

**Report of: Service Director ( Public Protection)**

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Licensing Sub-Committee	19 July 2011	B3	Mildmay
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**Subject: PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION  
RE: LADBROKES, 75-77 GREEN LANES, LONDON N16 9BU**

**1. Synopsis**

1.1 This is an application by Ladbrokes Betting and Gaming Ltd for a licence to permit the premises to operate as a betting shop under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Gambling Act 2005 gives the Licensing Authority the ability to regulate gambling activities through the premises licensing regime. In discharging its responsibilities the Licensing Authority must have regard to the three licensing objectives:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime.
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

2.2 The council's Gambling Policy 2010-2013 recognises the impact that gambling can have on vulnerable people particularly in a borough such as Islington where there are high levels of deprivation and increasing access to gambling premises. Paragraphs 31-38 of the policy address this issue in the context of saturation and vulnerable people. For ease of reference these paragraphs are replicated in appendix 4.

2.3 The Licensing Authority is not able to consider the expected demand for gambling premises in making its decision but must make its decision in the context of the licensing objectives and its Gambling Policy.

2.4 The council has received 13 representations from residents including the Newington green Action Group and the Ward Councillor for Clissold writing both as a local resident and on behalf of nearby residents living in the LB Hackney.

2.5 Papers are attached as follows:-

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| Appendix 1: | application form  |
| Appendix 2: | representations   |
| Appendix 3: | mandatory and default conditions and map of premises location |
| Appendix 4  | Gambling Policy 2010-13 paragraphs 31-38                      |

### 3. Recommendations

3.1 The Committee shall determine the application on its merits taking into account

- i. the licensing objectives;
- ii. Islington Council's Gambling Policy
- iii. any relevant codes of practice and guidance issued by the Gambling Commission under section 25;

3.3 If the committee grants the application it will be subject to:

- i. mandatory and default conditions issued under the Gambling Act 2005 and contained in appendix 3 for reference purposes
- ii. conditions imposed or excluded by the licensing authority
- v. the premises shall not be used to provide gambling facilities on Christmas Day.

### 4. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

4.1 The Council is required to consider this application in the light of all relevant information, and if approval is given, it may attach such conditions necessary to promote the licensing objectives.

#### Background papers:

The Council's Statement of Gambling Policy 2010-13

Final Report Clearance

Signed by

  
Service Director – Public Protection

Date 7/7/11

**Received by**

Head of Scrutiny and Democratic Services

Date

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Application for a premises licence  
under the Gambling Act 2005 (standard)

Appendix: 1

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

If you are completing this form by hand, please write legibly in block capitals using ink. Use additional sheets if necessary (marked with the number of the relevant question). You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

Where the application is—

- In respect of a vessel, or
- To convert an authorisation granted under the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 or the Gaming Act 1968,

the application should be made on the relevant form for that type of premises or application.

**Part 1 – Type of premises licence applied for**

Regional Casino

Large Casino

Small Casino

Bingo

Adult Gaming Centre

Family Entertainment Centre

Betting (Track)

Betting (Other)

Do you hold a provisional statement in respect of the premises? Yes  No

If the answer is "yes", please give the unique reference number for the provisional statement (as set out at the top of the first page of the statement):

**Part 2 – Applicant Details**

If you are an individual, please fill in Section A. If the application is being made on behalf of an organisation (such as a company or partnership), please fill in Section B.

**Section A**

**Individual applicant**

1. Title: Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Dr  Other (please specify)

2. Surname:

Other name(s):

[Use the names given in the applicant's operating licence or, if the applicant does not hold an operating licence, as given in any application for an operating licence]

3. Applicant's address (home or business – [delete as appropriate]):

Postcode:

4(a) The number of the applicant's operating licence (as set out in the operating licence):

4(b) If the applicant does not hold an operating licence but is in the process of applying for one, give the date on which the application was made:

5. Tick the box if the application is being made by more than one person.

*[Where there are further applicants, the information required in questions 1 to 4 should be included on additional sheets attached to this form, and those sheets should be clearly marked "Details of further applicants".]*

## Section B

### Application on behalf of an organisation

6. Name of applicant business or organisation: Ladbrokes Betting & Gaming Limited

*[Use the names given in the applicant's operating licence or, if the applicant does not hold an operating licence, as given in any application for an operating licence.]*

7. The applicant's registered or principal address:

Imperial House

Imperial Drive

Rayners Lane

Harrow

Postcode: HA2 7JW

8(a) The number of the applicant's operating licence (as given in the operating licence):

003-001611-N-102408-001

8(b) If the applicant does not hold an operating licence but is in the process of applying for one, give the date on which the application was made:

9. Tick the box if the application is being made by more than one organisation.

*[Where there are further applicants, the information required in questions 6 to 8 should be included on additional sheets attached to this form, and those sheets should be clearly marked "Details of further applicants".]*

## Part 3 – Premises Details

10. Proposed trading name to be used at the premises (if known): Ladbrokes

11. Address of the premises (or, if none, give a description of the premises and their location):

75-77 Green Lanes

Stoke Newington

London

Postcode: N16 9BU

12. Telephone number at premises (if known):

13. If the premises are in only a part of a building, please describe the nature of the building (for example, a shopping centre or office block). The description should include the number of floors within the building and the floor(s) on which the premises are located.

The premises will occupy the ground floor of a 4-storey building within a shopping parade fronting Green Lanes, London N16. Upper floors used for residential purposes.

14(a) Are the premises situated in more than one licensing authority area?

No [delete as appropriate]

14(b). If the answer to question 14(a) is yes, please give the names of all the licensing authorities within whose area the premises are partly located, **other than the licensing authority to which this application is made:**

#### Part 4 – Times of operation

15(a). Do you want the licensing authority to exclude a default condition so that the premises may be used for longer periods than would otherwise be the case? No [delete as appropriate] [Where the relevant kind of premises licence is not subject to any default conditions, the answer to this question will be no.]

15(b). If the answer to question 15(a) is yes, please complete the table below to indicate the times when you want the premises to be available for use under the premises licence.

