

Licensing Sub-Committee

Title	Little Vegas 214 Station Road Edgware HA8 7AR
Date of meeting	Monday 31 st July 2023
Report of	Executive Director of Assurance
Wards	Edgware
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Appendices	Appendix A – Application Form Appendix B – Representation Appendix C – Matters for Decision
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Summary

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

Recommendations

This report asks the Sub-Committee to consider an application for a New Adult Gaming Centre Licence, under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005 for Little Vegas 214 Station Road Edgware HA8 7AR.

1. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 1.1 Where a representation is submitted in respect of an application made under Section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005 the authority must hold a hearing to consider such representations, unless the representation is withdrawn, the applicant and any party or responsible authority who has made a valid representation agrees the matter can be determined without a hearing, or where the authority considers that the representations

are frivolous or vexatious or will certainly not influence the authority's determination of the application.

2. Alternative Options Considered and Not Recommended

- 2.1 The Licensing Sub-Committee is required to give appropriate weight to the representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties, the Gambling Commission's code of practice, the Gambling Commission's Guidance to licensing authorities, the licensing objectives and the Council's Gambling Statement of Principles.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 On considering an application for a premises licence (whether at a hearing or not) a licensing authority shall —
- (a) grant it, or
 - (b) reject it.

3. Post Decision Implementation

- 3.1 The decision will come in to effect 21 days after notice of the Sub-Committee's decision, unless the Sub-Committee directs that its decision is to take immediate effect.

4. Corporate Priorities, Performance and Other Considerations

Corporate Plan

- 4.1 The objectives support the corporate plan. In particular, it seeks to promote our mission in caring for people and places by promoting safer neighbourhoods.

Corporate Performance / Outcome Measures

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

Sustainability

- 4.1 N/A

Corporate Parenting

- 4.2 N/A

Risk Management

- 4.3 N/A

Insight

- 4.4 N/A

Social Value

- 4.5 N/A

5. Resource Implications (Finance and Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT and Property)
5.1 N/A
6. Legal Implications and Constitution References
<p>6.1 The Gambling Act 2005 and the Gambling Commission’s guidance for licensing authorities sets out how applications for premises licences, including those for -Adult Gaming Centres, should be dealt with where valid representations have been submitted.</p> <p>6.2 Under Part 2B, paragraph 7.1.2.3, of the Council’s Constitution, The Licensing Sub-Committee has the power to determine applications and to make Orders in respect of: “Specific delegations under the Licensing Act 2003 as set out in the Licensing Policy, and the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.”</p>
7. Consultation
7.1 The statutory consultation process has been followed in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.
8. Equalities and Diversity
8.1 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.
9. Background Papers
Statement of Principles (PDF, 0.6 MB)

Officers Report

GAMBLING ACT 2005

OFFICERS REPORT

Little Vegas 214 Station Road Edgware HA8 7AR

1. The Applicants

The application before the Sub-Committee was submitted under Section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005. It is an application for a New Adult Gaming Centre Licence, submitted by Woods Whur 2014 Limited on behalf of Chongie Entertainment Limited.

2. Application

The application before us today was valid as of 30th May 2023. The application seeks to allow the premises to be used for an Adult Gaming Centre.

Should the Licensing Sub-Committee be minded to grant this Adult Gaming Centre Licence application, the following mandatory conditions will automatically be applied:

- A notice must be displayed at all entrances to the Adult Gaming Centres (AGCs) stating that no person under the age of 18 years will be admitted to the premises.
- There will be no direct access between an Adult Gaming Centre and any other premises licensed under the Act or premises with a Family Entertainment Centre (FEC), club gaming, club machine or alcohol licensed premises gaming machine permit.
- Any ATM made available for use on the premises shall be located in a place that requires any customer who wishes to use it, to cease gambling at any gaming machine in order to do so.
- The consumption of alcohol in Adult Gaming Centres is prohibited at any time during which facilities for gambling are being provided on the premises. A notice stating this should be displayed in a prominent place at every entrance to the premises.

The application form is attached to this report in **Annex 1**.

3. Representations

The Licensing Team received 1 valid representation from a local ward Councillor. The representation refers to the effect that the grant of this licence could have on the following gambling objectives:

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

The Councillor's representation can be seen attached to this report in **Annex 2**.

