

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**DATE AND TIME**

**THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER, 2020**

**AT 10.30 AM**

**TO: MEMBERS OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (Quorum 3)**

**Councillors**

Alison Cornelius  
Claire Farrier  
Lachhya Gurung

*\* The licensing authority will only allow licensing decisions to be taken by a minimum of three Councillors. In the event of one Member being unable to attend, their place will be substituted by another Member taken from the membership of the full Licensing Committee. In the event of this substitution taking place, all parties will be informed of the change of Membership at the beginning of the hearing.*

**You are requested to attend the above meeting for which an agenda is attached.**

**Andrew Charlwood – Head of Governance**

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**ASSURANCE GROUP**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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# LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET

## LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

### HEARINGS PROCEDURE

AGENDA ITEM 4

#### *General points*

The following procedure is based on Regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Licensing Act 2003 (“the Hearings Regulations”) which may be viewed or downloaded from the website of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport by following links from [www.culture.gov.uk](http://www.culture.gov.uk)

The procedure is intended as a general framework to ensure natural justice and a fair hearing. The conduct of individual hearings may vary slightly according to circumstances and the discretion of the Chairman. In all cases, however, this general framework will be followed.

The procedure allows each party a maximum period of 5 minutes in which to present their case (Regulations 16 & 24). At the end of the time allowed, the Chairman will terminate the presentation and the hearing will proceed in the form of a discussion led by the authority to explore points of dispute. The discussion will not be timed.

The procedure is subject to periodic review and amendment to reflect best practice and relevant legislative changes. An updated version of this procedure is published as soon as possible following any such amendments.

#### **Governance Officer**

- To seek nominations for Chairman
- Elect Chairman
- Hand over to the Chairman

#### **Chairman**

- Introduces him/herself and Members of the Committee, and outlines their roles.
- Introduces Licensing, Legal and Governance Officer.
- Explains that Legal and Governance Officers will be present during the Committee’s deliberations to advise only, and that the Licensing Officer will be excluded from deliberations.
- Asks parties present to introduce themselves.
- Outlines procedure to be followed.
- Asks all parties to confirm their understanding of the procedure.
- Clarifies any aspect(s) of the procedure where any parties are uncertain or asks Legal or Governance Officer as appropriate to clarify.

#### **Governance Officer**

- Informs Committee of absent parties.
- Details persons whom a party is seeking permission to represent them at hearing.
- Panel confer regarding permission.
- Chairman announces decision regarding permission.

### **Licensing Officer presents the report to the Committee**

- Is a statement of the facts including details of the application and operating schedule, relevant policy details, detail representations made, a chronology of events and highlights the points on which the Authority requires clarification.

### **Applicant**

- Presents opening submissions and clarifies points raised by Authority in notice of hearing. Time allowed 5 mins.

### **Other parties**

- Presents opening submissions either in person or by spokes person  
Time allowed 5 mins per interested party.

### **Note regarding use of video evidence**

Video evidence must be in DVD format and will form part of the relevant party's five minutes opening submission. Any party wishing to use video evidence must submit a copy to the Authority along with sufficient, identical extra copies to serve on all the opposing parties – i.e. if the applicant is submitting it, there must be enough copies for all parties making representations and if a party making representations is submitting it there must be a copy for the applicant. The recording must be edited down to the highlights, containing only relevant matter which relates to the written representation previously submitted. In addition, a description of how, when and where the video was recorded and what it contains must be submitted. These must be supplied to the Authority at least five working days before the hearing.

### **Members question Licensing Officer on Policy**

### **Discussion**

#### **Chairman leads a discussion concentrating on points of dispute:**

Chairman asks Applicant what he disputes in other parties' submissions, and asks other parties to comment.

Chairman proceeds through all objectors dealing with all matters of contention.

When Chairman feels all matters have been thoroughly discussed and all parties have been given a fair and equal opportunity to comment and make representations, she/he closes discussion.

### **Determination**

There are two procedures depending on whether or not determination is to be made at the end of the Hearing or within five working days of the Hearing. This later announcement of determination is permitted in terms of the Legislation for certain types of applications.

#### **Chairman informs all present that the Committee will deliberate, that Legal and Governance Officer will remain to advise but will not be part of decision-making process, and that all others must leave (under Regulation 14).**

- Parties, apart from Legal and Governance Officer, leave the room.
- The Committee deliberates, with advice as required from Legal and Governance Officer, and reaches a conclusion. The Legal officer may assist, as required, in formulating the wording of the determination.
- Parties return.

- Chairman reads out determination, and advises it will be sent in writing to all parties.
- Opportunity for determination to be clarified by any interested party who is unclear.
- Chairman gives advice about appealing against the determination.
- Chairman thanks all for attending and closes the meeting.

**...Within five working days of the hearing**

- Chairman explains requirement to determine the Hearing within five working days, and advises that the Committee will proceed to deliberate and announce the determination within that time.
- During deliberations, Legal and Governance Officers remain to advise on law and procedure as required. The Legal Officer may assist, as required, in formulating the wording of the determination. The Licensing Officer plays no part in the determination and withdraws for this part of the proceedings.
- Chairman advises all parties that they will receive written notification of the determination within five working days of the Hearing date, together with general information on how to appeal against the determination.
- Chairman thanks all parties for attending and invites the applicant, objector(s), other party(ies) and the Licensing Officer to leave.

**Information on Appealing against the decision**

You may at any time before the expiration of a period of 21 days from notification appeal to Willesden Magistrates' Court, 448 High Road London England NW10 2DZ (Telephone 020 8955 0555, DX 110850 Willesden 2) by way of Complaint for an Order. The Court may either dismiss the appeal, substitute for the decision appealed against any other decision which could have been made by the Licensing Authority or remit the case to the Licensing Authority to dispose of it in accordance with the directions of the court, and can make such order as to costs as it thinks fit.

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**Licensing Sub-Committee**  
**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

<b>Title</b>	<b>New Bingo Premises Licence – Merkur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane N3 2BX</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Trading Standards & Licensing Manager
<b>Wards</b>	West Finchley
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Urgent</b>	N/A
<b>Key</b>	No
<b>Enclosures</b>	Report of the Licensing Officer  Annex 1 – Application Form Annex 2 - Agreement to add Police proposed Conditions Annex 3 – Representations Annex 4 – Matters for Decision
<b>Officer Contact Details</b>	Zekiel Cudjoe 020 8359 3110 Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk

**Summary**

This report asks the Sub-Committee to consider an application for a New Bingo Premises Licence, under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005

**Recommendations**

- 1. This report asks the Sub-Committee to consider an application for a New Bingo Premises Licence, under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005 for Merkur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane N3 2BX.**

## **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 The licensing authority having received valid representations against the application for a new Bingo premises licence is expected to hold a hearing to consider those representations. The application can be determined by the licensing authority without a hearing in certain circumstances.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Where a representation is submitted under Section 162 of the Gambling Act 2005 the authority must hold a hearing to consider such representations, unless the representation is withdrawn, the applicant or any party or responsible authority who has made a valid representation agrees or where the authority considers that the representations are frivolous or vexatious.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 3.1 The Licensing Sub-Committee is required to give appropriate weight to the representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties, the Guidance issued pursuant to section 25 of the Gambling Act 2005, the Council's Gambling Statement of Principles and the steps that are appropriate to promote the three Gambling objectives.

Having considered those relevant matters, the Licensing Sub-Committee is required to take such of the following steps (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

On considering an application for a premises licence (whether at a hearing or not) a licensing authority shall —

- (a) grant it,
- (b) grant it with further conditions attached,
- (c) grant it with an excluded condition that would otherwise be attached to the licence by virtue of section 168, or
- (b) reject it.

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 The decision under section 164 will not have effect until the end of the period given for appealing against the decision, or if the decision is appealed against, until the appeal is disposed of.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.1.1 Members are referred to the Council's Gambling Statement of Principles for consideration

5.1.2 Timely legal and fair decisions support objectives are contained within the Corporate Plan. In particular in relation to a “successful London borough” by ensuring that only legal, well regulated licensable activities occur within the borough.

## **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

5.2.1 N/A

## **5.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

5.3.1 The Gambling Act 2005 sets out how applications for a new Bingo Premises Licence should be dealt with, where a valid application for new premises licence has been submitted and valid representations have been submitted.

5.3.2 Under the Council’s Constitution, Article 7, the licensing sub-committee has responsibility delegated to it (from the Licensing Committee) for Gambling Licence hearings concerning all licensing matters.

## **5.4 Risk Management**

5.4.1 There is a right of appeal of the decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee to the Magistrates Court on grounds set out in the Gambling Act 2005.

## **5.5 Equalities and Diversity**

5.5.1 Gambling Licence applications are dealt with according to the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005 and associated Regulations which allow both applications and representations to applications to be made by all sectors.

## **5.6 Consultation and Engagement**

5.6.1 The statutory consultation process has been followed in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 The review application and report of the Licensing Officer are necessary appendices and are attached to this report.

# Officers Report

# **GAMBLING ACT 2005**

## **OFFICERS REPORT**

### **Merkur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane N3 2BX**

#### **1. The Applicants**

The application before the subcommittee was submitted under Section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005. It is an application for a New Bingo Premises Licence, submitted by Poppleston Allen on behalf of Cashino Gaming Limited

#### **2. Application**

The application before us today was valid as of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The application seeks to allow the premises to be used for the playing of Bingo with the Gambling Acts prescribed hours for this activity.

Should the Licensing Subcommittee be minded to grant this Bingo Premises Licence application the following default condition would automatically be applied:

- Bingo facilities in bingo premises may not be offered between the hours of midnight and 9am. However, there are no restrictions on access to gaming machines in bingo premises.

The application form is attached to this report in Annex 1

#### **3. Amendments made to the application during the application process**

During the representation period the Police have been in communication with the applicant in order to discuss their application. The applicant has agreed to attach the following conditions to their licence at the Police's request:

1. CCTV shall be installed to Home Office Guidance standards and maintained in a good working condition and recordings shall be kept for 31 days and shall be made available to police and licensing officers if requested.
2. A CCTV camera shall be installed to cover:
  - a. All entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions
  - b. The areas of the premises to which the public have access (excluding toilets)
  - c. Gaming machines
3. An overt CCTV monitor to be installed, able to be seen by customers
4. CCTV shall be made available for the police viewing at any time with minimum delays when requested, subject to data protection legislative requirements
5. The following crime prevention measures shall be implemented:
  - a. A time delay safe with deposit slot and anti-fishing mechanisms must be used at any counter/till area
  - b. Regular robbery awareness and cash handling training shall be given to all staff.

6. Prominent signage and notices advertising the Challenge 25 will be displayed showing the operation of such policy.

7. A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.

8. A magnetic locking device, commonly referred to as a Maglock will be installed and maintained on the main entrance/exit to the premises which will be operable from the ground floor cashier counter by staff.

9. Appropriate staffing levels will be assessed by way of risk assessment and cognisance will be taken of any police advice. There shall be no pre-planned single staffing at the premises from 20:00 until closing. Should the premises be single staffed after this time, the magnetic door locking system must be in constant use.

10. A suitable intruder alarm complete with panic button facility shall be maintained.

11. The licensee will ensure that customer toilets are checked every hour for evidence of drug taking and alcohol consumption. Toilet checks are to be documents stating the time and member of staff who made the checks.

12. Toilet doors remain locked and access given by staff only.

13. An incident log shall be maintained and made available on request to an authorised Local Authority officer or the Police, which will record the following:

- a. All crimes reported to the venue.
- b. Any complaints or incidents regarding crime and disorder.
- c. Refusals and banned customers.
- d. Any faults in the CCTV system.
- e. Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
- f. Any Challenge 25 Refusals.

These conditions will automatically be attached to the licence should the licensing subcommittee be minded to grant the application.

The agreement correspondence between the applicant and the Police can be seen attached to the report in Annex 2.

