

Report of: Director of Public Protection

Meeting of: Licensing Sub-Committee

Date: 02/02/2023

Ward(s): Caledonian

PREMISES LICENCE NEW APPLICATION

Re: Jennings Bet, 309-311 Caledonian Road,
London N1 1TD

1. APPLICATION

- 1.1 This is an application by Betting Shops Operations Limited, for a licence to permit the premises to operate as a betting shop under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005. With the application form, the applicants provided a Local Area Risk Assessment

Relevant Representations:

Licensing Authority	Yes
Metropolitan Police	No
Noise	No
Health and Safety	No
Trading Standards	No
Public Health	No
Safeguarding Children	No

London Fire Brigade	No
Local residents	Yes: Three resident representations
Other bodies	No:

2. Recommendations

2.1 Under section 153 Gambling Act 2005 the Licensing Authority shall aim to permit the use of premises for gambling in so far as the authority thinks it appropriate;

- i. In accordance with the codes of practice issued by the Gambling Commission
- ii. In accordance with guidance issued by the Gambling Commission
- iii. Reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives
- iv. In accordance with Islington Gambling Policy

2.2 There are three licensing objectives under the Gambling Act 2005:

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

3. Background

3.1 The council has received four representations, one from the Licensing Authority and three from local residents.

3.2 The council's Gambling Policy 2023-2025 recognises that the location of a premises is an important factor when determination new applications. Appendix 1 of the Licensing Policy sets out the types of existing premises in an area, such as schools and parks, which will lead to an application being given very careful consideration.

3.3 Premises licences are subject to four types of conditions:

Mandatory – these apply to all betting shops (see appendix 3)

Default – which specify opening times and may be removed by the Licensing Authority

Individual – these can be imposed by the Licensing Authority but they must not affect the lawful right to provide gaming machines. Betting shops can provide up to four gaming machines, with a maximum stake of £100 and prize payout of £500.

Incorporated – these reflect requirements of the primary legislation which prohibit the provision of gambling facilities on Christmas Day and require door supervisors to be appropriately registered.

- 3.4 In addition to a premises licence, betting shop operators are also required to hold an operating licence and personal management licence. These licences are administered by the Gambling Commission and are subject to various conditions. The Gambling Commission is also responsible for issuing codes of practice which require licensees to put into place various policies for example to promote socially responsible gambling and prevent underage gambling.

Implications

Financial Implications

The Head of Finance reports that the applicant has paid the application fee of £3,000.

Should the application be refused, the fee is not refundable.

Legal Implications

The legal implications are set out in Paragraph 2.

Legal advice will be provided at the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee as necessary.

Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030

The Licensing Sub-Committee need to consider the impacts that that proposals will have on the environment. An impact is defined as any change to the environment, whether positive or negative, wholly or partially resulting from Council activities. Almost all human activity has some impact on the environment, and it is very unlikely that any activity will not have any implications.

Equalities Impact Assessment

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required in relation to this report, because this is a decision relating to a Premises Licence application under the Licensing Act 2003.

Planning implications

The Planning & Development section have the following comments to make in relation to the above application:

The property is not statutorily Listed, however, it is located within the Barnsbury Conservation Area.

Planning permission was granted on appeal on 8 August 2022 for the change of use from Class E to Sui Generis (Betting shop) (P2021/3265/FUL)

This was subject to the following condition:-

(3) The use hereby permitted shall not open to customers outside the following times: 0800 – 2200 on any day of the week.

The license application is compatible with the planning permission and there is no objection from the Planning Team to this application being granted.

Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

That the Licensing Sub-Committee determines this application on its merits, taking into account the requirements listed in sections 2.1 and 2.2 above, the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy 2023-25 and the Gambling Act 2005

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

- a. mandatory and default conditions issued under the Gambling Act 2005 and contained in appendix 3 for reference purposes; and
- b. any additional individual conditions imposed by the licensing authority.