The Licensing department did not receive representations from local residents, those with business interests that might be affected or Responsible Authority representatives.

The Police were satisfied that the submitted Local Authority Risk Assessment covered the areas of concern to them. PC Vicky Wilcox did contact the Licensing department to say:-

“I’ve just has a look at the documents stored on our system. The LARA appears to cover all main points of note.”

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 (default conditions).
- (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.

6. Statement of Principles and Guidance

Full Copies of the Council’s Gambling Statement of Principles and the Gambling Commission’s Statutory Guidance to local authorities will be available at the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing or in advance if required.

Elisabeth Hamond
Licensing Officer

Annex 1 – Application Form
Annex 2 – Representation
Annex 3 – Matters for Decision

Application Form, Plans & Local Authority Risk Assessment

**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): [*****]

3 Applicant's address (home/business -):

[*****]

[*****]

[*****]

[*****]

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.

Section B

Application on Behalf of an organisation

6 Name of applicant business or organisation: Chongie Entertainment Limited

7. The applicant's registered or principal address:

3-5 Wardour Street, London

Postcode: W1D 6PB

8(a) The number of the applicant's operating licence (as given in the operating licence): 000-057549-N-333196-001

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

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

Part 3 – Premises Details

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

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

214 Station Road, Edgware

Postcode: HA8 7AR

12 Telephone number at premises (if known): [*****]

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

The premises are on the ground floor of a three storey building with premises either side.

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

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

[*****]

Part 4 – Times of Operation

15(a) Do you want the licensing authority to exclude a default condition so that the premises may be used for longer periods than would otherwise be the case? No

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

	Start	Finish	Details of any seasonal variation
Mon	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[*****]
Tues	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[*****]
Wed	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[*****]
Thurs	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[*****]
Fri	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[*****]
Sat	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[*****]
Sun	[hh:mm]	[hh:mm]	[*****]

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

[*****]

Part 5 - Miscellaneous

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

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

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

19(a) Do you hold any other premises licences that have been issued by this licensing authority?

No

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

[*****]

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

[*****]

Part 6 – Declarations and Checklist (Please tick)

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

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

Checklist:

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

Part 7 – Signatures

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

Woods whur

Signature:

Print Name: Woods Whur 2014 Limited

Date: 30/05/2023 Capacity: Solicitors for the Applicant

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

Signature:

Print Name:

Date: Capacity:

Part 8 – Contact Details

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

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

24 Postal address for correspondence associated with this application:

Woods Whur 2014 Limited

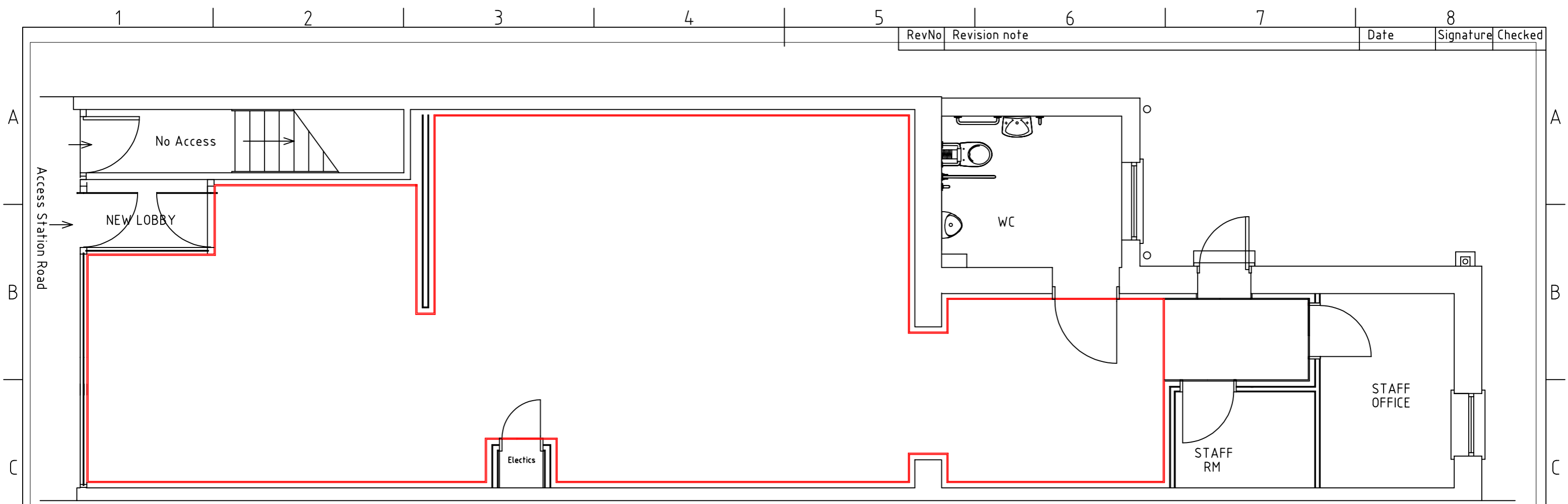
St James House

28 Park Place

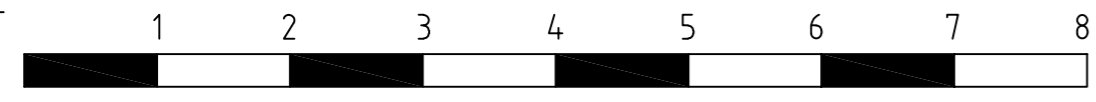
Leeds

Postcode: LS1 2SP

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



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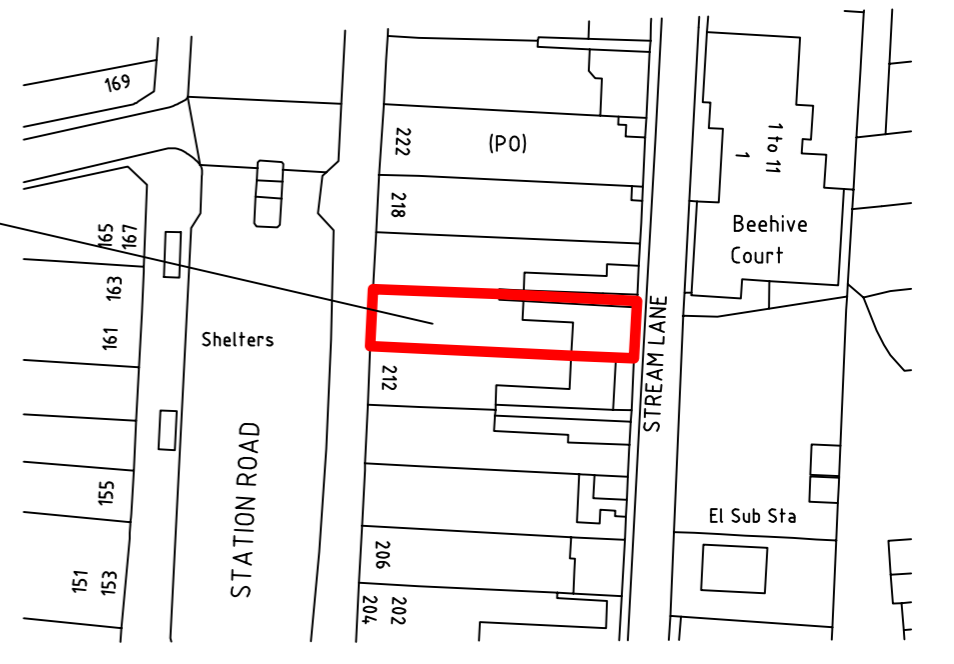


GAMBLING ACT 2005 LICENSING PLAN


Anything shown on plan that is not required by The Gambling Act 2005 (Premises Licences and Provisional Statements) Regulation 2007 is for illustrative purposes only and does not form part of the premises licence.

— Area in which facilities will be provided for gaming.

Indicates site in application at:
214 Station Road, Edgware, London, HA8 7AR.