### **3. Representations**

The Licensing Team received 23 valid representations from residents. These representation refer to the effect that the grant of this licence could have on the following 2 gambling objectives:

- 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.

The representations can be seen attached to this report in **Annex 3**.

#### **4. Conditions**

Section 169 Gambling Act 2005 - Conditions imposed or excluded by licensing authority

- (1) Where a licensing authority issue a premises licence they may—
  - (a) attach a condition to the licence;
  - (b) exclude a condition that would otherwise be attached to the licence by virtue of section 168.
- (2) A condition attached to the licence under subsection (1)(a) may, in particular, address a matter addressed by a condition excluded under subsection (1)(b).
- (3) A condition attached to the licence under subsection (1)(a) may apply in relation to the premises generally or only in relation to a specified part of the premises.
- (4) A licensing authority may not attach a condition to a premises licence which prevents compliance with a condition of the operating licence which authorises the holder to carry out the activity in respect of which the premises licence is granted.

#### **5. Statement of Principles and Guidance**

Full Copies of the Councils Gambling Statement of Principles and the Statutory Guidance to the Act will be available at the Licensing Sub Committee hearing or in advance if required.

Zekiel Cudjoe  
Licensing Officer

- Annex 1 – Application Form
- Annex 2 - Agreement to add Police proposed Conditions
- Annex 3 – Representations
- Annex 4 – Matters for Decision

# Application Form

**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):

**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: **Cashino 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:

**Seebeck House  
1A Seebeck Place  
Knowlhill  
Milton Keynes**

Postcode: **MK5 8FR**

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

**000-003266-N-103444**

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: **N/A**

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): **Merkur Cashino**

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

**48 Ballards Lane  
Finchley**

Postcode: **N3 2BX**

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.

### Ground floor premises, high street location

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: N/A**

#### 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. **N/A**

	<i>Start</i>	<i>Finish</i>	<i>Details of any seasonal variation</i>
Mon			
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: **N/A**

#### Part 5 – Miscellaneous

17. Proposed commencement date for licence (leave blank if you want the licence to commence as soon as it is issued): *(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:

**847 High Road, Finchley, London, N12 8PT**

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

**The Applicant operates a national estate of licensed bingo premises which include the provision of bingo tablets and Bingo Plus and Bingo Express terminals. Substantive facilities for non-remote bingo will be made available in accordance with legislative provisions.**

**The operator has full authority to provide licensed bingo by the provision of an Operating Licence granted by the Gambling Commission. The UK's Gambling Regulator has therefore approved the measures implemented to ensure that effective anti-money laundering procedures are implemented and policies have been developed to ensure responsible trading in accordance with the gambling legislation, the licensing objectives and the licence conditions and code of practice.**

**A copy of Cashino Gaming Limited's Operational Standards has been provided in support of the application and full copies of the Applicant's policies and procedures are available, if required.**

**A copy of Cashino Gaming Limited's 'Working Together' document has also been provided, which provides an overview of the licensee's proposed operation.**

**Proposed Operational conditions:**

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  - c. Refusals and banned customers.
  - d. Any faults in the CCTV system.
  - e. Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
  - f. Any Challenge 25 Refusals.

### 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. 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:

Signature:



Print Name: Poppleston Allen

Date: 16 June 2020

Capacity: Solicitors for & on behalf of 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

**Richard Bradley**

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

**0115 948 7424**

24. Postal address for correspondence associated with this application:

**Richard Bradley  
Popleston Allen  
37 Stoney Street  
The Lace Market  
Nottingham**

Postcode: **NG1 1LS**

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:

**r.bradley@popall.co.uk**



### THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

- 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

**Objective 1** - Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime.

- Cashino Gaming Limited is aware that it must notify the Gambling Commission should we suspect that offences under the Gambling Act 2005 are being committed.
- Cashino Gaming Limited complies with the Commission's advice on the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.
- Cashino Gaming Limited has completed its own Business Anti-money laundering risk assessment, local area risk assessments and implements anti-money laundering policies and procedures.
- If we suspect anyone of using our premises for the furtherance of criminal activity (for instance drug dealing, using counterfeit money, selling suspected stolen property and criminal damage) we will contact the police immediately, report to our Head of Compliance and record the instance in the AML and Incidents modules of the electronic Smart Tablet system.
- All Cashino Gaming Limited premises operate digital CCTV and customer areas are supervised.
- Cashino Gaming operates a group-wide Security Alert system where incidents are shared instantly with all licenced premises. We have an internal Fraud Measures Team that respond to and investigate incidents. As a BACTA member, we receive nationwide Security Alerts, which are circulated via the Security Alert system to all licenced premises.
- The employees in Cashino Gaming premises are required to carry a portable alarm which is provided by Staff Guard, a nationwide security company that offers 24hr support via a monitoring centre with fully trained operatives who advise on difficult situations and escalate appropriately.
- Cashino Gaming Limited has an extensive security, audit and money laundering team monitoring employees and customer activity.
- All Cashino Gaming employees complete six-monthly refresher training which covers this licencing objective; anti-money laundering policies and procedures; and guidance on the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.
- Cashino Gaming operate a robust late night working policy, which is fully supported by a full-time Night Manager.
- Cashino Gaming do not operate a single-manning policy between 8pm and 6am, however, should an emergency occur a 'locked door' and 'keep in touch' policy is implemented.

**Objective 2** - Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.

- Our gaming rules are prominently displayed in each of our licensed premises.
- Our employees have a full understanding of machine gaming rules.

# Cashino Gaming Limited

## Operational Standards

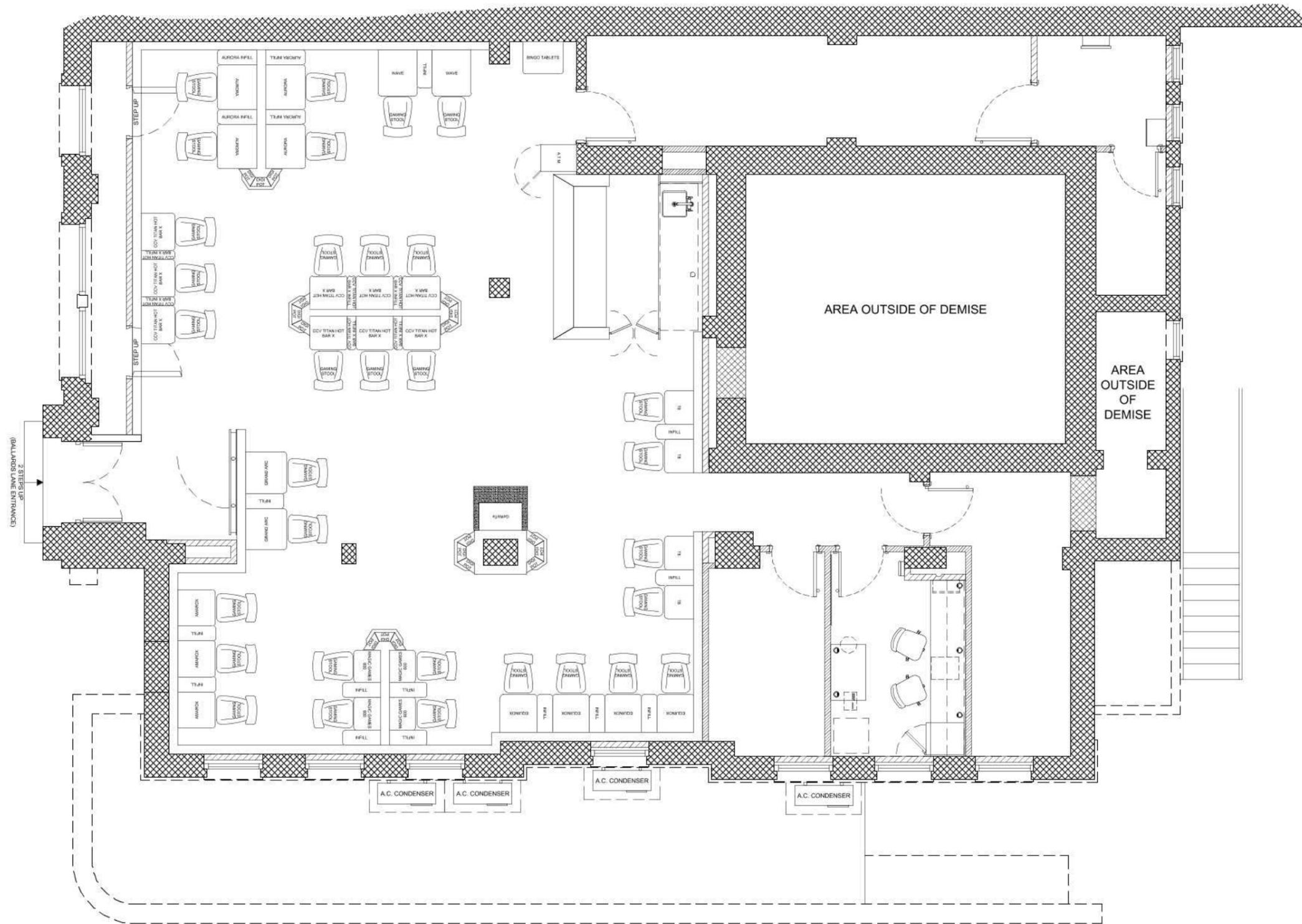


- We encourage customer-facing employees to use positive discretion to resolve customer issues at a local level, where possible.
- Our Customer Complaints procedure is displayed prominently in every venue. Where customer disputes cannot be resolved satisfactorily, we refer all potential disputes to our appointed Alternate Dispute Resolution provider (IBAS).
- All venue managers attend our National Training Centre for a thorough induction programme prior to taking on responsibility of their own venue and team.
- All licensed premises employees receive induction and six-monthly refresher training during the course of their employment to ensure that potential issues can be addressed at the earliest opportunity.

### **Objective 3** - Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

- All our licensed premises are strictly adult only and we provide appropriate notification on entry, on all marketing material and throughout our premises.
- We operate a Think 25 policy as standard and all employees are trained to request a photographic form of identity if they suspect that a customer is under age. All challenges are recorded on our Smart Tablet system under Age Verification Checks and Check Policy are our third-party independent partner for compliance testing.
- All licensed premise employees receive induction and six-monthly refresher training during the course of their employment on social responsibility and safeguarding children and vulnerable people, with a particular focus on the prevention of harm.
- We prominently display information throughout our licensed premises on responsible gambling and provide details of organisations that can provide support and guidance such as BeGambleAware.
- Playright is installed in all licensed premises - this is a self-help App available to customers to enable them to manage spend and play time.
- Socially Responsible messaging is implemented on B3 and Category C digital machines.
- All licensed premise employees are trained to identify potential at risk customers and conduct effective interactions. Customer interactions are recorded on the Interactions module on the electronic Smart Tablet and reviewed centrally by the Compliance team.
- We implement a self-exclusion policy throughout our licensed premises and operate a Smart Tablet system for recording self-exclusions, reinstatements and breaches. We are also members of the Bingo Association Multi-Operator Self-exclusion Scheme.
- The layout of our premises is designed to facilitate customer supervision by employees.
- We provide an annual donation in support of research, education and treatment of problem gambling.

All three licensing objectives are embedded at all levels within the organisation via training both on-line and face to face, during Operational meetings, Business Bulletin communications, Compliance/Audit visits and annual conferences.