	Start	Finish	Details of any seasonal variation
Mon	hh:mm	hh:mm	
Tue			
Wed			
Thurs			
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

16. If you wish to apply for a premises licence with a condition restricting gambling to specific periods in a year, please state the periods below using calendar dates:

### Part 5 – Miscellaneous

17. Proposed commencement date for licence (leave blank if you want the licence to commence as soon as it is issued): TBC (dd/mm/yyyy)

18(a). Does the application relate to premises which are part of a track or other sporting venue which already has a premises licence? No [delete as appropriate]

18(b). If the answer to question 18(a) is yes, please confirm by ticking the box that an application to vary the main track premises licence has been submitted with this application.

19(a). Do you hold any other premises licences that have been issued by this licensing authority? Yes [delete as appropriate]

19(b). If the answer to question 19(a) is yes, please provide full details:

Please see attached list

20. Please set out any other matters which you consider to be relevant to your application:

### Part 6 – Declarations and Checklist (Please tick)

I/ We confirm that, to the best of my/ our knowledge, the information contained in this application is true. I/ We understand that it is an offence under section 342 of the Gambling Act 2005 to give information which is false or misleading in, or in relation to, this application.

I/ We confirm that the applicant(s) have the right to occupy the premises.

Checklist:

- Payment of the appropriate fee has been made/is enclosed
- A plan of the premises is enclosed
- I/ we understand that if the above requirements are not complied with the application may be rejected
- I/ we understand that it is now necessary to advertise the application and give the appropriate notice to the responsible authorities

### Part 7 – Signatures

21. Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent. If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity:

Signature:



Print Name: Mark Stephens

Date: 17/05/2011 (dd/mm/yyyy) Capacity: Ladbrokes Regional Licensing & Development Manager

22. For joint applications, signature of 2nd applicant, or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent. If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity:

Signature:

Print Name:

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy) Capacity:

*[Where there are more than two applicants, please use an additional sheet clearly marked "Signature(s) of further applicant(s)". The sheet should include all the information requested in paragraphs 21 and 22.]*

*[Where the application is to be submitted in an electronic form, the signature should be generated electronically and should be a copy of the person's written signature.]*

### Part 8 – Contact Details

23(a) Please give the name of a person who can be contacted about the application:

Mark Stephens

23(b) Please give one or more telephone numbers at which the person identified in question 23(a) can be contacted:

020 8515 5250

24. Postal address for correspondence associated with this application:

Ladbrokes  
Imperial House  
Imperial Drive  
Rayners Lane  
Harrow

Postcode: HA2 7JW

25. If you are happy for correspondence in relation to your application to be sent via e-mail, please give the e-mail address to which you would like correspondence to be sent:

mark.stephens@ladbrokes.co.uk



London Borough of Islington - Ladbrokes Betting and Gaming Ltd

London Borough of Islington	121/123 Newington Green Road	London
London Borough of Islington	7 Lever Street	London
London Borough of Islington	187 Seven Sisters Road	London
London Borough of Islington	330 Holloway Road	London
London Borough of Islington	124/128 City Road	London
London Borough of Islington	502 Holloway Road	London
London Borough of Islington	310 St. Paul's Road	Highbury London
London Borough of Islington	62 St. Peter's Street	Islington London
London Borough of Islington	38/39 Chapel Market	Islington London
London Borough of Islington	65/67 Junction Road	London
London Borough of Islington	718 Holloway Road	London
London Borough of Islington	37/39 Exmouth Market	London
London Borough of Islington	154/156 Holloway Road	London
London Borough of Islington	289/291 Caledonian Road	London
London Borough of Islington	93 Turnmill Street	London

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE**

*This notice is issued in accordance with regulations made under section 160 of the Gambling Act 2005*

Notice is hereby given that

Ladbrokes Betting & Gaming Ltd

of the following address:

Imperial House

Imperial Drive

Rayners Lane

Harrow

HA2 7JW

the number of whose operating licence is 003-001611-N-102408-001

who applied for an operating licence on 23/04/07

has made an application for a Betting (Other) premises licence.

The application relates to the following premises:

Ladbrokes  
75-77 Green Lanes  
Stoke Newington  
London  
N16 9BU

The application for a premises licence has been made to the following licensing authority:

Licensing Service  
Public Protection Division  
Islington Council  
222 Upper Street  
London  
N1 1XR

Website: [www.islington.gov.uk](http://www.islington.gov.uk)  
E-Mail: [licensing@islington.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@islington.gov.uk)

Information about the application is available from the licensing authority, including the arrangements for viewing the details of the application.

The following person connected with the applicant is able to give further information about the application:

Mark Stephens, Regional Licensing & Development Manager

Tel. 0208 515 5250  
Email: [mark.stephens@ladbrokes.co.uk](mailto:mark.stephens@ladbrokes.co.uk)

**Any representations under section 161 of the Gambling Act 2005 must be made no later than the following date:**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Our Ref. MS/LIC/215/NL/2414

17th May 2011

Licensing Service  
Public Protection Division  
Islington Council  
222 Upper Street  
London  
N1 1XR

Dear Sirs

**Premises Licence Application 75-77 Green Lanes, Stoke Newington,  
London N16 9BU**

Please find attached an application for a full premises licence for Betting (Other) and a cheque in respect of the licensing fee.

I can confirm that Ladbrokes Betting & Gaming Limited complies with the requirements of section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005, including that it:

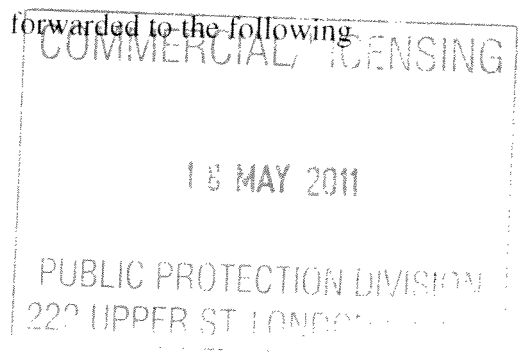
*holds an operating licence which authorises him to carry on the activity in respect of which the premises licence is sought [s159(3)(a)]*

*and has a right to occupy the premises to which the application relates [s159(5)].*

Shop fitting will only commence once the licence has been granted. In due course, we would be happy to invite the Licensing Authority to visit the premises, prior to opening, so that they are satisfied that the premises have been built in accordance with the plans.

