

Dear Licensing Team,

I would like to raise objections to this new gambling licence application. Deptford High Street is already saturated with gambling establishments and they have been a source of anti-social behaviour, including street drinking, open drug dealing, and public urination. This establishment, and is in close proximity to two primary schools, two secondary schools, nurseries, and other premises and organisation which are used and support children and young people, who are already vulnerable and susceptible to gambling establishment in the area see its influence on a daily basis. It sends the wrong message to our young people who use, and travel along Deptford High Street. Deptford is a highly deprived area and the addition of yet another gambling establishment will add to the harm and exploitation of already vulnerable people in the area, for example homeless people, those with drug and alcohol problems, which is a prevalent issue in the area. There is Deptford Reach, a local charity which assist the most vulnerable in our society, including those affected by homelessness drug and alcohol addiction, and mental health issues. There is also the homeless charity, The 999 Club in close proximity. Their service users are extremely vulnerable and could also be harmed and exploited by the granting of a gambling license at this premises.

I urge that this license not be granted.

Thank you & kind regards,  
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