LOCATION PLAN

<small>All design concepts and drawings are the property of Alderwood Joinery. No replications, adaptations are to be made without permission from Alderwood Joinery.</small>	Client: CHONGLE ENTERTAINMENTS LIMITED	Drawn: K JUSTICE	
	<small>UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETRES</small> IF IN ANY DOUBT, ASK!	Job No:	Date 16/02/23
	Damian Cronin Construction Ltd Unit 99, 1 Chollerton Drive, North Tyne Industrial Estate, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 9SZ. Tel:0191-2566665 www.Cronin.online	Project: LITTLE VEGAS 214 STATION RD, EDGEWARE,LONDON,HA8 7AR.	
		Title: LICENSING PLAN	Rev Sheet

Premises: 214 Station Road, Edgware. HA8 7AR

Premises Licence Number:

Company Details: Chongie Entertainment Limited,

3-5 Wardour St, London

Operating Licence Number: 000-057549-N-333196-001

Date Assessment: February 2023

Assessor: Joanne Craig

Sources Utilised: London Borough of Barnet Gambling

Statement of Principles.

Police Crime Mapping, relevant guidance

from the Gambling Commission, Open source

Area Profile:

Edgware is a suburban town in northern Greater London, mostly in the London Borough of Barnet but with small parts falling in the London Borough of Harrow and in the London Borough of Brent.^[2] Edgware is centred 9.5 miles (15.3 km) north-northwest of Charing Cross and has its own commercial centre.



In the 2011 census the population of Edgware was **16,728** and is made up of approximately 51% females and 49% males. The average age of people in Edgware is 37, while the median age is lower at 35. 61.2% of people living in Edgware were born in England.

The machine mix is to be determined and will be supplied by a company licensed by the Gambling Commission.