Please note that a Notice of our application has also been forwarded to the following today:-

Chief Officer of Police, Islington Police Station  
Planning Division Islington Council  
Licensing Service Public Protection Division  
Islington Safeguarding Children Board  
London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority  
HM Revenue & Customs  
Gambling Commission



If you require notification of our application to be served on any further body, please contact me as soon as possible on 020 8515 5250 or [mark.stephens@ladbrokes.co.uk](mailto:mark.stephens@ladbrokes.co.uk)

I would be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of our application in writing.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MS' with a flourish.

Mark Stephens  
Regional Licensing & Development Manager

0208 505 5250  
07855 275618

Nash, Rosemary

Appendix: 2

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 26 May 2011 17:37  
To: Licensing  
Subject: urgent att: Rosemary Nash re: GAMBLING ACT 2005 - APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE: (BETTING PREMISES) We have received the following application for a Premises Licence (New): Premises: Ladbrokes Address: 75-77 Green Lanes, Stoke Newington N16 9BU

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Nash,

I am writing to express my VERY strong objection to the opening of a GAMBLING premises, Ladbrokes, Address: 75-77 Green Lanes, Stoke Newington N16 9BU.

As a resident, mother and home owner on Leconfield Road the notion that yet another premise which attracts trouble, harassment, sexual harassment, intimidation, discomfort, disrespect for the street, community and residents is to open just around the corner on Green Lanes on a strip of road which is already heaving with incredibly unwelcoming, male chauvinist, disrespectful and anti-social men's clubs, pubs and cafes is devastating. Each time my daughter and I walk to the post office along this strip of road we are made to feel like "others", unwelcome, uncomfortable and unsafe.

Already, due to the nature of business which has been supported on this strip of road the sidewalks are filled with rubbish, cigarettes, spit and garbage. There is absolutely no care for the environment. Crime is a problem on the street and in the neighborhood and this only adds to the threat. The men's clubs already attract addicts and prostitutes to linger outside on the sidewalks - we do not need more reasons for this sort of activity in our neighborhood. There are already several betting shops in the neighborhood and they occupy key locations within a community that is FULL of families with children. This sort of establishment does not add to our quality of life, instead it severely compromises what we as residents, parents and social beings work hard to achieve.

PLEASE consider this statement and do not allow for the demise of our neighborhood.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

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**Nash, Rosemary**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 31 May 2011 18:35  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OBJECTION TO Gambling Premises New: 75 - 77 Green Lanes (Ladbrokes)

**Importance:** High

Dear Sir / Madam

I strongly object to this application for Ladbrokes to open yet more Gambling Premises at 75-77 Green Lanes.

I am a committee member of Newington Green Action Group and have been active in the community for a number of years. I therefore have been made aware of how people feel about the area and many do not like the increasing numbers of Bookmakers and gambling premises in this area - and certainly do not want more.

Some of my objections to the proposed Ladbrokes are as follows:

1 This is predominantly a residential area with a high number of families with young children and as such, yet another Bookmakers on Green Lanes is inappropriate.

2 There are already 2 Licensed Bookmakers on Newington Green Road, within Islington - Ladbrokes and William Hill. There is another Licensed premises, Oddsits Bookmakers, slightly further North on Green Lanes and this falls within Hackney. All 3 are within a short walk of each other and the proposed new Ladbrokes falls within the middle of them. Gamblers are already over-catered for here and the local community has been paying a price for that for some time.

3 Around Newington Green and along Green Lanes, both within Islington and Hackney, there are numerous illegal (and some legal) men's 'social' clubs, i.e. gambling clubs, that have been causing various social problems for some time. Recently there was a shooting and a GBH attack associated with one of these clubs and this was just the latest in a series of anti-social disturbances associated with gambling in the area. Problems include violence, drug dealing, alcohol abuse, money laundering and prostitution. There have already been meetings with the Neighbourhood Police Team about these issues.

4 The proposed Ladbrokes would be situated very close to Bridge Gardens, a drugs rehab centre which has also been causing problems with anti-social behaviour, with lots of drug and alcohol abuse taking place on the streets. Situating a Bookies so close to this centre is likely to lead to an escalation in all the social problems associated with this group.

5 Gamblers are already over-catered for in the Newington Green area and along Green Lanes and the local community is paying a price for that already. The high levels of gambling and the associated problems are driving away many decent businesses along Green Lanes - but every time a shop closes, gamblers and men's clubs want to move in, which is scary for many locals.


6  
There is a bus stop right next to the proposed Ladbrokes and many people, particularly those with children, will feel very uncomfortable having to wait for a bus outside premises where lots of addicts were gambling. The gamblers will also hang around on the pavement and no doubt fill up the bus stop bench as they smoke. Too many men already hang around the pavements in the local area and most women feel very vulnerable and object to being leered at as they walk along the road. Another Ladbrokes will add to the problem.

7  
The building at 75-77 Green Lanes falls within the Newington Green Conservation Area and another Ladbrokes, or any other Bookmakers, is inappropriate for that reason too.

8  
Green Lanes is a cross-border road and as such many problems seem to get dumped here and traditionally, neither Islington nor Hackney Council picks up and attends to the many practical and social problems that arise. This leaves the local residents with a burden that is unacceptable.

9  
The police and several local LBI and LBH Councillors are keen to close down many local premises in order to reduce gambling and anti-social disturbances. How can you allow yet another Bookmakers to come to this area?