MACHINE CATEGORY	QUANTITY
CAT B3	14
CAT C	18
CAT D	18
DUOPOTS	0
TRIMAX	6 / 18
TABLETS	20
RATIO	20%

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FIT OUT TYPE  
FUTURE VENUE

PROJECT  
**CASHINO**  
48 BALLARDS LANE  
WEST FINCHLEY  
N3 2BX

DESCRIPTION  
PROPOSED MACHINE PLAN

REFERENCE DRAWINGS  
MEASURED SURVEY

SCALE  
1:75

DRAWN BY  
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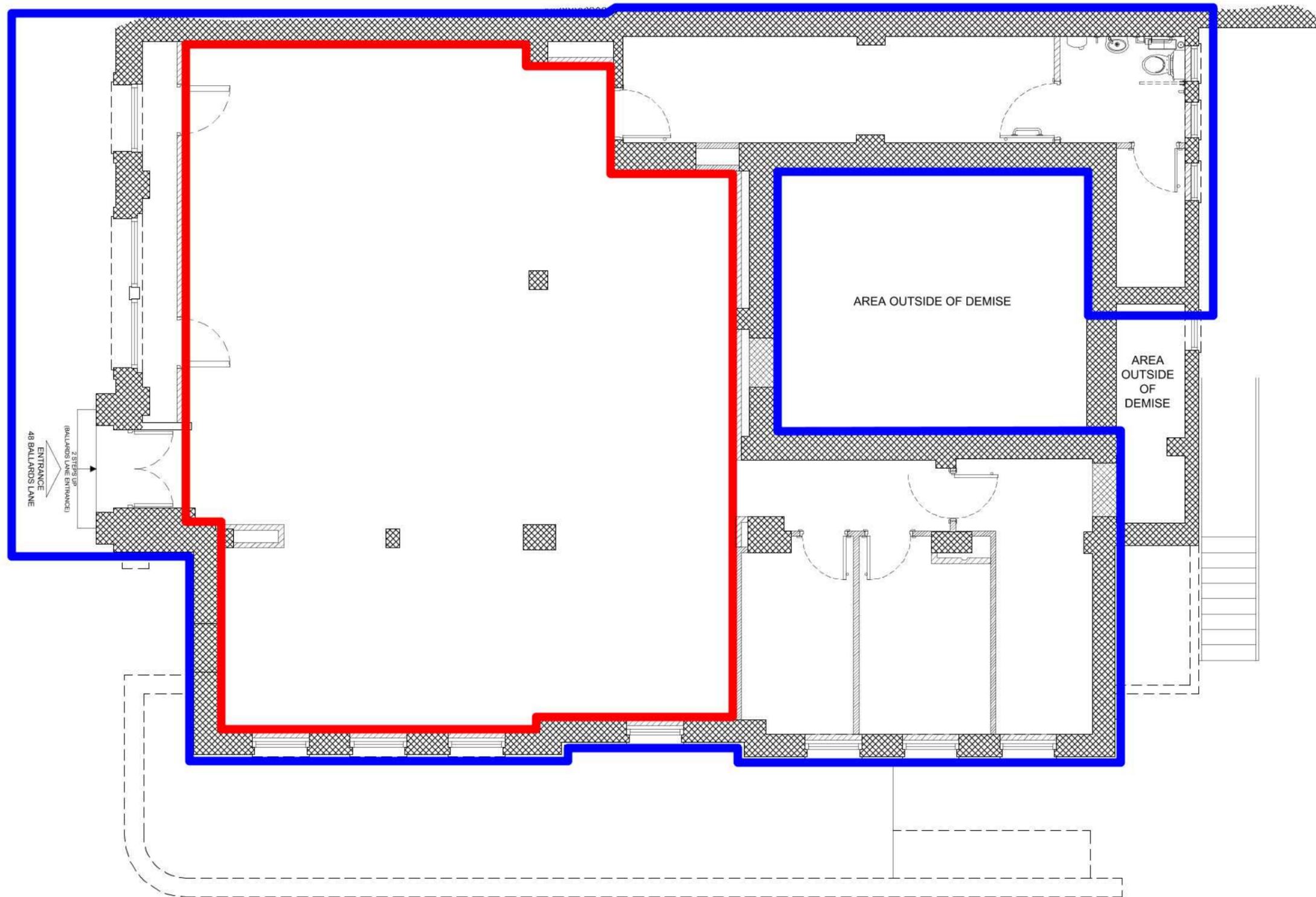
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**PROPOSED GAMING AREA: 109.4m<sup>2</sup>**

LICENSE PLAN LEGEND	
LINE TYPE	LINE TYPE DESCRIPTION
	AREA IN WHICH FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR GAMING.
	EXTENT OF PREMISES
<b>GAMBLING ACT 2005 LICENSING PLAN</b>	
Anything shown on this plan, which is not required by The Gambling Act 2005 (Premises Licenses and Provisional Statements) Regulation 2007 is for illustrative purposes only, and does not form part of the premises licence.	

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**From:** Vicky.Johnson@met.police.uk <Vicky.Johnson@met.police.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 July 2020 10:27  
**To:** LicensingAdmin <LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Merkur Cashino, 48 Ballards Lane, Finchley, N3 2BX: New Bingo Premises Licence

Zekiel,

The agent and I are of the understanding that the below conditions have been offered on application. With those conditions in place on the licence, there will be no police objections.

Regards

*Vicky Wilcock*

PC1349NW Wilcock

Licensing North West Area | Barnet SPOC  
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**Sent:** 22 July 2020 09:19  
**To:** Wilcock Vicky T - NW-CU <[Vicky.Johnson@met.police.uk](mailto:Vicky.Johnson@met.police.uk)>  
**Subject:** Merkur Cashino, 48 Ballards Lane, Finchley, N3 2BX: New Bingo Premises Licence

Hi Vicky,

We submitted the application commencing last Friday and I have included a number of conditions within the application:

1. CCTV shall be installed to Home Office Guidance standards and maintained in a good working condition and recordings shall be kept for 31 days and shall be made available to police and licensing officers if requested.
2. A CCTV camera shall be installed to cover:
  - a. All entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions
  - b. The areas of the premises to which the public have access (excluding toilets)
  - c. Gaming machines
3. An overt CCTV monitor to be installed, able to be seen by customers
4. CCTV shall be made available for the police viewing at any time with minimum delays when requested, subject to data protection legislative requirements
5. The following crime prevention measures shall be implemented:
  - a. A time delay safe with deposit slot and anti-fishing mechanisms must be used at any counter/till area
  - b. Regular robbery awareness and cash handling training shall be given to all staff.
6. Prominent signage and notices advertising the Challenge 25 will be displayed showing the operation of such policy.

7. A Challenge 25 proof of age scheme shall be operated at the premises where the only acceptable forms of identification are recognised photographic identification cards, such as a driving licence, passport or proof of age card with the PASS Hologram.
8. A magnetic locking device, commonly referred to as a Maglock will be installed and maintained on the main entrance/exit to the premises which will be operable from the ground floor cashier counter by staff.
9. Appropriate staffing levels will be assessed by way of risk assessment and cognisance will be taken of any police advice. There shall be no pre-planned single staffing at the premises from 20:00 until closing. Should the premises be single staffed after this time, the magnetic door locking system must be in constant use.
10. A suitable intruder alarm complete with panic button facility shall be maintained.
11. The licensee will ensure that customer toilets are checked every hour for evidence of drug taking and alcohol consumption. Toilet checks are to be documents stating the time and member of staff who made the checks.
12. Toilet doors remain locked and access given by staff only.
13. An incident log shall be maintained and made available on request to an authorised Local Authority officer or the Police, which will record the following:
  - a. All crimes reported to the venue.
  - b. Any complaints or incidents regarding crime and disorder.
  - c. Refusals and banned customers.
  - d. Any faults in the CCTV system.
  - e. Any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
  - f. Any Challenge 25 Refusals.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the application, please let me know.

Thank you for your input to date, which has helped with the preparation of the above.

Kind regards,

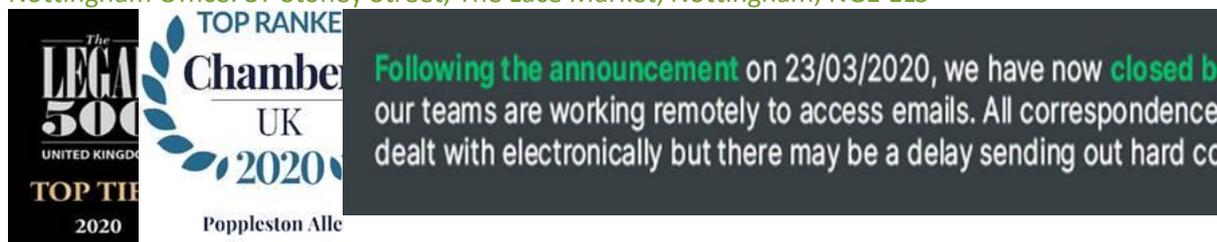
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# Representations

Annex 3

Representation 1

Simon Wayne

X Redbourne Avenue

N3XXX

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**From:** simon wayne <XXXXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** 13 August 2020 19:53  
**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: 48 Ballards Lane, Finchley Central // GABNG1/20/63022

Dear Zekiel

My objection is as follows:

Objection to Grant of Gaming Licence for playing Bingo by Cashino Gaming Limited ("CGL") under the trade name Merkur Cashino at 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX

- 1 The drawing with the Application shows a layout allowing 32 digital machines capable of allowing a person to play electronic bingo on their individual machine. There are no toilet facilities.
- 2 Each machine location would be capable of being used as individual slot machines if the appropriate software were available. Each bingo machine is capable of becoming a slot machine.
- 3 The area around Finchley Central is generally a magnet for people to go to and return from central London via both tubes at Finchley Central and by bus. This transport hub draws in adults and children from surrounding locations and is the cause of significant social disturbance particularly late at night and during children's school holidays.
- 4 At a time of serious uncertainty for employment and for school leavers with no or little prospects, the opportunity to muster outside these new gambling premises will attract further social disturbances unwelcome to the neighbourhood into the early hours of the morning and throughout the day.

5 The applicants CGL have supported their application by a set of standard documents outlining their UK wide “Operational Standards” and a paper selling their product as “high street bingo entertainment” and a “bingo experience in smaller sized high street locations”.

Thus in relation to Objective 3, CGL state:

“All licensed premises employees receive induction and six monthly refresher training during the course of their employment on social responsibility and safeguarding children and vulnerable people, with a particular focus on the preservation of harm”.

This risk assessment is not adequate. It is generic and has no regard to the residential setting in which the premises sits or the family-oriented area. It therefore does not give any adequate consideration to local concerns. This risk assessment is not location specific. In an upward area where social disharmony is opportune and occasionally will become, due to the lights and glamour of the gambling shop in the High Street, a beacon for unwelcome disturbances. Redbourne Avenue already suffers from loitering at various times of the night. No doubt the smokers amongst the clientele will congregate throughout the evening disturbing the amenity of the local residents.

The CGL statement provides details of company policies and standards but these are general statements not specific mitigation for the proposed location, such as protecting vulnerable adults and children.

6 I object to this licence being granted on the basis that the application does not address local concerns about protecting vulnerable adults and safeguarding children in the local area and that the area is unsuitable for this type of gambling establishment, and therefore does not meet the Licencing Objectives and the application should be refused.

Simon Wayne  
X Redbourne Avenue  
N3XXX

Sent from my iPhone

On 12 Aug 2020, at 10:52, Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:

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Kind regards  
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-----Original Message-----

From: LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

Sent: 10 August 2020 09:24

To: simon wayne <[XXXXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com)>

Subject: RE: 48 Ballards Lane, Finchley Central // GABNG1/20/63022

Dear Simon Wayne,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

Licensing Team

Customer Service Advisor for Re

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From: simon wayne <[XXXXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com)>

Sent: 08 August 2020 18:20

To: LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

Subject: 48 Ballards Lane, Finchley Central

Dear All

We wanted to make a formal objection to the Licensing application at the above-mentioned property on the following grounds:

1. prevention of crime and disorder

The area already suffers from an outsized level of crime and disorder which an adult gaming venue in a residential street would surely aggravate.

2. public safety

As above, the proposed site is a residential street. Having a Casino adult gaming centre operating into the early hours will only encourage additional street crime. It is already an area that needs regeneration for a healthy and safe environment.

3. the prevention of public nuisance

This is a residential street. It cannot be acceptable to have an adult gaming venue here. The street already suffers from inadequate parking and noise pollution. Adding to this is a public nuisance and loss of amenity for local residents.

