

**Objecton 4**

To Whom It May Concern:

I completely object to Jennings' application for a betting job at 80-82 Deptford High Street. I live in \*\*\*\*\*

There are already two Paddy Power betting shops on the High Street, and two casinos - these already prey on and exacerbate gambling addictions, increase the potential for crime to fund gambling habits, and encourage and contribute to financial deprivation which tends to most impact working-class and marginalised people. The absolute last thing we need in Deptford during a financial crisis where councils are struggling to support constituents, and individuals are going without basic essentials like heating to make ends meet, is more shops like Jennings.

We already open our front door to vulnerable addicts sitting on our doorstep occasionally, and they're human beings who deserve to be better supported by their government and their communities. I strongly believe another betting shop will go absolutely nowhere towards meaningfully supporting the most vulnerable in our communities and the very real problems of poverty and addiction that many Deptford/New Cross and wider Lewisham borough residents are experiencing.

This is before we get to the noise, fights and unpredictable addiction behaviour that occurs outside many local betting shops, and will be occurring directly on our doorstep if Jennings' application is approved. I already find the sounds of the high street difficult. (Many people seem to be under the impression that we all choose where we live, but this couldn't be further from many of our realities.) I believe a betting shop directly below my residence would have a direct negative impact on my mental health & wellbeing.

For these reasons, I would encourage Lewisham Borough Council to decline Jennings' Application for a Premises License under the Gambling Act 2005 at 80-82 Deptford High Street, SE8 4RT.