Yours sincerely

  
Newington Green Action Group

Subject: Gambling Premises New: 75 - 77 Green Lanes (Ladbrokes)

Dear Sir/Madam,

GAMBLING ACT 2005 - APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE: (BETTING PREMISES) We have received the following application for a Premises Licence (New):  
Premises: Ladbrokes

Address: 75-77 Green Lanes, Stoke Newington, N16 9BU Received by the Licensing team:  
13 May 2011 Last date for representations: 15 June 2011 Please confirm by email.

within 5 days, if the application has hasn't been received by yourselves, or then have 28 days from the date of receipt of application to make any representations. Please confirm to us within this time if you do decide wish to make



representation.

Regards

Rosemary Nash

Licensing Support Officer

Licensing Team

Public Protection Division

Environment & Regeneration

Islington Council

3rd Floor, 222 Upper Street, London, N1 1XR

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 15 June 2011 14:27  
To: Licensing  
Subject: FW: OBJECTION TO Gambling Premises New: 75 - 77 Green Lanes  
(Ladbrokes)

Importance: High

To Whom it May Concern

Re: Ladbrokes Betting Licence Application, Green Lanes

Further to my earlier objection to this Betting Licence Application, as shown below, I would like to add another couple of points.

The numerous gambling premises along this section of Green Lanes are already associated with various types of crime and disorder including, according to the police, violence with and without firearms, money laundering, prostitution, supplying of drugs and alcohol abuse, plus illegal gaming machines etc. There are twenty or more gambling premises already within the local area already - too many and the police would like to close most of them down.

The Met Police website shows recent closures of several gambling premises, some of which are just a few yards away from the proposed Ladbrokes site, because of firearms incidents and other illegal activities. One incident referred to by the police involved in a chase from one of the clubs on Green Lanes around the local streets, whilst a gun was being fired a good number of times. The chase finally resulted in several men beating up another man near my house on Aden Grove early one evening - this was witnessed by a lot of children and my young neighbour thought he was witnessing a murder, the attack was so violent.

The police website info is here:

[http://cms.met.police.uk/met/boroughs/hackney/04how\\_are\\_we\\_doing/news/hackney\\_tackles\\_crime\\_and\\_disorder\\_in\\_sports\\_and\\_social\\_clubs](http://cms.met.police.uk/met/boroughs/hackney/04how_are_we_doing/news/hackney_tackles_crime_and_disorder_in_sports_and_social_clubs)

The police have also mentioned that many women have been complaining about the number of men that stand on the pavements outside gambling premises on Green Lanes, day and night, making women and young girls in particular, feel very unsafe and vulnerable as they wait for buses or walk down the road.

Adding yet more gambling to Green Lanes will only make these problems worse and will increase the likelihood of youngsters and vulnerable people, such as those in the rehab unit at Bridge House, getting hooked on gambling - plus all the violence and crimes that are already associated with gambling in this area.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 31 May 2011 18:35  
To: 'licensing@islington.gov.uk'  
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Importance: High

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Some of my objections to the proposed Ladbrokes are as follows:

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6 There is a bus stop right next to the proposed Ladbrokes and many people, particularly those with children, will feel very uncomfortable having to wait for a bus outside premises where lots of addicts were gambling. The gamblers will also hang around on the pavement and no doubt fill up the bus stop bench as they smoke. Too many men already hang around the pavements in the local area and most women feel very vulnerable and object to being leered at as they walk along the road. Another Ladbrokes will add to the problem.

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9 The police and several local LBI and LBH Councillors are keen to close down many local premises in order to reduce gambling and anti-social disturbances. How can you allow yet another Bookmakers to come to this area?

Yours sincerely



Newington Green Action Group

Nash, Rosemary

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 01 June 2011 09:05  
To: Licensing  
Subject: New Betting Premises: 75-77 Green Lanes (Ladbrokes)

I am writing to ask you not to grant a licence for new betting premises at 75-77 Green Lanes.

I live nearby on [REDACTED] and have young children and we frequently use the bus stop outside the proposed betting premises.

As well as being of little use to the majority of local residents (there are betting shops in the area already for those who want to use them) I am worried that its location, being opposite a pub, will lead to an increase in the numbers of often intimidating men hanging out on both sides of the street, and will make the bus stop essentially unusable by many people like me.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]



**Nash, Rosemary**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 June 2011 09:08  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Ladbrokes Gambling Premises Application

Re: Ladbrokes Gambling Premises Application 75-77 Green Lanes

I am writing to register my objection to any new Gambling Premises approvals.

As a resident in [REDACTED] my belief is that there are already too many gambling premises in the area.

[REDACTED]

**Nash, Rosemary**

**From:** Fitzsimons, Aiden  
**Sent:** 07 June 2011 13:15  
**To:** Tomashevski, Katie; Nash, Rosemary  
**Subject:** FW: A burglary, gambling, a picnic and a party

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 June 2011 13:08  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** FW: A burglary, gambling, a picnic and a party

Dear Sir/Madam

GAMBLING ACT 2005 - APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE: (BETTING PREMISES) application for a Premises Licence (New):  
Premises: Ladbrokes  
Address: 75-77 Green Lanes, Stoke Newington N16 9BU

As a resident of [REDACTED] adjacent to Green Lanes, I wish to register my objection to the application for a betting licence for premises at 75-77 Green Lanes, London N16 9BU, on the following grounds:

- (1) The Council must be aware that there are already two betting shops in the close vicinity, one almost on the corner of Newington Green with Ferntower Road (the former Midland Bank site), and the other in Newington Green Road, on the corner with Pyrland Road. I feel very strongly that two betting shops within less than a mile of the proposed third one, and within less than quarter of a mile of each other, is a sufficient number for the area.
- (2) There cannot be much of a business case for a third betting shop so nearby. There has been a long history of failed businesses in this area in the past 33 years, many of them occurring more recently, and it is time we had some enterprise that was needed and used by the community.
- (3) The proposed betting shop is right by a bus stop, where there is already a problem in pedestrians passing, as there is a bus shelter there, and very little room even for people to stand on the pavement to wait for buses. Traffic of people in and out of the betting shop will only serve to make thoroughfare more difficult.

Please acknowledge receipt of my objection by e-mail, and let me know whether it needs to be in writing or give further details such as the licence application number, which I do not have.