#### 4. the protection of children from harm

As mentioned, the proposed site is on a family dominated residential road. Our children will be scooting past every day. There is no doubt they and other youth will be attracted to the noise and lights. Given smoking rules, we will doubtless see many more people loitering in the road and smoking too. This makes for a rather unpleasant sight for our children And not the healthy environment the government and council are seeking to encourage.

The high street is also a busy school route with countless coaches and busses ferrying school children from the high street every day. Many of these children are vulnerable and will be of an age where they are likely to understand and be able to access an establishment of this kind.

There is no utility for children in the area to be subjected to another gaming venue.

Simon Wayne  
X Redbourne Avenue  
N3 XXX

Annex 3

Representation 2

Oliver Rogger and Josephine Rogger

X Grass Park

Finchley

London N3 XXX

Thanks Zekiel.

Oliver and Josephine Rogger

X Grass Park

Finchley

London N3 XXX

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**From:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 17 August 2020 13:03

**To:** Jo and Ollie Rogger <[XXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Planning application by Cashino Gaming Ltd. re Merkur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX under the Licensing Act 2003

good Afternoon,

Thank you for your comments,

In order to validate your Representation,

Please can you provide your Full name and Address.

Kind regards

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**From:** Jo and Ollie Rogger <[XXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** 13 August 2020 11:13

**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: Planning application by Cashino Gaming Ltd. re Merkur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX under the Licensing Act 2003

Dear Mr. Cudjoe,

Thank you for this clarification. We assume that the license applied for is for a commercial bingo premises?

Looking at the Cashino website it is quite obvious that this is a business which makes its money out of gambling. Bingo is a soft form of gambling. You just need to look at a selection of the shopfronts to see that it would entice in vulnerable and young people in the expectation of winning money. This is not a business we want on our high street and we object to this application on the following grounds re the Gambling Act 2005 as referenced below:

1. It is not possible to know if the activities of the proposed Bingo Cashino in Ballards Lane will be a source or be associated with crime and disorder. However the presence of such a business may well attract persons into the area who could perpetrate this.
2. We cannot object on these grounds as we have no reason to believe that the activities will not be conducted fairly and openly.
3. We have grave concerns that young and vulnerable people in the area will find it impossible to resist using the facilities of the Bingo Cashino and this may set them on the wrong path.

We have every confidence that the Barnet Licensing authorities will be the many across the country who have refused these licences on similar grounds to those expressed above.

I am copying this email to our MP Mike Freer.

Many thanks for your guidance on this.

Olly and Jo Rogger

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**From:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 12 August 2020 13:53

**To:** [XXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com) <[XXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Planning application by Cashino Gaming Ltd. re Merkur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX under the Licensing Act 2003

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**Sent:** 07 August 2020 09:53

**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** FW: Planning application by Cashino Gaming Ltd. re Merkur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX under the Licensing Act 2003

Hi Zekiel,

Please see the below rep received for case GABNG1/20/63022.

Regards,

**Antoinette Hammond**

**Specialist Technical Support Officer for Re**

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**From:** Jo and Ollie Rogger <>

**Sent:** 06 August 2020 19:38

**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Planning application by Cashino Gaming Ltd. re Merkur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX under the Licensing Act 2003

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to register our objection on behalf of ourselves and residents in the area to this above mentioned application. An establishment like this will have degenerative impact on the area and will send out all the wrong signals.

Many of our neighbours and ourselves are shocked to think you would consider placing a gaming/gambling outlet in the middle of the Finchley Central shopping area. Our objections are:

- (1) This is highly likely to increase crime and attract criminals into the area;
- (2) There will be a nuisance to the public due to the attraction of those more likely to cause disorder;
- (3) We have to protect children and young people in the area from addiction to gambling and anti-social activities.

Allowing such establishments into this area adds no value to our residents, the environment or the community. We should be developing Finchley into a safe and great place to live - and this would be detrimental to everything we as a community want to see Finchley become.

We trust you will refuse this application on these grounds.

Yours faithfully

Oliver and Josephine Rogger

Annex 3

Representation 3

Anthony Harris

X Allandale Avenue

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**From:** XXXXXX@gmail.com <247red@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 13 August 2020 12:53  
**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Application Cashino Gaming Limited

I am objecting under

3. Gambling must not be used to harm or exploit children and “other vulnerable persons

I have seen the damage caused to a family member by gambling addiction. He has lost tens of thousands of pounds which was due to addiction.

He will never change.

He has lost money playing bingo. Bingo is more benign than other forms of gambling but can still cause problems to certain types of players and operators are more concerned with their own welfare and profits than the wellbeing of their clients no matter what they say.

Anthony Harris

**From:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>  
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**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Application Cashino Gaming Limited

I strongly object to the granting of a licence to Merkur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX.

My nephew has a gambling addiction and I have personally seen the damage not only to him but also his family from his gambling at similar premises to the one proposed.

I object under public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

People with gambling addictions will without doubt be attracted to these premises and it will be beneficial for the owners.

Can you request concrete assurances that addicts will not suffer by a grant of a licence? It would be impossible to honestly provide them so the request must fail.

Anthony Harris

X Allandale Avenue

N3 XXX.

Annex 3

Representation 4

Chris Wilson and Rozelle Wilson

XX Redbourne Avenue

London N3 XXX

Dear Chris and Rozelle Wilson,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

**Licensing Team**

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**From:** Connect <[xxxxxxx@chevron.me.uk](mailto:xxxxxxx@chevron.me.uk)>

**Sent:** 17 August 2020 09:15

**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Objection to GABNG1/20/63022 Gambling Bingo Licence 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX

## **Objection to GABNG1/20/63022 Gambling Bingo Licence 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX**

Our objection to this application is in three sections:

1. There is no information on the Barnet Licensing website on which the public can make any judgement on this application
2. Protection of vulnerable persons
3. Public nuisance

### **1. There is no information on your website about the application**

This situation is unacceptable.

We've found details – or rather we've found the application listed – on the 'publicaccess' website – where, apart from the statement 'Gambling Bingo Licence' there is no information.

- No documents
- No information on Opening Hours
- No information on Important Dates (eg Expiry Date for Consultations)
- No information on:
  - What gambling machines are intended for use
  - The number of machines
  - The Gambling Commission Category for each machine
- Staffing – in particular with regard to prevention of underage gambling (Gambling Commission para 5.13)
- Positioning of staff or CCTV, the use of floor-walkers, etc (Gambling Commission para 5.14)

It's the same as if we were to submit a planning application for a 'house' without giving any further details.

If this information has not been provided to you by the applicant you should refuse the licence.

**If this information has been provided to you it should appear on your website so that members of the public are provided with information on which to make a judgement on the application. If that is the case then please provide the information on the Barnet website and set the appropriate expiry date for consultations.**

### **2. Protection of vulnerable persons**

The Gambling Commission has several web-pages on this issue – this underlines how important it is to protect vulnerable people from gambling.

- **Paragraph 5.18** of the Gambling Commission's Principles to be Applied by Licensing Authorities states that:  
*Authorities need to consider, in relation to particular premises, whether any special considerations apply in relation to the protection of vulnerable persons.*

**Over-concentration of gambling premises is one of the main risks to vulnerable people and if there's any doubt on whether or not a further licence would increase the risk then surely the licensing committee should refuse an application.**

In July this year for these reasons Blackpool Council refused two applications from Merkur Cashino

In Finchley Church End there are already 4 gambling premises in a 225m stretch of Ballards Lane, and in total 5 gambling premises in a 450m stretch of Ballards Lane.

Additionally directly opposite 48 Ballards Lane there is a pub which has gambling machines.

48 Ballards Lane is right in the middle of the 225m stretch, which would result in 5 gambling premises and one pub with gambling machines within 225m. **This is already an over-concentration of gambling premises and already inadequate protection of vulnerable people.**

The so-called Gibraltar Case at Secretary of State level, recognising welfare responsibilities includes the following quote:

*Equally, in other cases the Court has made clear that .... **in the specific context of gambling, competition in its unbridled form tended to increase consumer welfare problems (e.g. addiction) and that therefore measures taken to restrict competition could be categorised as consumer orientated.** Furthermore **it is not disputed that, unlike the introduction of free, undistorted competition in a traditional market, the presence of that kind of competition in the very specific market of games of chance, that is to say, between several operators authorised to run the same games of chance, is liable to have detrimental effects, owing to the fact that those operators would be led to compete with each other in inventiveness to make what they offer more attractive than what their competitors offer, and thereby to increase consumers' expenditure on gaming and the risks of their addiction***

This position was fully supported by the applicant itself – Merkur Cashino Gaming Ltd (who propose the AGC at No 48 Ballards Lane) – when it used this evidence in a powerful objection to an application for an AGC in Neasden where there was a similar concentration of gambling premises.

<http://democracy.brent.gov.uk/documents/s55058/3h.Palace%20Cashino%20Objection.pdf>

<https://www.casemine.com/judgement/uk/5a8ff75d60d03e7f57eabc40>

Yet another gambling premises in Finchley Town Centre would further **increase consumers' expenditure on gaming and the risks of their addiction**, and would be contrary to the Gambling Commission's Principle to take account of any special considerations which apply in relation to the protection of vulnerable persons.

**The application should be refused for this reason.**

### **3. Public nuisance**

In 2015 and 2016 the Planning Inspectorate dismissed two appeals for the conversion of a house into 3 flats because it would cause an unacceptable public nuisance. Although this arose because of planning issues the facts are pertinent to this application. The details are as follows

In 2015 and 2016 there were applications for conversion of a house at 8 Redbourne Avenue. No 8 Redbourne Avenue is only 80m from No 48 Ballards Lane and the first house in the road, No 2 Redbourne Avenue, is only 60m distant. Appeals to The Planning Inspectorate on both applications were refused. The 2016 application was refused for the following reasons:

- *the proposed development would have an adverse effect on the living conditions of occupiers of neighbouring properties in terms of noise and disturbance. Therefore, it would not accord with Policies CS1 and CS5 of the Barnet Core Strategy 2012 ('the Core Strategy') or Policies DM01 and DM04 of the Barnet Development Management Policies 2012 (BDMP). Amongst other things, these policies seek attractive environments for people who live in Barnet and the protection of amenity for existing and future occupiers.*
- *my overall impression during the daytime is that on-street parking can be close to capacity outside of the restricted hour..... the proposed development would have a negative effect on parking provision. Therefore, it would not accord with Policy DM17 of the BDMP which, amongst other things, seeks adequate parking provision.*

As shown by the attached photos taken at 22:45 on 11 August 2020 the limited parking provision extends into the evening.

**In comparison to No 8 the proposed AGC includes 36 gaming units with 24 hours opening – ie significantly more people creating noise and disturbance in Redbourne Avenue throughout the day and night. The high number of gaming units proposed must reflect the level of custom anticipated by the applicant.**

**Additionally, AGC customers arriving by car will find it almost impossible to park, and will add to the number of drivers who currently enter the road, turn round and leave the road (in our experience at a frustrated high speed).**

**The application should be refused for these reasons.**

Chris and Rozelle Wilson

XX Redbourne Avenue

London N3 XXX









Annex 3

Representation 5

Logan Allan

xxxxxx xx Redbourne Avenue,

N3 xxx

**From:** Logan Allan <[XXXXXXX@outlook.com](mailto:XXXXXXX@outlook.com)>

**Sent:** 13 August 2020 12:46

**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: Objection to Gambling License at 48 Ballards Lane // GABNG1/20/63022

Good afternoon,

I am looking to object based on the below points in line with the Gambling Act of 2005:

1. Gambling must not be a source of crime or disorder, nor must it be associated with crime or disorder, nor must it be used to support crime.
2. Gambling must not be used to harm or exploit children and "other vulnerable persons

Point 1:

Prevention of association with crime and disorder:

I have witnessed drunk/high people fighting outside of these establishments - assault is a crime as well as public indecency.