Appendices:

Appendix 1: application form;

Appendix 2: representations;

Appendix 3: mandatory and default conditions;

Appendix 4: map of premises location.

Background papers:

None.

Final report clearance:

Signed by:

Service Director Public Protection and Regulatory Services

Date: 

Report author: Licensing Service

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

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): [*****]

the date on which the application was made: [*****]

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

Part 3 – Premises Details

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

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

309-311 Caledonian Road, London

Postcode: N1 1DT

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 to be licensed forms part of a larger property set in a long linear shopping parade on Caledonian Road and on the end of a terrace. To the other side is a Co-Op supermarket. Above are two floors of residential accommodation that are accessed only from Kember Street.

14(a) Are the premises situated in more than one licensing authority area? No

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

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			[*****]
Tues			[*****]
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): ASAP

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

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?

No

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

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

Part 6 – Declarations and Checklist (Please tick)

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.

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
- We understand that if the above requirements are not complied with the application may be rejected
- 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:

Woods Whur

Signature:

Print Name: Woods Whur

Date: 16 December 2022

Capacity: Solicitors for the Applicant

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: [*****]

Part 8 – Contact Details

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

23(b) Please give one or more telephone numbers at which the person identified in question 23(a) can be contacted: 0113 234 3055

24 Postal address for correspondence associated with this application:

Woods Whur

St James House

28 Park Place

Leeds

Postcode: LS1 2SP

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:

andrew@woodswhur.co.uk

Local Area Risk Assessment

Premises Address:	309-311 CALEDONIAN ROAD, LONDON, N1 1DT
Name of Assessor:	Peter Jowett
Colleagues Present:	N/A – New application
Date of assessment:	13 th December 2022
Review date:	13 th December 2023 or before if any significant changes take place

1. Local Area

The shop is situated on Caledonian Road and forms part of the long linear shopping parades which are home to various service related and leisure businesses, including coffee shops, takeaway / restaurants and is situated between two existing Betting shops. Bemerton Children's Centre located on the Bemerton Estate close to Caledonian Road is the closest venue where children of nursery age visit and a number of primary schools are situated in the wider area. Jean Stokes Community Centre is within walking distance which provides numerous social activities for all ages. Islington West Library is situated just off Caledonian Road, opens restricted hours 4 days a week

Establishment type	Risk	Present (y/n) and details
Other gambling premises	Problem gamblers could self-exclude from other operators but still attempt to gamble in our premises	Paddy Power & Ladbroke betting shops within a short walk
Educational establishment	Increased presence of under 18 in local area. 6 th form colleges particularly give a higher risk of underage gambling	Various Primary schools in the wider area, no higher education facilities within a mile of the branch
Hospital or mental health facility	This could lead to an increased presence in the local area of vulnerable people	Islington MIND is the closest facility to the shop and 1 mile away
Job centre	This could lead to an increased presence in the local area of vulnerable people	Job Centre 0.7m
Pub, social club, club serving alcohol	This could lead to an increased presence in the local area of vulnerable people	Kennedy's Public House @ 297 Caledonian Road
Off licence	This could lead to an increased presence in the local area of vulnerable people	Coop @ 303-307 Caledonian Road
Specialised housing for vulnerable people	This could lead to an increased presence in the local area of vulnerable people	None within the immediate location
Gambling addiction support facilities	This could lead to an increased presence in the local area of vulnerable people	Rehab Recovery over a mile and a half away. Betknowmore based on Pentonville Road.
Alcohol or drug support facilities	This could lead to an increased presence in the local area of vulnerable people	ADT Healthcare Drug & Alcohol Rehab London, Within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile
Hostels or support services for homeless	This could lead to an increased presence in the local area of vulnerable people	None in the immediate area
Pawn brokers or pay day loan businesses	This could lead to an increased presence in the local area of vulnerable people	None on this area of Caledonian Road
Area frequented by children or young people at varying times E.g. Bus stops in view of shop	Increased presence of under 18 in local area. Groups of young people gathering during evenings would heighten risk	1 bus stop opposite Paddy Power and 1 bus stop just to the south of Ladbrokes.