Yours sincerely

# Beechwood Bureau Ltd.

Residential Letting Agents

66, Green Lanes,  
LONDON,  
N16 9NH

Tel: 020 7923 3319  
email: beechwoodbureau@aol.com

6<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Licensing Service,  
Public Protection Division,  
Islington Council,  
222, Upper Street,  
LONDON,  
N1 1XR



Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE 75-77, GREEN LANES, LONDON N16 - APPLICATION FOR BETTING PREMISES LICENCE.**

I wish to object to the application by Ladbrokes for a Betting Premises Licence at the above premises.

I am the owner of a residential letting agency situated diagonally opposite nos. 75-77 Green Lanes and my business will be adversely affected by the presence of a betting shop in such close proximity. This situation is complicated by the fact that one side of Green Lanes is in the Borough of Islington, whilst the other is in the Borough of Hackney.

The granting of such a licence would be contrary to the Islington Gaming Policy 2010 – 2013. I quote from this:-

10) Licensing Objectives:-

Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder  
Adversely affecting nearby business interests

37) The Licensing Authority will seek to limit facilities for gambling in areas where it feels its vulnerable residents will be put at potential risk of harm

38) The Licensing Authority intends to carry out further investigation to see whether it is necessary to introduce a policy to create a presumption against further opportunities to gamble, or particular types of gambling.....

There is currently a public house on the adjacent premises to the proposed betting shop, and also another directly opposite. There is also a housing association complex called Bridge House which is a large residential accommodation for drug addicts and alcoholics. Within 100 metres of Bridge House there is a branch of Tesco, the windows of which consist mostly of cut-price alcohol offers. Therefore there are already more than enough opportunities for vulnerable residents to become further distressed. A grant of a licence to Ladbrokes would therefore be contrary to Section 37 of the Council's Gambling Policy as it would put "vulnerable residents at potential risk of harm"

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The police have recently designated Green Lanes as a special ASBO area in view of the level of crime and anti-social behaviour, and in cooperation with Hackney Council has an active policy in trying to reduce the present amount of gambling along Green Lanes which takes place in the various ethnic coffee/social clubs. At a recent meeting Cllr Demirci (Cabinet Member Hackney Council) stated that it was a concern that Turkish men gamble away their benefits in these social clubs. With regard to the level of crime, the British Crime Survey ranks Hackney as the 6<sup>th</sup> highest (out of 32) borough in London.

The granting of a licence to a betting shop would therefore increase all of these present problems and at the same time would seriously undermine the current initiatives of the police and Hackney Council in their joint enforcement against gambling and the associated crime that it brings to Green Lanes which they are presently undertaking as a response to the many complaints to them and to local councillors from residents and businesses.

If Islington Council grants such a licence to Ladbrokes under this application, then it would be acting in direction contradiction to its' stated Gambling Policy.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm receipt of this objection. You may send an email to [beechwoodbureau@aol.com](mailto:beechwoodbureau@aol.com) if that would be easier for you. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,



John R. Adams

Nash, Rosemary

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: 09 June 2011 17:29  
To: Licensing  
Subject: FW: Application for Betting Shop at 77 Green Lanes

Post code [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: 09 June 2011 17:27  
To: 'Tomashevski, Katie'  
Cc: 'dan.whitton@islington.gov.uk'  
Subject: FW: Application for Betting Shop at 77 Green Lanes

Katie,

[Redacted] No. 67 Green Lane, I am writing to object to the application for a betting shop at No. 77 Green Lanes.

There have been a number of recent incidents of serious violence on Green Lanes and around Newington Green. There are already many private Turkish gambling clubs on Green Lanes and earlier this year there was a shooting at one of them which was followed by youths chasing the gunman down the street and beating him virtually outside my house. Similarly, last year someone was seriously assaulted in an incident outside my home. There are probably more instances of which I am not aware. A lot of the violence seems to stem from the gambling clubs and to permit a further gambling establishment to open would only compound the problem. I am frankly astonished that this application would be considered in view of the gambling related issues on this street.

There is a problem with public disorder as well with groups of older men creating noise on the street outside of my home which again seems to stem from the gambling clubs on Green Lanes.

It can be expected that the smokers and their resultant litter evident outside the adjacent Monarch public house and neighbouring Oak Bar would extend to include the area outside the proposed betting shop. This is also of concern.

There is already a Ladbrokes and a William Hill less than two minutes' walk away on Newington Green itself, a further betting shop just off Balls Pond Road and another on St Paul's Road. I cannot see the need to permit a further betting shop in this residential, conservation area which already has issues with criminal activity due, in a large part, to gambling.

Regards

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Tomashevski, Katie [mailto:Katie.Tomashevski@islington.gov.uk]

Sent: 09 June 2011 12:54  
To: McLeod, Lauren  
Subject: RE: Application for Betting Shop at 77 Green Lanes

Dear [REDACTED]

You can email me your objection and I will put it with the application.

Kind regards,  
Katie Tomashevski

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:Lauren.McLeod@shepwedd.co.uk]  
Sent: 09 June 2011 09:49  
To: Tomashevski, Katie  
Subject: RE: Application for Betting Shop at 77 Green Lanes

Thank you, Katie. Please confirm exactly where on your website I can lodge an objection as there is no application number.

Many thanks  
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Tomashevski, Katie [mailto:Katie.Tomashevski@islington.gov.uk]  
Sent: 06 June 2011 11:49  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Application for Betting Shop at 77 Green Lanes

Dear [REDACTED]

I have been forwarded your email as I am the licensing officer dealing with this application.

I am not sure what letter you are referring to as the Council has not sent letters out concerning this application. I can however attach a scan of the application for your information. My colleague gives advice below about making a valid representation and the under the Gambling Act. The last date for objection is Wednesday 15 June.

