

Objection 8

To whom it may concern,

I am writing concerning the Notice of Application for a Premises Licence under the Gambling Act 2005 by Bettings Shop Operations Limited for a Jenningsbet at 80-82 Deptford High Street.

I am a leaseholder of the ***** in this building and I am in objection to this application for a number of reasons, outlined below:

1) Betting shops have been shown to be a marker of social decline of an area, having a detrimental effect on places' vitality and viability and fuelling anti-social behaviour. It is evident that many local residents in Deptford face financial difficulties and struggle with addictions. Lewisham Council should be supporting and boosting these members of the community, not making them even more vulnerable to negative influences.

2) There are a number of betting shops and casinos already situated along Deptford High Street, so there can be no argument that there is any positive effect of adding another.

3) This betting shop would have a direct negative impact on my property. Anti-social behaviour such as noise and gamblers hanging around outside late into the evening affects personal safety, security and mental health for residents. This makes the property less desirable to live in and so devalues it.

Please can you send me more information about the application? I very much hope you can understand my concerns and those submitted by other residents, and see that this application must be rejected. Many thanks for your time.

Best wishes