Point 2:

Protection of children from harm and exploitation:

Teaching children that addiction can be troubling is one thing - how are you to explain that your own council decided that in a global recession they're going to add more places for gambling addicts to feed their addiction rather than cure it? It is a scientific fact that smoking and second hand smoke leads to a higher risk of contracting cancer - those loitering outside of the cashino having their fix will now not only add to the public nuisance but will be polluting the air and ground around them. This is all to protect children from the dangers of addiction caused by gambling.

Protection of vulnerable people:

We should not be encouraging people with addictions to be feeding that addiction, rather seeking help. The addition of this establishment with harm those around it. This is to protect any vulnerable persons that use the high street - these can be those addicted to gambling or those with mental issues that can be easily encouraged to gamble solely through the placement of this establishment.

Kind regards,

Logan

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**From:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 13 August 2020 13:36

**To:** [XXXXXXX@outlook.com](mailto:XXXXXXX@outlook.com) <[xxxxxx@outlook.com](mailto:xxxxxx@outlook.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Objection to Gambling License at 48 Ballards Lane // GABNG1/20/63022

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your comments,

I can see that you are looking at the objectives for the licensing act 2003.

In order to object please use the objectives set out in the Gambling Act 2005 are as follows:

1. Gambling must not be a source of crime or disorder, nor must it be associated with crime or disorder, nor must it be used to support crime.
2. Gambling must be conducted fairly and openly.
3. Gambling must not be used to harm or exploit children and "other vulnerable persons

Please can you elaborate how this application will affect the Gambling act 2005 objective above,

In order to make a valid Representation. Please show how this app will affect the above objectives.

**Please be aware that the last date for a valid Representation is the 17/08/2020.**

**From:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 13 August 2020 12:20  
**To:** Logan Allan <[XXXXXXX@outlook.com](mailto:XXXXXXX@outlook.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Objection to Gambling License at 48 Ballards Lane // GABNG1/20/63022

Dear Logan Allan,

Thank you for your email.

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Regards,

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**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to Gambling License at 48 Ballards Lane

Good day,

I am writing with regards to the license application for a cashino at 48 Ballards Lane.

My name is Logan Allan and I reside at xxxxxx xx Redbourne Avenue, N3 xxx which is the road that this empty building corners.

I am objecting on the following grounds with a write up of each further down:

- 1) Prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) Public safety
- 3) Prevention of public nuisance
- 4) Protection of children from harm

## 5) Protection of vulnerable people

### Prevention of crime and disorder:

Cash in hand cashinos attract a certain clientele. Having lived in Stratford where these establishments are littered on the high street, I have had a first-hand experience in witnessing the harm these places do. If you are around any of these buildings after dark then you are met by rather unfriendly people - constantly loitering outside either smoking or drinking well past their own limit. The number of times I've seen drunk/high people fighting outside of these buildings is too high to count.

### Public safety:

My girlfriend often walks home from the tube station alone after dark and I can't imagine how many other lone women and children do as well - having to walk past the already unsociable betting shops is a major scare but the addition of one of these cashinos will just add to the unattractiveness of the area as well as the general safe feeling of our street. If you often come by our area, head to the parking lot behind the Barclays just across the road at night - this is a very popular place for teenage "roadmen" to hang around. Now introduce a cashino not even 3 meters from there - the marriage of the two will remove all feeling of safety in the area.

### Prevention of public nuisance:

As mentioned above, the parking lot behind Barclays just across the road, at night this is a very popular place for teenage "roadmen" to hang around. Now we will have the clientele of the proposed building smoking or drinking well past their own limit - being able to walk to the top of Redbourne to gain access to Ballards Lane will be a nightmare. We will also see an increase in people parking in our street when they have no business being there. At the moment, there is already a struggle with all of those parking to go to Barclays and Tesco, now we're going to add in a cashino?

### Protection of children from harm:

Teaching children that addiction can be troubling is one thing - how are you to explain that your own council decided that in a global recession they're going to add more places for gambling addicts to feed their addiction rather than cure it? It is a scientific fact that smoking and second hand smoke leads to a higher risk of contracting cancer - those loitering outside of the cashino having their fix will now not only add to the public nuisance but will be polluting the air and ground around them. I'd like to think that Barnet council isn't going to promote contracting cancer.

### Protection of vulnerable people:

We should not be encouraging people with addictions to be feeding that addiction, rather seeking help. The addition of this establishment with harm those around it.

If there will be a public hearing around the application, please do let me know  
Kind regards,  
Logan

Annex 3  
Representation 6

Mansukh Nakrani  
XX Redbourne Avenue  
London  
N3 XXX

Dear Mansukh Nakrani,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

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From: Mansukh Nakrani <[XXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com)>  
Sent: 16 August 2020 14:08  
To: LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Cashino gambling licensing

Dear Barnet Licensing Team

I am writing in regard to the application by Cashino Gaming Limited for a Bingo Premise Licence at 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX.

I strongly oppose the granting of this licence and set out my objections below. I object on the grounds of preventing disorder, of the prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm.

I live (with my family) at number XX Redbourne Avenue London N3 XXX; the former Nat West Bank building proposed for this Cashino occupies the corner spot at the top of our road, where it adjoins Ballards Lane. Our road is a quiet residential dead-end street which means my young children, will have to pass across the top of the road where the Cashino business wishes to operate from.

The proximity of our dead-end road to the high street already draws in occasional episodes of unwelcome antisocial behaviour; rates of daytime drinking and low-level drug related activity are likely to increase around the Cashino building, as they do in the side streets around the betting shops already in existence on Ballards Lane. I am concerned that no matter how much effort the business puts into managing the behaviour of their customers on their premises that, once those customers have left the building, the company will cease to view the behaviour of those customers as their responsibility. Even if the company protests that it will not do so, in practice it is hard to see how a business can manage both its internal and external security issues while still being profitable. There have been numerous incidents in the press of this being a problem in betting shops, with the government talking of making legal changes to staffing levels.

It is entirely in keeping with the business ethos of the gaming industry that Cashino promotes their product as 'a bit of fun' when it is clearly an exploitative business designed to extract the maximum amount of cash from the people who are most vulnerable to this kind of exploitation. Encouraging casual gambling of this kind is clearly going to create a public nuisance with an increase in begging and related antisocial activity.

To return to the site of the building, this is a family-oriented high street and not an entertainment-based area. I cannot see why a business such as the Cashino should think it right to position itself right in the middle of this. Young children will see the presence of the business as endorsing gambling and it's probable that older but still under-age children will seek to gain admittance, no doubt causing trouble if they're refused.

Yours,  
Mansukh Nakrani

Annex 3

Representation 7

Ms Sebnem Oz

XX Lodge Lane

N12 XXX

Dear Ms Sebnem Oz,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

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**From:** sebnemoz66 <[xxxxxxxxx@gmail.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxx@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** 12 August 2020 20:35

**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Objection to Gasino Gaming limited planning (20/3147/FUL)

Dear Sir/ Madam

I object this planning application on the following grounds.;

Crime, disorder and public nuisance: experience shows that such premises increase levels of deprivation in an area (due to problem gambling), and provide a magnet for the homeless and those likely to cause disruption through drunken or irresponsible behaviour, especially in the late nights/ early mornings.

Barnet's Draft Local Plan, though still in draft, describes the Council's current views and likely future policies on gambling shops: The application contravenes Policy TOW03 and para 7.8.1 "as highlighted in Barnet's TCFNA overconcentration of certain uses such as betting shops, payday loan shops or hot food takeaways can have a detrimental impact on physical and mental wellbeing as well as on the vitality and viability of town centres. These uses have associations with unacceptable levels of noise, vibrations, odours, traffic disturbance, litter and can attract anti-social behaviour. The proliferation of such uses can quickly change the character of a town centre." We would argue that an AGC falls under the category of 'betting shop' for these purposes.

There are already sufficient gambling opportunities within Finchley as the AGC would be within easy walking distance of at least four other gambling establishments (William Hillx2, Betfred, Coral and Paddy Power).

Merkur Cashino claim in their brochure to have never had a license revoked or reviewed. In fact, and worse, they have had whole applications rejected eg Blackpool this year

(<http://www.casinoguardian.co.uk/2020/07/02/cashino-gaming-has-its-bingo-premises-licence-application-rejected-by-blackpools-council-licensing-panel/> )

Lack of fixed odds betting terminals does not mean this is not a place where gambling takes place (as implied in their brochure). Slot machines and bingo are forms of betting, with all the inherent risks of addiction and ruined lives). A maximum £2 stake in no way prevents problem gambling.

The Brochure is wholly misleading and biased - no objective assessments or justifications are included eg the noise assessment quotes are unattributed so could be from Cashino themselves!

24 hour operation is likely to increase antisocial and disruptive behaviour at night, and prove a magnet for the homeless and those spilling out of pubs after hours.

The application cynically includes an ATM so punters have immediate access to thir dwindling funds.

The Association of British Bookmakers called this practice "irresponsible" in 2013. It is likely to increase the suffering of problem gamblers and their families.

Lack of facilities. The plan shows one toilet for premises with over 30 customer seats, let alone staff.

The existing bank premises had at least 3 wcs and 4 urinals.

There is no description of the planned shopfront. This area is totally unsuitable for the kind of garish neon-flashing windows found in eg their Kentish Town or Camden Town premises.

I object this planning application on the above grounds. As a resident and a council tax payer, I would like my views to be heard and I would like to be informed of the decisions regarding this and any similar type planning application.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Ms Sebnem Oz

XX Lodge Lane

N12 XXX

Annex 3  
Representation 8

Natalie Machta  
XX Lichfield grove,  
London n3 XXX

Hi zekiel

Full name: Natalie Machta  
Address XX Lichfield grove, London n3 XXX

Thank you

Natalie Machta  
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Twitter: XXXXXXXXXXXX

> On 17 Aug 2020, at 13:08, Cudjoe, Zekiel <Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk> wrote:

>

> good Afternoon,

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> Thank you for your comments,

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> In order to validate your Representation,

>

> Please can you provide your Full name and Address.

>

> Kind regards

>

> Zekiel Cudjoe

> Licensing Officer

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: LicensingAdmin <LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk>

> Sent: 07 August 2020 10:28

> To: Natalie Machta <XXXXXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com>

> Subject: RE: Merkur Cashino - strong objection // GABNG1/20/63022

>

> Dear Natalie Machta,

>

> Thank you for your email.

>

> We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

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> Regards,  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Natalie Machta <[XXXXXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com)>  
> Sent: 07 August 2020 02:17  
> To: LicensingAdmin <LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk>  
> Subject: Merkur Cashino - strong objection  
>  
> Hello  
>  
> I am writing to object to the gambling licence for the Merkur Cashino being granted in Finchley Central.  
>  
> I live on Lichfield Grove with a young family and a small cashino is the last thing our area needs.  
>  
> Businesses like this promote an addiction to gambling and prey on vulnerable people. Especially while we are going through a global pandemic and thousands are losing their jobs it would be irresponsible of the council to grant an application that would see many whittle away free time and money in establishments such as this.  
>  
> It is for these reasons in the interest of preventing public nuisance, protecting children from harm and to promote public safety that I am strongly objecting.  
>  
> Many thanks  
> Natalie Machta

Annex 3

Representation 9

Mrs Rachel Goodship  
xx Redbourne Avenue  
Finchley Central  
London N3 xxx

Dear Mrs Rachel Goodship,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

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**From:** Rachel Goodship <[xxxxxxxxxi@googlemail.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxi@googlemail.com)>

**Sent:** 12 August 2020 21:10

**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Licensing Application : Bingo Premises Licence for Merkur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to register my strong objection to the licensing application lodged by Merkur Cashino for 48 Ballards Lane.