If there is anything else I can help you with please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,  
Katie Tomashevski  
Licensing Officer  
Islington Council  
222 Upper St, London N1 1XR  
Tel: 020-7527-3882  
Fax: 020-7527-3430

-----Original Message-----

From: Whitton, Daniel  
Sent: 06 June 2011 10:16  
To: Tomashevski, Katie  
Subject: FW: Application for Betting Shop at 77 Green Lanes

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:Lauren.McLeod@shepwedd.co.uk]  
Sent: 03 June 2011 16:33  
To: Whitton, Daniel  
Subject: Application for Betting Shop at 77 Green Lanes

Hi,

I have been forwarded your email below by a neighbour. [REDACTED] live at 77 Green Lanes and are not located within or the proposed betting shop at No. 77 Green Lanes. Please let me know if the letter that was sent to you that I may consider the

application.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] City, London EC4M 8AA  
[REDACTED]  
F: [REDACTED]  
W: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email and apologies for the difficulty you have had in regards to our Licensing Register and making an on-line representation.

I am happy to confirm that the on-line system is now working and wish to advise you that representations can alternatively be submitted by standard post or email to this office up until the last date for representations.

I appreciate your view in regards to the last date for representations however, as there is no requirement under the Gambling Act 2005 for an on-line representations system to be available and the applicant has fulfilled all requirements of the Act, this cannot be done. Therefore the last date for representations remains as 15th June.

Please note that for a representation to be valid it must be based on one or more of the three licensing objectives as listed below:

- 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; and.
- c) protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

Please contact me if you require any additional information or clarification in regards to this or any other licensing issue.

Regards,

Dan Whitton  
Licensing Officer  
Licensing Team  
Public Protection Division  
Environment & Regeneration  
Islington Council  
3rd Floor, 222 Upper Street, London, N1 1XR  
Tel: 020 7527 3841  
Alternative contact: Ferrie Lane 020 7527 3233

[Redacted]  
LONDON N16 9BU tel: 020 7254 0453

The Licensing Team  
Public Protection Division  
Environment & Regeneration  
Islington Council  
3rd Floor  
222 Upper Street  
LONDON N1 1XR

Dear Sirs

Application for Gambling Premises Licence: 75-77 Green Lanes, N16 9BU

**We would like to register our objection** to the application by Ladbrokes for a Premises Licence (Betting Premises) at 75-77 Green Lanes. We are an interested party in that we live [Redacted]

We have read the Islington Council Gambling Policy 2010-2013 and we believe our grounds of objection are legitimate within the terms set out in that document. We object for three reasons:

1. Green Lanes suffers from high rates of crime and social disorder. The Safer Neighbourhood Team has been working vigorously to address these problems, especially since a major incident on February 6th 2011. The grant of a Betting Premises Licence would fly directly in the face of these efforts.
2. Under the heading 'Saturation', the Council's gambling policy registers concern about the rise in the number of gambling facilities in the borough. In this part of the borough there are already betting premises at 58 Newington Green N1 (William Hill) and 121-23 Newington Green Road N1 (Ladbrokes) and nearby in Hackney there are a Bets R Us in Mathias Road and another Ladbrokes at 4 Albion Parade N16. In other words, we are already at saturation point and there is absolutely no need for additional premises of this kind.
3. Within 50 yards of the proposed premises is Bridge Gardens (50 Green Lanes N16), which is a hostel for vulnerable young people. The users of this hostel come clearly within the definition of 'vulnerable persons' in the Council's Policy Document (para 10). The grant of a licence so close to this hostel would be directly counter to this policy.

We would be grateful if you would inform us of the council's decision in this matter. If you require any further information from us, please let us know.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted Signature]  
[Redacted Signature]  
ROBERT THORNE & ELIZABETH ROBINSON  
COMMUNICATIONS LICENSING

cc, Cllr Wendy Mitchell, LB Hackney  
Cllr Kate Groucutt, LB Islington



**Wendy Mitchell**  
**Labour Councillor**  
London Borough of Hackney  
Members' Services  
Town Hall, Mare Street  
London E8 1EA

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14 June 2011

**Our Ref: LBH74984-11**

Ms Jan Hart, Assistant Director  
Licensing Service  
4 Floor, 222 Upper Street  
London  
N1 1XR

Dear Ms Hart

**Re: Ladbrokes application for 75-77 Green Lanes, London, N16 9BU**

I am writing to object to the above application for a gambling licence at 75-77 Green Lanes, primarily on the grounds of:

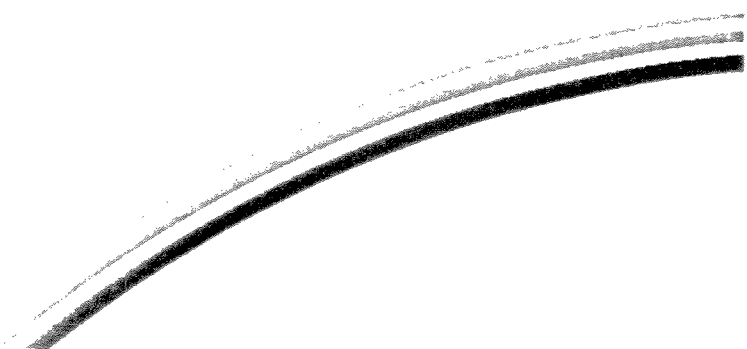
- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime; and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

I also make additional points, which I believe to be relevant, around:

- The proliferation of gambling on Green Lanes in private members' clubs.
- The prevention of public nuisance.

Green Lanes acts as the boundary road between Hackney and Islington, and this section of the road includes Clissold ward, which I represent as a ward councillor.

I am writing as a local ward councillor; however, I should note that I am also a local resident at 46, Burma Road, N16 9BJ.





## **Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder**

I have received numerous representations from residents in and around the Green Lanes area about problems on the road. This is an area which has seen a significant spike in crime and anti-social behaviour in recent months. In February, somebody was shot and assaulted on Aden Grove; an incident directly related to one of the entertainment premises operating on Green Lanes. I have also witnessed and reported to the police an incident where a large group of people were engaged in fighting in the street along this stretch of road. In addition, there are high levels of anti-social behaviour reported by residents, including verbal harassment and intimidation by groups of men congregating on the street; unacceptable levels of noise late into the night; and drug taking.

