

Gambling Act 2005
Representation Form from Interested Parties
(Please read notes on reverse before completing)

Your details (See notes 2 & 3);

Your Name	David Brough
Your residential address	c/o Botwell Green Library East Avenue Hayes Ub3 2HW
Your email address	hayestownpartnership@gmail.com
Your phone number	
The name of the body or organisation you represent	Hayes Town Partnership

About the premises;

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Formerly Harrison Electronics
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	58 Station Road Hayes

The Licensing Objectives (See note 4);

Licensing Objective	Reasons for your representation and any supporting evidence
<i>Please tick;</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling	Please see attached

The outcome you are seeking from the Licensing Authority (See note 6);

Refuse the licence application

Signed:

Date: 29 June 2020

Notes:

- 1) All representations must be submitted before the conclusion of the 28 day consultation period. This will be advertised on the public notices and also on the Councils website.
- 2) Persons who may make representation include; persons who reside near to the premises to which the application relates and who are likely to be affected by licensable activities; residents associations who are representing residents who reside near to the application premises; Ward Councillors representing their constituents; any person who lives or works in the area and has concerns about the application premises.
- 3) Please note that representations cannot be anonymous. Copies of all representations will be published in any Committee papers and will be sent to all persons involved with the hearing including the applicant. If you have concerns about the use of your information and would like to discuss this further, please contact one of our Licensing Officers for a discussion, on the contact details below.
- 4) In order to be considered 'relevant', the representation must relate to one or more of the 'Licensing Objectives'. These objectives are;
 - a) Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime.
 - b) Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.
 - c) Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.
- 5) Upon submitting a representation, it is expected that you will attend the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing to deliver your representation verbally and answer any queries that the Committee may have. If you are unable to attend, your written representation will be considered.
- 6) You may wish to suggest an outcome to the Licensing Sub-Committee ie. grant the application with extra conditions; grant the application with fewer hours/activities; reject the application. Please note that the Licensing Sub-Committee will only make reasonable and proportionate decisions based upon the evidence they are presented with, and in line with the laws and regulations governing Licensing Hearings.
- 7) You may continue on separate sheets of paper if necessary and you may also attach any evidence which supports your representation.
- 8) Please submit all completed forms to:
The Licensing Officer
Regulatory Services
London Borough of Hillingdon
Civic Centre
High Street
Uxbridge, UB8 1UW

licensing@hillingdon.gov.uk

Tel - 01895 277433

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BINGO LICENCE APPLICATION FOR 58 STATION ROAD HAYES

SUBMISSION FROM HAYES TOWN PARTNERSHIP

Introduction

The Hayes Town Partnership is a multi-agency body set up some years ago by Hillingdon Council in order to support and promote the regeneration of the Town Centre. Besides the Council its members include the Hayes Town Business Forum, Hillingdon Chamber of Trade, Metropolitan Police, Brunel University, Global Academy, Uxbridge College and all major developers and employers in the Town Centre. The views expressed here are those of the Partnership as a whole and do not purport to represent the views of individual members who may submit individual representations.

Grounds of objection – impact on vulnerable people

58 Station Road is in close proximity to St Anselm's Church, Ventura House YMCA Hostel and the YMCA Youth Centre. It is an inappropriate location for a gaming licence of any kind because of the potential impact on vulnerable people as itemised below:

St Anselm's Church Food Bank

This is the main food bank for Hayes and is visited by families in crisis who have been referred there by relevant agencies. 58 Station Road is a few doors away from the foodbank and there is a well-founded fear that people who are strapped for cash could see a gaming centre as a way out of their financial problems.

Ventura House YMCA Hostel

This hostel is a few doors along in the opposite direction. It is home to a large number of young people who have been provided with temporary housing because of their vulnerable situation. It includes those who have left care, those who have suffered family breakdown and others who have had a brush with the law. All the residents are short of money and some have added problems ranging from lack of self-confidence to mental health conditions. The existing of a gambling centre on their doorstep could be a temptation that would be difficult to resist.

YMCA Youth Centre

This is a successful Youth Centre that provides for a wide range of young people in Hayes, some of whom have quite challenging behaviour. Almost all come from poor family backgrounds.

The Centre has a good record in turning lives around by use of various methods of engagement. One of these is the 'Get on Track' training programmes organised together with the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust. The regular football sessions organised by the staff at the Centre have been particularly effective at engaging young males who would otherwise be on the streets. To have a gaming centre right next door to the Centre has the potential for drawing a proportion of the young service users into gambling.

In addition to the comments about this particular location it is important to highlight that mothers in various community groups in Hayes Town have expressed continuing concerns about their children taking up gambling as a way of paying for designer clothes, new telephones and sometimes drugs. They are concerned that more should be done to make young people aware of the temptations of gambling and the dangers of getting drawn into an activity that could do them harm.

For all the reasons set out here the current application should be refused.

David Brough
Chairman
Hayes Town Partnership

29 June 2020