2. The Gambling Operation

<p>Winter Trading Times (September to April)</p> <p>Monday to Friday: 08:30 -22:00</p> <p>Saturday: 08:30 – 22:00</p> <p>Sunday: 10:00-22:00</p>	<p>Summer Trading Times (April to September)</p> <p>Monday to Friday: 08:30 -22:00</p> <p>Saturday: 08:30 -22:00</p> <p>Sunday: 10:00-22:00</p>
How many employees are based in this shop?	3
How many employees are usually on duty at the specified times:	
08:30 to 13.00:	1
13:00pm to 17:30pm:	2
17:30-22:00:	2
Does the company operate lone person working in this shop from 7.00pm:	No
What products does the premises provide for gambling*:	
No. of tills to process over the counter bets in operation:	2
No. of FOBTs in operation:	4
No. of SSBT's in operation:	8
How is training provided to employees in the premises:	The Company's Training Manager provides face to face induction training to new employees before they take up a formal position. On site training further enhances their development over the first 8 weeks working alongside a suitable branch training manager. A new recruit to the business whether previously employed in the sector or not MUST undertake and pass a final examination before being allowed to manage a branch. Refresher training is undertaken on an annual basis via our on line portal. All training records are held at head office.

3. Licensing objectives

Licensing Objective	Risks	Existing Control Measures	Further Controls Recommended
<p>Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underage customers attempting to gamble on the premises • Children accompanying adults onto the premises • Customers coming into the shop who are clearly under the influence of alcohol due to the proximity of the pub and off licence • Self excluded customers from Ladbrokes or Paddy Power shops attempting to enter • Vulnerable people visiting the premises and gambling beyond their means or in an out of control manner. Vulnerable people could include (but not limited to) people with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health conditions • Drug dependency • Alcohol dependency • Problem gamblers • Homelessness • Debt issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think 21 policy will be in operation to aid identification of under 18's. • Serve legal test purchase scheme checks our adherence to this policy • Zero tolerance on children being on the premises • External advertising is not aimed at young people or use images likely to appeal to young people • No alcohol or drug policy on premises. • Service refused to anyone showing signs of not being in control of their actions due to the influence of drugs/alcohol • Internal self-exclusion process in place • We subscribe to the multi operator self-exclusion scheme (MOSES) • Posters and leaflets on display which give customers information on responsible gambling and where they can seek help • Staff trained in spotting signs of problem gambling and responding with customer interactions encouraging customers to take a break from play when exhibiting signs of problem gambling • FOBT terminals have mandatory warnings in place for session time and spend. These pause the session for 30 seconds to allow the customer to take a break. • FOBT terminals allow customers to voluntarily set limits for both time and spend, when reached the session is paused for 30 seconds to allow the customer to take a break 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff counter will have a direct line of sight to the entrance door • Increased awareness of customer behaviour. Refuse service to any customers who are not in control of themselves • Prior to opening MOSES will be contacted and a request made that they contact all those still self excluded from Ladbrokes and Paddy Power add our shop to their request. • Check self-exclusions at the start of every shift for new MOSES self excluded customers • Make sure any self exclusion breaches are logged with support

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No FOBT advertising material to be placed in the windows • We adhere to the cross-industry Gambling Industry Code on Socially Responsible Advertising • Responsible gambling messages are displayed on all external marketing material and also on FOBT terminals • All staff trained in these policies and refresher training takes place on an annual basis 	
<p>Preventing Gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop potentially used for money laundering purposes, either through over the counter bets or on the terminals in the shop • Gaming machines may allow 'dyed notes' for credit • Premises may be used by drug dealers • Visitors to the shop may attempt to sell stolen goods to customers • Robbery • Subject to customer fraud • Subject to staff fraud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All high staking customers monitored in shop and MLRO monitors staking patterns for KYC and POCA purposes • Terminals raise alert if suspicious pattern of play. All instances reported via online portal to the MLRO • Staff trained to report suspicions to MLRO • Staff trained to report any instances of dyed notes in terminals to Security and MLRO • We have zero tolerance on drugs on the premises. Any suspicions will be reported to the police • Staff trained to not allow any goods to be sold on the premises • Shop will be fitted with the following security measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV • StaffGuard monitoring system • Remote operated electronic lock • Time delayed safe • Staff are trained in identifying and preventing attempted customer fraud. Images of known offenders are circulated regularly to shop • In house Security department monitor transactions in shop to identify and prevent staff fraud 	