Residents are clearly extremely concerned about anti-social behaviour on this stretch of Green Lanes. I too am concerned that the opening of a betting shop will be detrimental to the area and increase the existing challenges related to policing by attracting more anti-social behaviour.

The local Safer Neighbourhoods Team has expressed significant concerns about the continuing management of Green Lanes, has increased its presence in the area, and is stepping up enforcement of premises on Green Lanes. Continuing to grant and extend premises licences in the area is highly likely to have a damaging cumulative impact in terms of crime and anti social behaviour.

## **Protection of vulnerable persons**

75-77 Green Lanes is situated across the road from Bridge Gardens, which provides supported housing for vulnerable people who would otherwise be homeless and often have substance misuse problems. The service is run by the organisation Novas.

I am extremely concerned that Ladbrokes will be frequented by vulnerable people who are resident at this service, and who may not be able to make informed or balanced decisions about gambling due to experiencing mental health problems, or through alcohol or drugs.

In addition to this, homeless and vulnerable people often also beg outside the Tesco Express on Green Lanes, also just a couple of doors down from the proposed Ladbrokes site. The Islington Gambling Policy clearly states that the protection of vulnerable people is a key consideration in granting gambling licences and I believe allowing the licence will inevitably harm the interests of vulnerable people in both Hackney and Islington.

## **Proliferation of gambling premises on Green Lanes**

The Islington gambling policy 2010-13 also states that particular care will be given to premises applying for licences in close proximity to other premises licensed for gambling.





There is a proliferation of private members' clubs on Green Lanes, which the police believe may be engaged in gambling activity but which do not all hold the requisite licences. Because of this, the local policing team in Hackney recently held a public meeting for owners of premises on Green Lanes to inform them of their legal obligations around gambling and licensing. I believe we still do not have adequate information about the extent of illegal gambling taking place in the private members' clubs on the road.

In addition to this, there are already two betting shops in close proximity and within a ten minute walk; William Hill at 58-59 Newington Green, and Ladbrokes at 123 Newington Green Road. I believe the opening of another gambling establishment on Green Lanes is unnecessary for this reason.

### **Prevention of nuisance**

Additionally, the concentration of entertainment premises on the street is causing significant public nuisance and other detrimental neighbourhood effects. In particular, there is currently almost constant illegal parking on Green Lanes related to the number of restaurants/pubs, cafes and private members' clubs, at almost all times of the day. This obstructs traffic and makes it difficult for residents to park. People dropping cigarette butts contribute to the street looking generally dirty and untidy. I am concerned that a betting shop will add to the degradation of the street scene and public realm.

Historically, there has been a lack of attention to these issues by the premises granted licences in the area. Owners of the premises on Green Lanes have also failed to control and manage the outside space in front of the premises, with groups of patrons often obstructing the pathway and smoking, which can be intimidating and noisy.

In summary, I am concerned about the concentration of poorly regulated entertainment venues already operating on Green Lanes, and that granting further licences will make the area more difficult to police and be detrimental to the quality of life of residents both on Green Lanes and in neighbouring roads in Hackney and Islington.

Yours sincerely

*PP Marcia Peart*

Wendy Mitchell  
**Councillor – Clissold**

Cc Cllrs Alcock, Smith, Thani Ulaga-Nathan, Licensing Services Manager



**Nash, Rosemary**

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**From:** Roger Simmons [rsimmons@blueyonder.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 14 June 2011 12:52  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Representation re 75-77 Green Lanes

**Attachments:** 75-77 G. Lanes 11-06-09.doc



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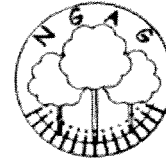
Attention : Rosemary Nash : Licensing Support Officer

On behalf of Newington Green Action Group I should like to submit the above representation in respect of the application regarding 75-77 green Lanes

Regards  
Roger Simmons  
NGAG

# The Newington Green Action Group

Chair Dr Jenny Littlewood  
Treasurer Dominic Sutton  
Membership Alex Allardyce  
Website [www.newingtongreen.org.uk](http://www.newingtongreen.org.uk)



Licensing Team  
Public Protection Division  
Islington Council  
222 Upper Street,  
London N1 1XR

Attention : Rosemary Nash  
Licensing Support Officer (by e-mail)

13<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Dear Ms. Nash,

## **75 - 77 GREEN LANES LONDON N16 9BU Gambling Act 2005 : Application for a Premises Licence**

On behalf of The Newington Green Action Group I should like to register our objection to the above proposed application on the grounds that the application will be detrimental to the character and appearance of the conservation area by replacing yet another retail property with an unsuitable usage. There are three or four betting shops in the immediate vicinity as well as a large number of male only "social clubs", some of which are licensed but a good proportion of which are *informal* ie illegal. There is a local problem with illegal betting at these clubs as well as with money laundering in the existing licensed betting shops which the provision of another licenced premises simply will not address. Indeed it will enhance the risk of gambling being associated with, and being used to support, crime.

I have to say that whilst NGAG's information on these matters is only verbal it does originate from conversations with a leader of the Turkish community, the Public Protection Unit and the police, with whom we were closely working.

Whilst we make no aspersions in respect of Ladbrokes on this current application, experience in and around Newington Green suggests that what the area would really welcome is more retail (class A1) premises not less.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Simmons  
Executive Committee :  
The Newington Green Action Group

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 14 June 2011 22:57  
To: Licensing  
Subject: 75-77 Green Lanes, London N16 9BU (Ladbrokes)

Dear Sir/Madame

I wish to register my objection to the application by Ladbrokes to open a branch at the above address.

I am a local resident [REDACTED] and object on the following grounds:

- the area is already super-served by betting shops. There are at least three within a quarter mile of the proposed site.
- there have been a lot of problems with anti-social behaviour in that part of Green Lanes, culminating in a firearms offence at one of the social clubs a few doors away from the proposed betting shop. I do not think that the presence of another betting establishment is going to help this situation.
- the site is across the road from Bridge Gardens, which is a sheltered housing project for vulnerable adults. This is not going to be a helpful presence for the occupants.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

The Licensing Team  
Public Protection Division  
Environment & Regeneration  
Islington Council  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
222 Upper Street  
London N1 1XR

12 June 2011

Dear Sirs

Re: Application for Gambling Premises Licence, 75-77 Green Lanes, N16 9BU

We would like to register our strong objection to the application by Ladbrokes for a Premises Licence (Betting Premises) at 75-7 Green Lanes. We are an interested party in that we live within 150 yard of the premises.

