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New Bingo Premises Licence under Gambling Act 2005

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Good Afternoon Mark,

Having studied the application I made enquiries into the overall crime statistics from April 2019 to April 2020.

Hayes Town Centre has suffered no greater than any other Town Centre within the Borough of Hillingdon and although I am aware of its Social and welfare issues I cannot attribute and specific crime or Anti-Social Behaviour problem directly to any Gambling Premises within the Hayes Town Foot Print.

I have read and noted the concerns of the other interested parties and fully understand the needs and weaknesses of this community however, crime is down over this period and I know a lot of that is due to Covid-19 Lockdown.

There is a Bet Watch Scheme in Hayes Town Centre which has worked well for a number of years. The Local Policing Team are also actively involved with proactive policing in The Town Centre and we make contact frequently.

I feel with the current crisis and struggling businesses in our Town Centres, some critically damaged we need to encourage new ventures.

I do understand that this venue would not be classed as an essential service and strict operating procedures would have to be implemented, which I believe they are with this company.

I am happy to arrange a multi-agency meeting with the Applicants, as we would with any other premises where concerns were raised.

At this time The Police Licensing Team have insufficient evidence to undermine this application and unless any other damning evidence comes to light then I cannot raise an objection under The Prevention of Crime and Disorder at this time.

Yours Faithfully.

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