<p>Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customers may be mis-led by unclear offers • Customers may not be aware of who to make a complaint to • Unusual betting patterns may lead to the integrity of events being questioned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our rules are clearly displayed in shop • Any changes to rules are communicated to customers by way of customer notice in advance of any changes coming into effect • Terms and Conditions of any in shop promotions will be available for customers • Complaints leaflets are available in store in prominent location • We receive information about unusual betting patterns or suspicious betting from the Gambling Commission, either directly or via the BGC 	
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4. Gambling Operation & Physical Design (Internal and External)

Licensing Objective	Risks	Existing Control Measures	Further Controls Recommended
<p>Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underage customers could enter the premises unseen and gamble on a FOBT or a SSBT Self-excluded customer could enter the premises unseen and gamble on a FOBT or SSBT Problem gamblers may not have access to responsible gambling literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All entrances have direct line of sight from counter or are covered by mirrors / CCTV All FOBT and SSBT's can be seen directly from the counter position or by CCTV Responsible gambling posters and leaflets are available next to the FOBT's Responsible gambling posters and leaflets are available in other location for customers to browse discreetly Self-exclusion leaflets are available in multiple positions on the premises 	<p>Think 21 Challenge to be made as soon as a person attempts to enter the premises that appears to be under the age of 21</p> <p>Check self-exclusions at the start of every shift for new MOSES self excluded customers</p> <p>We work closely with Betknowmore and YGAM, provide suitable literature for potential problem gamblers to reach out for help. We also directly signpost vulnerable customers to both these organisations and Gamcare</p>
<p>Preventing Gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shop being targeted for burglary out of hours Blind spots in shop / toilets being used to carry out illegal activity 	<p>The shop is self contained with no other entrances. The front will have security shutters installed. The premises will be fully alarmed with a link to external company to monitor unauthorised access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrance to the toilet is in clear view of the counter, and entry is controlled by staff There are no blind spots on the premises 	

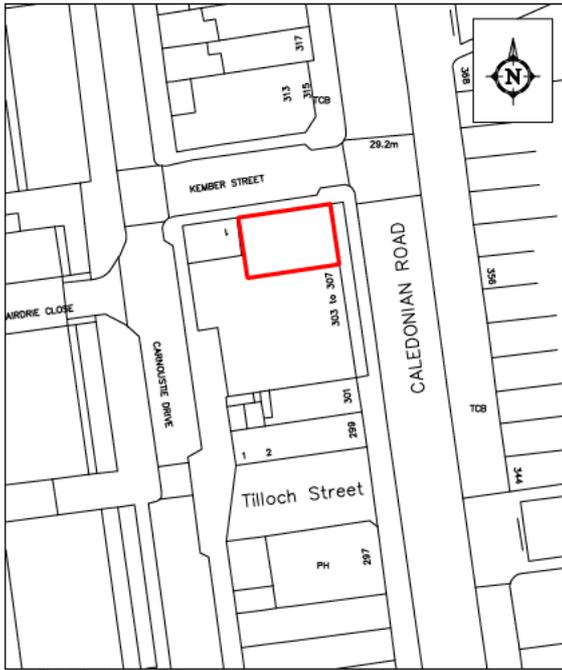
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premises and equipment being damaged by customers • The use of stolen debit cards as payment for bets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are trained in identifying signs of problem gambling and having meaningful customer interaction • All card transactions over £100 require PIN • Any bet / terminal credit that is paid by card has returns paid back to the same card 	
Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customers may be mis-led by unclear offers • Customers may not be aware of who to make a complaint to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our rules are clearly displayed in shop • Any changes to rules are communicated to customers by way of customer notice in advance of any changes coming into effect • Terms and Conditions of any in shop promotions will be available for customers • Complaints leaflets are available in store in prominent location • All betting receipts include Head Office telephone number 	