We have read the Islington Council Gambling Policy 2010-2013 and we believe our grounds of objection are legitimate within the terms set out in that document. We object for three reasons:

1. Green Lanes suffers from high rates of crime and social disorder. The Safer Neighbourhood Team has been working vigorously to address these problems, especially following a major incident on 6 February 2011. The grant of a Betting Premises Licence would fly directly in the fact of these efforts.
2. Under the heading 'Saturation', the Council's gambling policy registers concern about the rise in the number of gambling facilities in the borough. In this part of the borough there are already betting premises at 58 Newington Green N1 (William Hill) and 121-23 Newington Green Road N1 (Ladbrokes) and nearby in Hackney there are a Bets R Us in Mathias Road and another Ladbrokes at 4 Albion Parade N16. In other words, we are already at saturation point and there is absolutely no need for additional premises of this kind.
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We would be grateful if you could inform us of the council's decision in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

cc. Cllr Wendy Mitchell, LB Hackney  
Cllr Kate Groucutt, LB Islington

COMMERCIAL LICENSING

15 JUN 2011

PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION  
222 UPPER STREET

SCHEDULE 5

Regulations 14 and 15

Conditions attaching to betting premises licences

PART 1

Mandatory conditions attaching to betting premises  
licences (other than track premises licences)

1. A notice stating that no person under the age of 18 years is permitted to enter the premises shall be displayed in a prominent place at every entrance to the premises.
- 2.—(1) Access to the premises shall be from a street or from other premises with a betting premises licence.  
(2) Without prejudice to sub-paragraph (1), there shall be no means of direct access between the premises and other premises used for the retail sale of merchandise or services.
3. Subject to anything permitted by virtue of the 2005 Act, or done in accordance with paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 below, the premises shall not be used for any purpose other than for providing facilities for betting.
4. Any ATM made available for use on the premises shall be located in a place that requires any customer who wishes to use it to leave any gaming machine or betting machine in order to do so.
5. No apparatus for making information or other material available in the form of sounds or visual images may be used on the premises, except for apparatus used for the following purposes—
  - (a) communicating information about, or coverage of, sporting events, including—
    - (i) information relating to betting on such an event; and
    - (ii) any other matter or information, including an advertisement, which is incidental to such an event;
  - (b) communicating information relating to betting on any event (including the result of the event) in connection with which betting transactions may be or have been effected on the premises.
6. No publications, other than racing periodicals or specialist betting publications, may be sold or offered for sale on the premises.
7. No music, dancing or other entertainment shall be provided or permitted on the premises, save for entertainment provided in accordance with paragraph 5.
- 8.—(1) No alcohol shall be permitted to be consumed on the premises at any time during which facilities for gambling are being provided on the premises.  
(2) A notice stating the condition in sub-paragraph (1) shall be displayed in a prominent place at every entrance to the premises.
9. A notice setting out the terms on which customers are invited to bet on the premises shall be displayed in a prominent place on the premises to which customers have unrestricted access.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). UK  
Statutory Instruments are not carried in their revised form on this site.*

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## PART 2

### Default conditions attaching to betting premises licences (other than in respect of tracks)

No facilities for gambling shall be provided on the premises between the hours of 10pm on one day and 7am on the next day.

**Extract from Islington Council's Gambling Policy 2010-2013**

**Saturation**

31. Islington is London's smallest Borough with multiple factors of deprivation.
32. As reported by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board, there is evidence that some groups in the population may be more vulnerable to gambling-related harm. This includes some BME groups as well as people with low incomes. Children and young people may be particularly susceptible, as their youth and limited life experience may make them more inclined to risk-taking behaviour and less able to manage the consequences of these decisions.
33. In Islington the main opportunities to gamble in licensed premises arise from betting shops and AGCs. Since the introduction of the Gambling Act 2005, while the number of betting shops has remained constant, Islington has seen a rapid rise in the number of applications for AGCs.
34. Nationally between March 2008 and March 2009 there was an increase in the number of AGCs from 601 to 632, representing a 5% rise. Over the same period Islington has seen the number of AGCs rise from 8 to potentially 14, representing a 75% increase. The potential rise has come predominantly from "split premises" type applications; two of which have been refused and the others are still pending.
35. Islington has serious concerns around the impact a further increase in the opportunity to gamble in the Borough will have on its most vulnerable residents. Islington recognises that the relationship between health and low income exists across almost all health indicators. As a consequence the Islington Strategic Partnership has set the reduction of poverty as the primary objective of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
36. Islington has particular concerns over "split premises" applications being used as a device to increase the permitted number of high stake, high prize gaming machines.
37. As a consequence, while Islington recognises the generally permissive nature of the Gambling Act 2005, the Licensing Authority will seek to limit facilities for gambling in areas where it feels its vulnerable residents will be put at potential risk of harm.
38. The Licensing Authority intends to carry out further investigation to see whether it is necessary to introduce a policy to create a presumption against further opportunities to gamble, or against particular types of gambling, in Islington or parts of Islington. The kind of research we will look to may include:
  - o An analysis of the concentration of gambling premises per hectare as against the rest of London, or per capita against London or the UK.
  - o Statistical evidence regarding levels of crime and anti-social behaviour generally or around licensed premises or gambling premises in particular.

- Statistical evidence regarding addictions generally or gambling-related addictions in particular in Islington.
- Statistical evidence regarding levels of deprivation.
- Evidence regarding proximity of sensitive uses such as residential estates, places of worship, addiction facilities, hostels etc.
- Consultation responses supporting a restraint policy.
- Whether professional advice supports the view that further gambling facilities may impact detrimentally in these regards.