Creating a 24 hour facility in the middle of a residential & community area is likely to increase the risk of crime and disorder in the centre of Finchley Central. Looking at other Cashino facilities - for example the one in Neasden is busiest between 9 and 3 am on Friday and Saturday nights. In the related planning application the application is for 32 gaming 'seats', this is a lot of people to be drawn into a facility open overnight and may increase the likelihood of drinking and people hanging around in Finchley Central with the attendant risks of public nuisance, crime and disorder and potentially late night muggings or violent attacks. Some of my elderly neighbours have already expressed concern that they will not feel safe going out at night with such a facility operating at the end of the road. I have a similar concern for myself and for the young people and children living in the surrounding area.

There are already many vulnerable adults and young people located in the Finchley Central area, for example a young woman with learning difficulties often begs outside the Natwest / Barclays bank area as she is struggling to sort out her benefits, I am concerned that it would be very easy for such vulnerable people to be drawn into such a facility - partly because it is not very expensive to get involved, but can then lead into a serious gambling addiction - and even if not, certainly is a drain on their already precarious financial resources..

With the country officially entering a recession today and particularly with the likely increase in unemployment we need to be even more careful that we don't make it easy for vulnerable people to be drawn into gambling. This is completely unhelpful for them. There are already four betting shops in Finchley Central within 100 yards of 48 Ballards Lane - which already gives ample provision for gambling. The introduction of a Bingo/slot machine facility is not only unnecessary but may attract vulnerable adults that don't go to the existing betting shops, but are attracted to a 24hour facility with easy access to slot machines, which could lead them on to a harmful addiction.

The immediate neighbourhood of 48 Ballards lane is a family focused community area, with many children walking by themselves to and from school, a language school across the road and tutoring centre further up the high street in one direction and a alcohol and drug addiction recovery centre in the other direction. It seems completely counter to providing a safe and positive environment for Finchley Central to introduce a facility offering easily accessible gambling 24 hours a day into the middle of this community. I very much hope the licensing committee would agree with the sentiments expressed in this email and I would like to request as strongly as possible that this licensing application is refused.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachel Goodship  
xx Redbourne Avenue  
Finchley Central  
London N3 xxx  
xxxxxxxxxxx

Annex3

Representation 10

Mrs Lucy Segal,

xx,Cavendish Avenue

London N3 xxx

**From:** Lucy Daltroff <jxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 17 August 2020 17:15  
**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Nat west Bank change of use // GABNG12063022

Yes, no problem

Mrs Lucy Segal, xx, Cavendish Avenue, London N3 xxx

On Mon, Aug 17, 2020 at 3:27 PM Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:

good Afternoon,

Thank you for you comments,

In order to validate your Representation,

Please can you provide your Full name and Address.

Kind regards

Zekiel Cudjoe

Licensing Officer

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**From:** Lucy Daltroff jxxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com>

**Sent:** 17 August 2020 15:03

**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: Nat west Bank change of use // GABNG12063022

Hi Zekiel

GABNG12063022

I object to the change of use of the Nat West Banks premises on three counts.

1) I think there is potential for crime and disorder from any gambling premises that are open 24 hours in in a residential area To say that it will aid commerce seems a dubious argument Most activity ceases around 11.30, so to introduce a business running for twenty-four hours isn't consistent with current use and it won't increase footfall in the period from 23.30 - 6.30 because there are unlikely to be any other businesses open. If the business is to close at around midnight and not re-open till 11.30 the following morning it would be more acceptable.

2) This is a family residential area and I believe the presence of such premises could too easily influence young children living in the vicinity into a harmful gambling culture just by it being so easily available.

3) To call it a bingo premises also seems strange. Twenty four hour bingo doesn't seem realistic and I think this commercial venture maybe hiding other more harmful gambling,

For these three reasons I totally oppose the opening of  
Cashnio in Finchley.

Mrs Lucy Segal  
(Journalist)  
07XXXXXXXXXX

On Wed, Aug 12, 2020 at 11:37 AM Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:

Good Morning,

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3. Gambling must not be used to harm or exploit children and “other vulnerable persons

When making an objection you will need to elaborate how this application will affect the above objectives they needs to be a link and causation in your claims.

**Please be aware that the last date for a valid Representation is the 17/08/2020 please return it in by then**

Kind regards

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**From:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 12 August 2020 09:44

**To:** Lucy Daltroff <[jxxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com](mailto:jxxxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Nat west Bank change of use // GABNG12063022

Dear Lucy,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

**Licensing Team**

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**From:** Lucy Daltroff <[jxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com](mailto:jxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** 11 August 2020 22:40  
**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Nat west Bank change of use

I oppose this turning into a 24 hour slot machine business as it it totally out of keeping with the family orientated area that is Finchley.

Many thanks

Lucy (Segal)

Annex 3

Representation 11

Mrs Karen Bilkus,  
xx Stanhope Avenue,  
Finchley, London,  
N3 xxx

**From:** Karen Bilkus <xxxxxxx@gmail.com>

**Sent:** 17 August 2020 14:24

**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Re: Merkur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX // GABNG1/20/63022

My full name and address is: Mrs Karen Bilkus, xx Stanhope Avenue, Finchley, London, N3 xxx

On Mon, 17 Aug 2020 at 12:57, Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:

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Kind regards

Zekiel Cudjoe

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**From:** Karen Bilkus <[xxxxxx@gmail.com](mailto:xxxxxx@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** 17 August 2020 12:14

**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: Merkur Cashino [48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX](#) // GABNG1/20/63022

On Mon, 17 Aug 2020 at 10:23, Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:

Yes I still want to object. A bingo establishment is still out of keeping for the main high street of Finchley and there is the risk of crime being attracted to the area. Crime is already attracted to things like cash point machines in the area so the chance

to mug someone coming out of such an establishment with their winnings will be tempting to some. A lot of children of school age pass through the area because of the shops and bus stops they use and seeing a bingo establishment could lead to problems with

children and other vulnerable groups who may be tempted to use such an establishment without fully understanding the implications and their lack of chance of winning.

Regards

Karen Bilkus

Good Morning,

Thank you for your comments Please be advised that this is for a Bingo Premises not A Casino premises, Cashnio is just the name of the company, please can you confirm if you will still be wanting to object to the application for a

Bingo application, please see below if you are.

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**From:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 17 August 2020 09:19

**To:** Karen Bilkus <[k.bilkus@gmail.com](mailto:k.bilkus@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Merkur Cashino

[48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX](#) // GABNG1/20/63022

Dear

Karen Bilkus,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,  
**Licensing Team**  
**Customer Service Advsiior for**

**Re**

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**From:** Karen Bilkus <[xxxxxxx@gmail.com](mailto:xxxxxxx@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** 15 August 2020 08:56

**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Merkur Cashino

[48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX](#)

To Whom It may Concern

I am writing to object to this application. As a local resident and someone who shops in this area I do not think it is suitable area for a 24 hour slot machine / gambling establishment.

London Borough of Barnet themselves want to enhance

the centre of Finchley and this application goes against their own Town Centre Plan. The site is surrounded by a lot of residential properties that home a lot of children who would see the establishment every day. Does the London Borough of Barnet have the

financial and manpower resources to monitor this establishment constantly to make sure the local residents are not disturbed by the fact it would be open 24 hours and could the establishment itself guarantee that nobody under the age of 18 would be allowed to enter?

Yours

Karen Bilkus

[XXStanhope](#)

[Avenue](#)

[Finchley](#)

[London N3 xxx](#)

Annex 3  
Representation 12

Luke Mills  
X Grove Avenue,  
London  
N3 XXX.

**From:** Luke Mills <xxxxxxx@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 14 August 2020 11:26  
**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** LicensingAdmin <LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to Cashino planning application Ballards Lane N3 // GABNG1/20/63022

Hi Zekiel

I am objecting on the first ground here. As a local resident, I am concerned about the further impact on crime of disorder of another gambling site (alongside all the other bookmakers already on Ballard's Lane).

Over the last few years there has been a big increase in street crime, vandalism, Litter. drug abuse and other issues. This should be a family friendly high street that kids can walk along. It is becoming something much worse.

Luke Mills

On 14 Aug 2020, at 09:52, Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:

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Please can you elaborate how this application will affect the Gambling act 2005 objective above,

In order to make a valid Representation. Please show how this app will affect the above objectives.

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**Zekiel Cudjoe**

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Sent: 14 August 2020 09:26

To: Luke Mills <[XXXXXX@gmail.com](mailto:XXXXXX@gmail.com)>

Subject: RE: Objection to Cashino planning application Ballards Lane N3 // GABNG1/20/63022

Dear Luke Mills,

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Regards,

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

From: Luke Mills <[XXXXXXXX@gmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXXX@gmail.com)>

Sent: 13 August 2020 18:17

To: LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

Subject: Objection to Cashino planning application Ballards Lane N3

To whom it may concern,

I live at X Grove Avenue, London N3 XXX. I am the home owner.

I wish to object to the planning application for Cashino at the old NatWest bank on Ballard's Lane, London N3.

This is a completely inappropriate request for development which would blight the High Street. This is a busy Residential area and a 24-hour gambling concern would not be conducive to a strong and stable community in Finchley.

I am the father of two young girls who walk to school regularly past that site and the presence of gambling, and attendant issues of crime, make me fearful for my children's future.

I trust that you will take my strong objections to this development into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Mills I'm just

Annex 3

Representation 13

Debra Sheldon

XXWoodlands Close

London NW119 XXX

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**From:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2020 3:08:19 PM  
**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>; Debbie Sheldon <[xxxxxx@theworkavenue.org.uk](mailto:xxxxxx@theworkavenue.org.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Objection for bingo premises licence // GABNG1/20/63022

good Afternoon,

Thank you for your comments,

In order to validate your Representation,

Please can you provide your Full name and Address.

Kind regards

Zekiel Cudjoe  
Licensing Officer  
Commercial Premises  
London Borough of Barnet  
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**From:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 07 August 2020 11:17  
**To:** Debbie Sheldon <[xxxxxx@theworkavenue.org.uk](mailto:xxxxxx@theworkavenue.org.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Objection for bingo premises licence // GABNG1/20/63022

Dear Debbie Sheldon,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

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**From:** Debbie Sheldon <[debbie@theworkavenue.org.uk](mailto:debbie@theworkavenue.org.uk)>  
**Sent:** 07 August 2020 11:11  
**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection for bingo premises licence

To whom it may concern

I wish to object to the licence being granted to Cahino Gaming Ltd for Merkur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane London N3 2BX.

We run an employment charity next door and especially now during COVID-19, many have lost their jobs and are struggling emotionally and financially. Having a facility like this will encourage them to try to “lose themselves” to make the pain go away which will create more issues for them in the future.

In addition, the proposal for a licence to be granted to Cashino Gaming Ltd is totally out of line with Barnet councils' own Finchley Town Centre strategy to improve the quality of the high street and

community use of the town centre - A 24 hour casino goes against everything Barnet Council is trying to achieve and a premises like this will devalue the high street and local area instead of increasing it.

The high street already houses 5 betting shops all containing gaming machines, and some of the local pubs also have them. We do NOT need more!

The high street already suffers from anti-social behaviour in the road and area from the pubs and bars and having another gambling/ gaming venue will only increase this.

This is not the type of business that would promote a family friendly area. It adds absolutely no benefit to the area at all, quite the opposite.

Gambling and gaming can cause addiction, desperation, poverty and misery to many people's lives, sometimes ending in suicide. This is especially worrying for our clients who we are trying to help.

Please do not issue the company with the licence they are requesting.

Yours sincerely,  
Debbie Sheldon

**Debbie Sheldon**  
CEO

**Work Avenue**

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Annex3

Representation 14

Max Steckelmacher

XX Redbourne Avenue,

London,

N3 XXX

Dear Max Steckelmacher,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

**Licensing Team**

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**From:** Max Steckelmacher <[XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** 16 August 2020 20:37

**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Licensing Objection

Good evening,

I would like to object to the proposed 24 hour adult gaming centre at **48 Ballards Lane**, planning application **20/3147/FUL**.