5. Action Plan

Question	Action Required	By Whom (name)	By When (date)	Date Completed

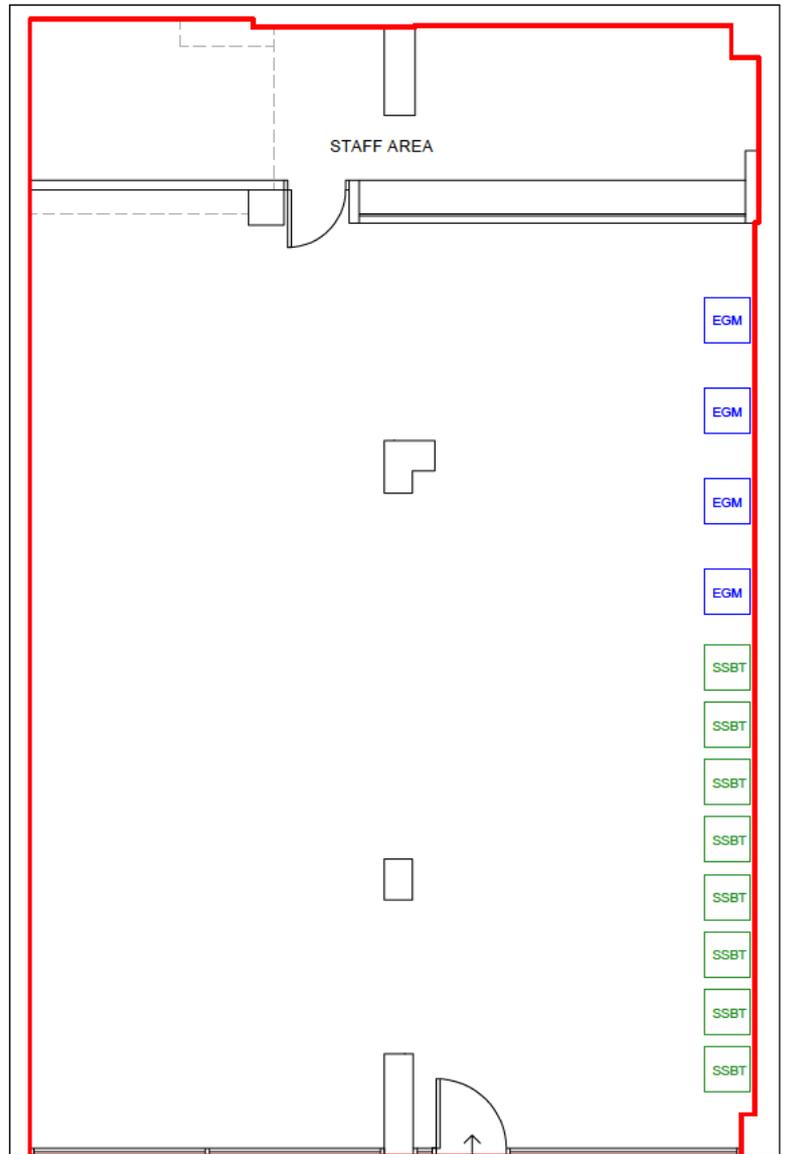
6. Assessment Review

Frequency of Review (enter time period e.g. 12 months)	12 months or significant change	Date Review Due	13 th December2023
Completed Risk Assessment brought to the attention of:			
Name	Position	Signature	Date the this assessment was brought to this persons attention
TBC	Manager		
TBC	Duty Manager		
TBC	Duty Manager		
TBC	Relief Manager		



