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Subject: Re: New Bingo Premises Licence under Gambling Act 2005  
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Hi Mark

I understand. As a representative of Botwell ward residents I am expressing my concerns for the numbers of gambling establishments and "money lenders" or pawnshops in close vicinity to each other in Hayes Town so it is on the record.

I have expressed, as have my councillor colleagues, about vulnerable people in the area that are in the YMCA in Station Road, on the other side of the canal, people in there with low incomes, some with other personal issues relating to mental health and substance abuse and could be enticed in for the chance to win big and risk putting themselves in worse financial straits. Additionally there is the Global Academy on Blyth Road with young adults in attendance.

There is a food bank operating out of St Anselms church which is only a couple of doors north of the application site. This is also visited by vulnerable people who could be tempted in. These are people in situations whereby they could look upon the "bingo" establishment as a way to raise funds from what limited resources they have.

Also the concern is the application itself which I consider misleading. The plans in the application are a small shop, yet the application is for bingo. The plans suggest these are machines, some standing and some seated. This is not bingo in the traditional sense. Surely the application should be for slot machines under Adult Gaming Centre or Betting (Other). I don't know what a Bingo Plus or Bingo Express terminal is but these are gambling machines and not bingo with a marker pen, paper and bingo balls. Bingo gives a certain impression, and I am not getting this from the application.

Also why have they not completed the times of operation in the application. The "LOCAL GAMBLING RISK ASSESSMENT" file suggests this is 24 hrs of operation! Is this correct? We have a public house across the road just to the south east of the site. This could be an issue and be a draw for the "night time economy". Furthermore, there are homes/flats directly above the premises and on the other side of Station Road which could be disturbed by a 24hr licence.

On the whole, I object to this licence application being granted.

Thanks  
Scott

On Sat, 13 Jun 2020 at 01:15, Cllr Scott Farley <[sfarley@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:sfarley@hillingdon.gov.uk)> wrote:

Good evening Mark

In Hayes Town we currently have 6 gambling establishments in the town centre (including two William Hill betting shops). We also have an equal number of pawnbrokers and lending shops, several disturbingly close to the gambling sites and again two of same company, that being H&T Pawnbrokers.

I have illustrated this on the map below to show the proximity of these.



Like my colleagues, I am opposed to this application, particularly in light of the number of gambling establishments we already have in the town centre but also for it's proposed location near accommodation for vulnerable people.

I have also looked at the plans. The application for a bingo licence on the face of it is in my opinion somewhat misleading. As I understand this, it is a for "bingo machines" and not for the traditional bingo halls which clearly could not be the case in a site this small. These are slot machines for all intents of purposes and should be made far more clear as such without having to get to Part 5 - Miscellaneous, question 20. "Please set out any other matters which you consider to be relevant to your application" which if they had not volunteered this information, it would not be clear.

I have conducted internet searches for Cashino's so called Bingo establishments. Only two came up. I am dubious.

Best regards

Scott