This licensing application would create harm to vulnerable people. With the threat of thousands of people losing their jobs in the coming months, this application risks damaging lives further. It could also lead to an increase in crime and disorder with police forces already stretched to deal with antisocial behaviour. I think the application should be refused to prevent crime and disorder and to support public safety.

Kind regards

Max Steckelmacher

XX Redbourne Avenue, London, N3 XXX

Annex 3

Representation 15

Aude Maraj and Sanjay Maraj

xx The Grove

London

N3 XXX

Hi Zekiel

I can't really comment on the second objective, but believe my original objections challenge the first and third.

Being in such a central, and prominent location in the town centre, it's going to be very visible to all, and difficult for some people to avoid (especially those who could be harmed). Also it's clear that someone who is intoxicated could be in a vulnerable position and taken advantage of.

The pub opposite will exacerbate the potential for harm, and public disorder, especially at night. Therefore, this proposal fails to meet objective 1.

During the day our children will have to walk past another premises devoted to gambling. We believe the character of the town centre, and therefore the friendly, community environment our children are entitled to enjoy, will be diminished. On a personal level I have witnessed a grandfather leave a four year old child alone in a car - parked on a double yellow line - so he could spend time in the bookmakers. This is not normal behaviour and I don't think it's good - another gambling venue on the high street simply increases the opportunity for harm.

Thank you for considering these objections

Aude and Sanjay Maraj

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**From:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2020 5:56:40 PM  
**To:** [xxxxxxx@outlook.com](mailto:xxxxxxx@outlook.com) <[xxxxxxx@outlook.com](mailto:xxxxxxx@outlook.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: GABNG1/20/63022 - 48 Ballards Lane

Good afternoon,

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Please can you elaborate how this application will affect the Gambling act 2005 objective above,

In order to make a valid Representation. Please show how this app will affect the above objectives.

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**From:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 13 August 2020 14:29

**To:** Sanjay Maraj <[xxxxxxxxx@outlook.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxx@outlook.com)>

**Subject:** RE: GABNG1/20/63022 - 48 Ballards Lane

Dear Aude and Sanjay Maraj,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

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**From:** Sanjay Maraj <[xxxxxxxxx@outlook.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxx@outlook.com)>

**Sent:** 13 August 2020 14:17

**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** GABNG1/20/63022 - 48 Ballards Lane

Dear Sir or Madam

We are N3 residents living just off Ballards Lane and have just been made aware of this application.

We object to this proposal on the grounds it could create public nuisance (there is potential for anti social behaviour) and could also be harmful to children (there are already several bookmakers on the high street and an additional gambling venue would normalise it).

Also we're concerned about the opening hours, and if it is late night, then this will combine with the Joiners Arms (a pub with a late night licence) to create alcohol fuelled disturbances. Note, it has been necessary to seek support of the Barnet Licencing team to address noise issues from the Joiners Arms - they were really supportive, and able to ensure the venue took action, but they could not address the anti social behaviour once people have left the venue (eg boisterous noise on the street as people walk to their cars in the early hours)

Thank you  
Aude and Sanjay Maraj  
xx The Grove  
London  
N3 XXX

Annex 3  
Representation 16  
Caroline Walsh  
xx Redbourne Ave  
Finchley  
N3 xxx

**From:** Caroline Walsh <xxxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com>  
**Sent:** 17 August 2020 16:22  
**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Please : Object to planning application // GABNG1/20/63022

Sara Gilbert  
xx Cyprus Rd  
Finchley  
N3 xxx

Caroline Walsh  
xx Redbourne Ave  
Finchley  
N3 xxx

On 17 Aug 2020, at 13:06, Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:

good Afternoon,

Thank you for your comments,

In order to validate your Representation,

Please can you provide your Full name and Address.

Kind regards

Zekiel Cudjoe  
Licensing Officer  
Commercial Premises  
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**From:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 13 August 2020 10:13  
**To:** Caroline Walsh <[xxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com)>; [xxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Please : Object to planning application // GABNG1/20/63022

Dear Sara Gilbert,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

#### Licensing Team

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**From:** Caroline Walsh <[xxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com)>  
**Sent:** 12 August 2020 17:15  
**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Please : Object to planning application

Thank you Sara for your very articulate objection. I forwarded this on so I hope they accept it.

Caroline x

On 12 Aug 2020, at 17:13, Caroline Walsh <[xxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com)> wrote:

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sara Gilbert <[xxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com)>  
**Date:** 12 August 2020 at 16:07:37 BST  
**To:** Caroline Walsh <[xxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Please : Object to planning application

Hi Caroline

I sent this

I oppose this development on several counts:

The area is already very busy with through traffic at all times of day and night and the additional traffic and parking needs of visitors to the facility will increase congestion

Increased noise for people living nearby

Gambling is an addictive habit and we should not be making this available to people on a 24 hour basis especially when we already have betting shops on the street and this is a time of inevitable recession and financial hardship.

Gambling is detrimental to the mental health of many people, young and old and we should not be making it easier to access especially in an area where there is no other entertainment. (cinemas/theatres/clubs).

The availability of late night stores and pubs selling alcohol in the vicinity in combination with this venue is a toxic mix for people who are vulnerable by virtue of low or reduced income, or mental health problems, both of which are likely to rise at the moment at a time of reducing employment and increased housing difficulties.

There are already several homeless people living in the area and this would be a tempting place for people to spend many hours when there is no other place to go, no other local entertainment, spending money that they do not have.

If indeed this development is sold as healthy "family entertainment" then it would be more appropriately sited with the swimming pool and restaurants at the Lido on the High Road Finchley than in a residential and shopping street.

The one advantage of such a development may be that the rates imposed by council would bring in much needed cash to the area but this will be far outweighed by the negative aspects, the casualties of such a business and the resulting costs (policing, social care, damage limitation of various sorts) that the council and other local services will be forced to pick up. There can be no other reason for such a development, and I would question the moral stance of the council should they agree to it.

However I had an immediate reply saying they couldn't email it to whoever they were supposed to send it and they couldn't email me and that they had truncated my response (cant understand why to any of these but anyway I did my best!!

Sara

**From:** Caroline Walsh <[xxxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxx@btinternet.com)>

**Date:** Thursday, 23 July 2020 at 09:09

**To:** Paul Walsh <[xxxxxxxx@bristows.com](mailto:xxxxxxxx@bristows.com)>

**Subject:** Please : Object to planning application

Please object to this planning application to turn the old Nat West building on Ballards Lane, Finchley, into a 24 hour Adult Gaming Centre. Get further info & register objections by visiting this link... <https://publicaccess.barnet.gov.uk/online-applications> Enter ref : 20/3147 Deadline for objections 13th August 'Cashino Gaming' - not on our high street

Good reasons must be provided eg. Noise, traffic, risk to vulnerable people, links to anti-social behaviour, encouraging gambling addiction etc etc

Annex 3

Representation 17

Miss Kanak Shah

X Lansdowne Road

London

N3 XXX

**From:** LicensingAdmin <LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 17 August 2020 10:40  
**To:** Kay Shah <xxxxxxxxx@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: 20/3147/FUL // GABNG1/20/63022

Dear Miss Kanak Shah,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

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**From:** Kay Shah <[xxxxxxxxxx@hotmail.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxx@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** 16 August 2020 20:46  
**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** 20/3147/FUL

Good evening,

Like many other residents, I am totally opposed to a 24 hour gaming centre which will serve only to have a negative impact on the surrounding residential area.

The principal grounds for my objections are:

- 1) We are already inundated with betting shops in the area and this proposed centre would have nothing but a detrimental effect on the community and lead to an increase in anti social behaviour and crime.
- 2) In a time of economic crisis, this will simply exploit and prey on the vulnerable and increase gambling addiction. This in turn will lead to more load on the mental health services in the area. This proposal is therefore unethical, irresponsible and ultimately of negative cost to the council.
- 3) It will lead to more noise pollution in the area.
- 4) It will be impossible to fully police and prevent school children from using the establishment. There are over 5 schools within a 2 mile radius . Again the negative long term effects of this will ultimately hurt us residents.

I have lived here my whole life and generally feel safe, however, this Cashino proposal has made me feel anxious and nervous about the negative impact on Finchley Central. It seems ludicrous to have a Yoga Studio (Fierce Grace) already in the building

(promoting health and well-being) and then to see an application for an establishment that clearly has more disadvantages than benefits to the community.

Miss Kanak Shah  
X Lansdowne Road  
London  
N3 XXX

Annex 3

Representation 18

Lucy Brooks,  
xx Redbourne Avenue,  
London  
N3 xxx

**from:** Lucy B <xxxxxxxxxxxxx@googlemail.com>  
**Sent:** 17 August 2020 16:26  
**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to license application 20072020

Dear Zekiel

My details were included in my first mail - Lucy Brooks, xx Redbourne Avenue, London N3 xxx

All the best

Lucy

On Mon, 17 Aug 2020 at 16:23, Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:

good Afternoon,

Thank you for your comments,

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Please can you provide your Full name and Address.

Kind regards

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**From:** Lucy B <[xxxxxxxxxxxxx@googlemail.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxx@googlemail.com)>  
**Sent:** 17 August 2020 15:57  
**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to license application 20072020

Dear Zekiel

Thank you for your mail. I am not an expert in gambling licence applications, and I'm afraid that your mail doesn't make it clear what you need me to say to lodge an appropriate objection. I'm disappointed that you require a specific formula, and cannot allow residents to raise their concerns without having studying the fine detail of the gambling premises law.

However I understand that this premises is planning on offering lots of betting opportunities from as little as 30 or 40p, which is potentially attractive to young people/children and the most vulnerable people in society - so I would like to object to the application under Point 3 of your list. This site is in plain view of two bus stops used for school buses, and is in the middle of Finchley Central, so there are lots of other young and vulnerable people, in the area, as its right opposite Tesco. As a 24 hour venue, some of the homeless people and those with addictions, could find it attractive and warm, and be obliged to gamble in order to find shelter. There are already 4 betting shops in Finchley, which are encouraging people to gamble, with all the known problems that this can cause. The 24-hour nature of the venue is not in keeping with the area, and my previous mention of the difficulties that residents of Redbourne Avenue could have in getting home late at night if there are customers of the venue hanging around outside the venue; I am concerned that the venue could be a source of crime or disorder.

As mentioned, I would like to repeat that as a local resident, I have many concerns about the nature of these premises and how they will affect children, vulnerable people and residents in the area, especially on Redbourne Avenue.

Many thanks

Lucy

On Wed, 12 Aug 2020 at 13:49, Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:

Good Morning,

Thank you for your comments Please be advised that this is for a Bingo Premises not A Casino premises, Cashnio is just the name of the company, please can you confirm if you will still be wanting to object to the application for a Bingo application, please see below if you are.

your comments relate only to public nuisance in the area and to general crime in and around the area along with Public Nuisance this is not a licensing objective under The Gambling Act 2005, it must be crime specific to Gambling please see the Gambling object below .

As you will be aware, the licensing objectives set out in the Gambling Act 2005 are as follows:

1. Gambling must not be a source of crime or disorder, nor must it be associated with crime or disorder, nor must it be used to support crime.
2. Gambling must be conducted fairly and openly.
3. Gambling must not be used to harm or exploit children and "other vulnerable persons

When making an objection you will need to elaborate how this application will affect the above objectives they needs to be a link and causation in your claims.

**Please be aware that the last date for a valid Representation is the 17/08/2020 please return it in by then**

Kind regards  
Zekiel Cudjoe  
Licensing Officer  
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**From:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 12 August 2020 11:52  
**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to license application 20072020

Hi Zekiel,

Please see the below rep received for case GABNG1/20/63022.

Regards,

**Antoinette Hammond**

**Specialist Technical Support Officer for Re**

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**From:** Lucy B <[xxxxxxxxxxx@googlemail.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxx@googlemail.com)>  
**Sent:** 12 August 2020 11:06  
**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to license application 20072020

Dear Barnet Licensing

As a resident of Redbourne Avenue (no XX), I am writing to object to the proposal to license a casino at the end of our street, in the building that was previously the NatWest bank (48 Ballards Lane)..

