity to make Rushey Green a street worthy a visit for all residents alike including families and children. An over concentration of gambling shops in this area will not benefit but burden the residents of Rushey Green.

I'm looking forward to your response.

Kind regards,