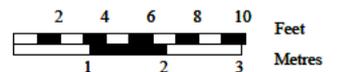
LOCATION PLAN SCALE 1:1250

- Key**
-  Gaming area to be licensed
 -  SSBT - Self Service Betting Terminal
 -  EGM - Electronic Gambling Machines



Entrance from Public Highway

GROUND FLOOR



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Date drawn: 06-12-2022
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LICENSING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATION GAMBLING ACT 2005**APPLICANT:** Betting Shop Operations Limited**PREMISES:** Jennings Bet, 309-311 Caledonian Road London N1 1DT**APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE**

I am submitting a representation on behalf of the Licensing Authority with respect to the application for the above premises.

PLAN

Applicants are required to submit a plan with the application which must show, among other physical factors, the location and extent of any part of the premises which will be used to provide facilities for gambling. The reason for this is to assist the Licensing Authority in determining whether the application is in accordance with the licensing objectives, gambling policy, statutory codes and the Gambling Commissions Guidance. The applicants have provided a very basic plan effectively only showing the perimeter of the premises with some machine points along one side of the shop.

It is difficult to determine an application without having assurance on the way the premises is laid out. The Licensing Authority needs to be satisfied that customers and any machines will be located in such a manner that they can be monitored. CCTV cameras and staff locations have not been identified. There is concern that staff will not be able to view all machine usage and customer behaviours, or be able to identify excluded, intoxicated or under-age customers.

LONE WORKING

The applicants state there will be a lone worker every morning. The Licensing Authority recommends that there shall always be at least 2 floor staff on duty at the premises during opening hours. As well as providing safety for the staff, a lone worker would find it very difficult to serve customers, refuse entry, check machine usage, customer behaviour, problem gamblers, check on self-excluded customers, underage customers, intoxication, if drugs or alcohol are brought on to the premises or identify vulnerable persons with addictions or other mental health issues.

Gambling premises should be adequately staffed by enough trained and competent staff to protect themselves and customers and to prevent the premises being used as a source of crime and disorder.

In order to promote the licensing objectives and reduce the risk of staff working in gambling premises being subject to workplace violence and verbal abuse it is expected that there will be an adequate number of staff and managers on the premises to cover key points throughout the day. Applications for premises that will result in regular lone working are only likely to be approved in exceptional circumstances

MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Islington Council seeks to encourage the highest standards of management in premises used for gambling and for applicants and operators to demonstrate they have taken steps to prevent gambling from being a source of crime and disorder and to protect people from gambling related harm.

Management standards should include high-quality and regular training of all staff, the ability to recognise and address gambling harms and preventative measures targeted at all people, and not just those who are children, young or vulnerable.

There must be extensive training for new staff and refresher training at least every six months on all aspects of the Licensing Objectives and the protection of vulnerable customers, as the premises is situated in a very deprived area of Islington with high crime and anti-social behaviour levels.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information provided, the Licensing Authority is unable to recommend that this application be granted and ask that the Licensing Sub Committee consider the inadequate layout plan, the lack of detail of the staff training and its frequency and whether the applicants have demonstrated the high standards of management and best practice expected by Islington Council.

Terrie Lane

Licensing Manager

Public Protection Division

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N1 2XR

0207 527 3031

30 December 2022

Rep 2

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 January 2023 20:20
To: Licensing <Licensing@islington.gov.uk>
Subject: Jenningsbet, 309-311 Caledonian Road Islington London N1 1DT

[External]

Hello,

Thank you for alerting me to the license application for a new Betting Premises licence at 309-311 Caledonian Road Islington London N1 1DT.

As a resident, I'd like to object to the granting of this license on the grounds of public nuisance and public safety. I believe this use detrimentally affects the character and rapidly decreasing diversity of Caledonian Road as a local shopping area. There are two operational betting shops fronting onto the high street within a 500m radius of the site – Ladbrokes at 289-291 and Paddy Power at 325. Is a third betting shop really needed in such close proximity?