This is a dead-end street, and the obvious place for anyone visiting the proposed premises to park; this casino would encourage late night visitors, potentially standing around outside and acting in a menacing way, making it more difficult (as a woman) to feel safe coming home at night should I be working late, because there is no other way to reach my home, I would have no choice but to go past this venue. This quiet residential street has lots of children living here, as well as young people, and I am concerned that they will be encouraged to gamble, feel unsafe, see crime happening at the end of their road or drunken behaviour, and that residents of the street could be the victims of crime by patrons of the establishment.

I therefore object to the licensing application on the following grounds:

- the prevention of crime and disorder,
- public safety,
- the prevention of public nuisance,
- and the protection of children from harm.

Please do not grant these premises this license.

With kind regards

Lucy Brooks

Resident at xx Redbourne Avenue, N3 xxx

Annex 3

Representation 19

William McCormick and Ailsa Prior

XX Redbourne Aveue,

London,

N3 XXX

Dear William McCormick and Ailsa Prior,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

**Licensing Team**

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**From:** Ailsa Prior <[xxxxxxxxx@yahoo.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxx@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** 15 August 2020 10:40

**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** 48 Ballards Lane - Gaming Licence

Dear Sirs

We wish to object to the grant of this licence. We cannot find a link to the form that we believe should be used and so are sending this email. If the form MUST be used, please send us a copy (or a link) so that we can do so.

We believe that if the premises are granted the licence that is sought it will have the effect of increasing crime and disorder in the vicinity. We live at xx Redbourne Avenue and see and hear on a daily (and nightly) basis the conduct of certain individuals who are under the influence of drink and or drugs on Ballards Lane in the vicinity of these premises. Noise nuisance will certainly increase if the licence is granted, resulting in more disturbed sleep for local residents.

At the end of October last year a car, which had been parked in our street but belonged to someone from High Barnet, was driven at force at 3.00am into our front garden demolishing our wall. We had to repair this at a cost of £1000. Something similar happened to our next door neighbour, this time in the afternoon as a result of a "getaway" attempt following theft at Tesco. There is already a degree of anti-social and criminal behaviour of this nature in the street and we believe that this is likely to increase if the licence is granted.

There is a small group of persons who spend a considerable portion of the days/nights wandering along this part of Ballards Lane drinking and asking for money. They often sleep in the doorways of the nearby shops. They will be vulnerable to attractions of gambling (especially at night in a warm/dry environment). The applicants website says that they offer free refreshments to their customers and this would be an obvious draw for vulnerable groups. Even if they have no money left to gamble they will watch others do so.

There is a real concern about the impact upon the large numbers of teenage school-children who pass by the premises morning and afternoon. There are a number of bus stops close by which are a "hub" for many school journeys on public transport (including the inter-change to the underground at Finchley Central). Various school's private coaches also stop at these locations. The attraction to such children of a gaming establishment is obvious as are the difficulties of policing any age restriction when dealing with teenagers. Underage children will either gamble or be schooled in gambling by watching those old enough to legitimately do so. The gambling will inevitably be a topic for discussion on the afternoon journey from school and the premises are likely to become a "destination" which is anticipated and may well become a habitual part of the day. This is clearly undesirable as it could pull children into more serious gambling.

If there is scope to speak at any meeting we ask that we be allowed to do so.

Yours faithfully

William McCormick and Ailsa Prior

XX Redbourne Aveue London N3 XXX

Annex 3

Representation 20

Zahid Bharmal

XX Redbourne Avenue

Dear Zaahid Bharmal,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

**Licensing Team**

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**From:** zaahid bharmal <[xxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** 14 August 2020 21:39  
**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Ref: 20/3147/FUL

Dear Sir

With reference to the above development of a gambling casino, I will state our complete objection to this development. My father (Mr Adam Bharmal ) lives at XX Redbourne Avenue and along with other residents in his avenue who are elderly or have young children, this is a public safety issue.

My parents are vulnerable residents and this proposed development will bring an anti-social element to the high street which will spill down to the rest of Redbourne Avenue and the high street. We already get people throwing rubbish, parking indiscriminately, using the walls of the bank building and the car park as a toilet and to do drugs. The proposed casino will bring further anti-social behaviour as it attracts more people to hang around this location.

It is therefore totally inappropriate and dangerous to encourage the development of such organisations on this high street. It will change the behaviour and demeanor of an area which is deemed currently to be safe for families to shop in.

We therefore strongly object to a license being granted for this development!

Your sincerely

Zaahid Bharmal

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Zaahid

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Annex 3

Representation 21

Marion Brady

XX Ravensdale Avenue

North Finchley

N12 XXX

Hello,

It's

Marion Brady

XX Ravensdale Avenue

North Finchley

N12 XXX

Sent from my iPhone

On 17 Aug 2020, at 13:07, Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your comments,

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Kind regards

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**From:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 13 August 2020 10:07

**To:** marion roche <[XXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com)>

**Subject:** objection to Cashino Gaming Limited planning Application // GABNG1/20/63022

Dear Thomas & Marion Brady,

Thank you for your email.

We have passed your email across to the appropriate officer to look into this matter and advise you accordingly.

Regards,

**Licensing Team**

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**From:** marion roche <[XXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXXXXX@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** 12 August 2020 23:53

**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** URGENT objection to Cashino Gaming Limited planning Application

Dear Sir/Madam

Re :

<http://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gamblingapplication20072020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0KKXaS5zhHHxC8qWCT1S1MyCQoEmzHWdp9jIw2nW4rR2uURXATHCEOpqU>

We object on the following grounds. Crime, disorder and public nuisance: experience shows that such premises increase levels of deprivation in an area (due to problem gambling), and provide a magnet for the homeless and those likely to cause disruption through drunken or irresponsible behaviour, especially in the late nights/ early mornings. We also object on the following grounds :

#### OVERCONCENTRATION OF CERTAIN USES :

Barnet's Draft Local Plan, though still in draft, describes the Council's current views and likely future policies on gambling shops: The application contravenes Policy TOW03 and para 7.8.1 "as highlighted in Barnet's TCFNA overconcentration of certain uses such as betting shops, payday loan shops or hot food takeaways can have a detrimental impact on physical and mental wellbeing as well as on the vitality and viability of town centres. These uses have associations with unacceptable levels of noise, vibrations, odours, traffic disturbance, litter and can attract anti-social behaviour. The proliferation of such uses can quickly change the character of a town centre." We would argue that an AGC falls under the category of 'betting shop' for these purposes.

There are already sufficient gambling opportunities within Finchley as the AGC would be within easy walking distance of at least four other gambling establishments (William Hillx2, Betfred, Coral and Paddy Power).

#### INCORRECT FACTUAL EVIDENCE - PREVIOUS LICENCE REJECTED

Merkur Cashino claim in their brochure to have never had a license revoked or reviewed. In fact, and worse, they have had whole applications rejected eg Blackpool this year (<http://www.casinoguardian.co.uk/2020/07/02/cashino-gaming-has-its-bingo-premises-licence-application-rejected-by-blackpools-council-licensing-panel/> )

#### ENCOURAGEMENT OF PROBLEM GAMBLING

Lack of fixed odds betting terminals does not mean this is not a place where gambling takes place (as implied in their brochure). Slot machines and bingo are forms of betting, with all the inherent risks of addiction and ruined lives). A maximum £2 stake in no way prevents problem gambling.

#### INSUFFICIENT NOISE ASSESSMENT

The Brochure is wholly misleading and biased - no objective assessments or justifications are included eg the noise assessment quotes are unattributed so could be from Cashino themselves!

#### ANTISOCIAL HOURS IN A SUBURBAN SETTING

24 hour operation is likely to increase antisocial and disruptive behaviour at night, and prove a magnet for the homeless and those spilling out of pubs after hours.

We object to this planning application and would urgently seek the council to reconsider the safety and community of the area's residents.

Yours

Thomas & Marion Brady

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Representation 22

Adeline and Andrew Selvaraj

XXX Redbourne Avenue

**From:** Adeline Selvaraj <[xxxxxxxxxxxxxj@hotmail.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxj@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** 17 August 2020 15:32  
**To:** LicensingAdmin <[LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingAdmin@barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to Cashino at old NatWest Bank, N3

Sir/Madam

We strongly object to the conversion of the NatWest Premises to an adult gaming/bingo place. I live on Redbourne Avenue and as a teacher and doctor, we feel that this is the kind of place that attracts children and the most vulnerable members in society. This form of enticement at a young age is immoral.

There are also a number of homeless people who gather near Tesco and would now be attracted by the 24-hour venue where they could keep warm and gamble with small stakes. This further undermines and exploits the vulnerable.

Having such premises near a residential area would have a detrimental effect on the safety and wellbeing of the members in our road and we strongly object to that!

Sincerely

Adeline and Andrew Selvaraj

XXX Redbourne Avenue

Annex 3

Representation 23

Lucy Brooks,  
xx Redbourne Avenue,  
London  
N3 xxx

**From:** Lucy B <xxxxxxxxxxxxx@googlemail.com>  
**Sent:** 17 August 2020 16:26  
**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to license application 20072020

Dear Zekiel

My details were included in my first mail - Lucy Brooks, xx Redbourne Avenue, London N3 xxx

All the best

Lucy

On Mon, 17 Aug 2020 at 16:23, Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@barnet.gov.uk)> wrote:

good Afternoon,

Thank you for your comments,

In order to validate your Representation,

Please can you provide your Full name and Address.

Kind regards

Zekiel Cudjoe  
Licensing Officer  
Commercial Premises  
London Borough of Barnet  
8th Floor  
2 Bristol Avenue  
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**From:** Lucy B <[xxxxxxxxxxxxx@googlemail.com](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxx@googlemail.com)>  
**Sent:** 17 August 2020 15:57  
**To:** Cudjoe, Zekiel <[Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Zekiel.Cudjoe@Barnet.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to license application 20072020

Dear Zekiel

Thank you for your mail. I am not an expert in gambling licence applications, and I'm afraid that your mail doesn't make it clear what you need me to say to lodge an appropriate objection. I'm disappointed that you require a specific formula, and cannot allow residents to raise their concerns without having studying the fine detail of the gambling premises law.

However I understand that this premises is planning on offering lots of betting opportunities from as little as 30 or 40p, which is potentially attractive to young people/children and the most vulnerable people in society - so I would like to object to the application under Point 3 of your list. This site is in plain view of two bus stops used for school buses, and is in the middle of Finchley Central, so there are lots of other young and vulnerable people, in the area, as its right opposite Tesco. As a 24 hour venue, some of the homeless people and those with addictions, could find it attractive and warm, and be obliged to gamble in order to find shelter. There are already 4 betting shops in Finchley, which are encouraging people to gamble, with all the known problems that this can cause. The 24-hour nature of the venue is not in keeping with the area, and my previous mention of the difficulties that residents of Redbourne Avenue could have in getting home late at night if there are customers of the venue hanging around outside the venue; I am concerned that the venue could be a source of crime or disorder.

As mentioned, I would like to repeat that as a local resident, I have many concerns about the nature of these premises and how they will affect children, vulnerable people and residents in the area, especially on Redbourne Avenue.

Many thanks

Lucy

# Matters for Decision

**MATTERS FOR DECISION**  
**Mercur Cashino 48 Ballards Lane**

To allow the Standard Days and Timings for the gambling activity of Bingo.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Proposed start time</b>	<b>Proposed finish time</b>	<b>Granted as application</b>	<b>Amended to:</b>	<b>Refused</b>
Monday	09:00	00:00			
Tuesday	09:00	00:00			
Wednesday	09:00	00:00			
Thursday	09:00	00:00			
Friday	09:00	00:00			
Saturday	09:00	00:00			
Sunday	09:00	00:00			

Added conditions, if any:

Reasons for decisions above:

Hours premises are open to the public are not restricted under the Gambling act 2005.

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