Introducing another betting shop will not add an important social role for the local community, nor positively contribute to the character and identity of the area.

I understand that the proposed hours of operation are 0800-2200, similar to the 0700-2300 hours of the much frequented coop next door. I'm concerned that this juxtaposition may create distress for those who wish to keep away from betting shops as they go about their day-to-day shopping. Thank you for taking my views as a resident into account.

[REDACTED]

Rep 3

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 January 2023 10:28
To: Licensing <Licensing@islington.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments on Licence Application - Jenningsbet, 309-311 Caledonian Road

[External]

Dear Islington Licensing Services,

I received a letter recently, informing me of the licensing application for Jenningsbet, at 309-311 Caledonian Road, and I wish to make my concerns known about this proposal.

We already have two gambling premises, these being a Paddy Power at 325 Caledonian Road, and a Ladbrokes at 291 Caledonian Road. These are already less than a minute's walk away from each other, and the proposed site of the Jenningsbet would be in between the two of them (!) making a total of three gambling businesses in extremely close proximity to each other.

In regard to specific licensing objectives that require addressing, I list the following:

1. Crime and shoplifting is already on the increase on Caledonian Road, at both the Iceland and Co-Op supermarkets (I have witnessed it personally), and having a third gambling premises would further lead to people losing money by gambling and stealing either food to eat, or valuables to pay for further gambling. Not to mention that losing makes people angry and frustrated, which is another contribution to antisocial behaviour.
2. There is a substantial community in the local council estates (Bemerton Estate, etc) that are on low incomes or benefits, and increasing the number of gambling businesses will further exploit these vulnerable people's dreams of getting "quick money" via gambling and this will only lead to addiction, losses and further crime.
3. The high visibility of the premises (especially if there are 3) on the street will encourage children to take an interest in gambling

I would also add that is already a struggle to introduce improvements in the appearance and character of Caledonian Road. Another increase in gambling businesses will further degrade the character of the local area rather than enhance it, so I recommend refusing the request and letting the premises to a different type of business instead

My details as a resident homeowner:



Rep 4

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 02 January 2023 21:05
To: Licensing <Licensing@islington.gov.uk>
Subject: Resident's Representation on Jenningsbet Premises Licence Application

[External]

Dear Islington Council Licensing Service:

Further to your letter soliciting representations on the above application to open a betting shop at 309-311 Caledonian Road, please consider my comments in your review of said application.

First of all, please note that there are already two betting shops within c. 100 meters of each other on Caledonian Road. I believe this application is for a large betting shop that extends over two standard shop-fronts in between these two existing betting shops. Further, at the Co-op supermarket, and at practically every corner shop on the Caledonian Road, one is able to make a variety of bets on the lottery and such like. Given the profuse variety of gambling establishments/opportunities that already exist, it is baffling that anyone could think that approving

a further gambling den is (a) appropriate; (b) improving for residents in this vicinity; and (c) in accordance with the Council's licensing policy.

Secondly, there is considerable deprivation in this area of Islington. In this era of austerity and economic hardship, I struggle to understand how an additional betting shop might help to alleviate the already rampant anti-social behaviours that residents regularly encounter in this area. I do not think vulnerable residents, children, and those on low-income/benefits need exposure to another gambling facility near their homes to relieve them of money, of which they already don't have enough.

I am unaware of whether the shops and supermarkets on the Caledonian Road still bother to report shoplifting, but suffice it to say that on several occasions, I have seen desperate looking people make off with food items in the supermarket. I have seen increased loitering and begging, which resulted in increased litter, public urinating, and general unpleasantness in the public streets around my home. Given the sum of anti-social issues on the Caledonian Road and the challenging deprivation of the area, I would recommend that the Council robustly rejects this application.

Finally, should the Council even contemplate approving this application, then I would question what its intentions and ambitions are for this part of Islington. We can do better than settling for a street full of gambling dens and fried chicken shops.

Yours faithfully,

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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.

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

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

Appendix 4