Local Area				
Licensing Objective		Risks	Existing Control Measures	Level of Risk of Occurrence / Manageability
1.1	Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling	<p>LOCALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edgware Primary School, Heming Road. HA8 9AB Beis Chinuch Edgware Jewish Girls Primary School, 296 Hale Lane. HA8 8NP <p>OTHER:</p> <p><u>Student accommodation:</u></p> <p>There are no student accommodation buildings within a mile radius.</p> <p><u>Family Services</u></p> <p>There are no Family service facilities within a mile radius</p> <p><u>Job / Recruitment Agencies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prospects Staff Bureau Ltd, Berkeley House, 18-24 High St. HA8 7RP Together Recruitment Agency, Middlesex House, High St. HA8 7UU New Dawn Recruitment, 112 Station Road. HA8 7BJ 	<p>The Premises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage & window display not to attract under 18s, and advice under 18's access is prohibited. Staff stationed near to the main entrance to prevent under 18s entry. Regular patrols of the premises, to identify any vulnerable and children Posters, 'Stay in Control' leaflets and GamCare leaflets will be on display (near toilets as well as in the main trading area) Staff will ensure a stock of leaflets (stay in control, self-exclusion & Gamcare) through weekly checks of stock GamCare notices with contact number clearly displayed on machines Self-exclusion system in place provided by BACTA Photo equipment available for self-exclusions CCTV coverage of all public areas, all entry and exit points to and from the 	<p>High of Occurrence Initially / Low of not Managing</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iRec2Rec Ltd, 1 Equity House 128, 136 High St. HA8 7EL <p><u>Community centres</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pearl Community Centre, HA8 9XF <p><u>Youth Centres</u></p> <p>There are no Youth centres within a mile radius</p> <p><u>Fast food</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slamburger Edgware, 212 Station Road, HA8 7AR • Subway, 87 Station Road. HA8 7JG • KFC, 138 Station Road. HA8 7AA • Selekt Chicken, 15-17 Station Road. HA8 7JE • Chicken Valley, Edgware. HA8 7EJ • The Greenman Fish and Chips, 214 Station Road. HA8 7AR <p><u>Café</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liam’s Coffee House, 238 Station Road. HA8 7AU • Barista Coffee House, 5 Station Forecourt, Station Rd. HA8 7AW • Caffè Nero, 67-70 Station Road. HA8 7BD • 3 Fratelli Caffè, 290 Hale Lane. HA8 8NP • Café Olive, Unit 1-2 Station Road. HA8 7AW • Starbucks, 81-83 Station Road. HA8 7JG 	<p>premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions with ability for management to review remotely online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premises laid out to avoid blind spots • Entrance readily visible from throughout the premises to allow customer monitoring • Monitoring customers as they leave the premises • Machines to be properly labelled <p>The Operation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will patrol and supervise the whole of the premises, with particular care in identifying vulnerable • Regular Test Purchasing • “Know Your Customer” in place, developing customer interaction policies & procedures (importance of behaviour, time and spend limits) • Staff monitors customer activity and behaviour to interact early to recognise customer with potential gambling issues. • Staff to be aware of the importance of social responsibility, the causes and consequences of gambling • Adequate staffing levels to be maintained at all times 	
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		<p><u>Banks/Building Society</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nationwide Building Society, 9/10 The Promenade. HA8 7LQ ATM – Tesco Bank, Tesco Express, Hale Lane. HA8 8NP NatWest, 317 Hale Lane. HA8 7AX Santander, 115 Station Road, HA8 7JG Lloyds, 105-109 Station Road. HA8 7JL HSBC, 103 Station Road. HA8 7JJ Metro Bank, Unit 1, The Mall. HA8 7BD ATM – Sainsbury’s Bank, Broadwalk Shopping Centre. HA8 7BQ Halifax, 51/53 Station Road. HA8 7JA Barclays Bank, 126 Station Road. HA8 7RY <p><u>Leisure, Sports Centres, cinemas, bowling alleys</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pure Gym London Edgware, 67-79 Station Road. HA8 7JG <p><u>Care Homes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knights Court Care Home, 107 High St. Edgware HA8 7DB <p><u>Hospitals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edgware Community Hospital, Burnt Oak Broadway. HA8 0AD <p><u>GP/Medical Centres</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr N Gandhi, 39 Peshurst Gardens, HA8 9TN Medicspot Clinic, 98 High St. HA8 7HF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return the stake/retain the prize Staff will review self-excluded data to ensure continued exclusion Sharing of information by staff regarding concerns about customers Mystery shopper tests by BACTA <p>Age Verification procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of the BACTA Toolkit Policies & Procedures including Think / Challenge 25 Anyone reluctant in providing identification or demonstrating suspicious behaviour will trigger further investigation. Incident to be logged and customer removed from the area. Age verification incident report (log) maintained on licensed premises and reviewed on regular basis by team staff members & Compliance Manager <p>Staff Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of staff with 6 monthly refreshers/ local area profile/licence conditions 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lane End Medical Group, 2 Peshurst Gardens. HA8 9GJ <p><u>Mental Health:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various facilities, Edgware Community Hospital, Burnt Oak Broadway. HA8 0AD <p><u>Addiction/Recovery Centres</u></p> <p>There are no addiction or recovery centres within a one mile radius</p> <p><u>Hostels/Shelters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • True Care Foundation, Unit 9 Spring Villa Park, Spring Villa Road. HA8 7EB <p><u>Food banks</u></p> <p>There are no food banks within a one mile radius</p> <p><u>Loan Shops, Pawn Brokers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H&T Pawnbrokers, 125-127 Station Road, HA8 7JG • Cash Converters, 151-153 Station Road. HA8 7JS <p><u>Parks/Playgrounds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chandos Recreation Ground, 114 Merlin Crescent. HA8 6JD • Stonegrove Park, Edgware. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and guidance is provided to staff members regarding customer interaction and the implementation of the ID verification procedure. • Staff to be trained in Safeguarding Policy • Staff to be aware of refusing customers entry due to alcohol or drugs • Staff to be trained on Anti Money Laundering, Proceeds of Crime and Suspicious Behaviour • Staff to be trained to look out for signs of aggressive behaviour or problem play 	
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		<p><u>Religious buildings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Margarets, 1 Station Road. HA8 7JE • Emmanuel Edgware Church, 4 Manor Park Crescent, HA8 7NN • St Anthony of Padua, 5 Garratt Road. HA8 9AN • Edgware Methodist Church, Garratt Road. HA8 9AW • Kol Nefesh Masorti Synagogue, Rectory Lane. HA8 7LF • Ahavat Yisrael, Gideon Close, HA8 4RY • Yeshurun Federation Synagogue, Fernhurst Gardens, HA8 7PH • Taiba Welfare Foundation, Pride House, Rectory Lane. HA8 7LG • Edgware Central Mosque, 48 High Street. HA8 7EJ <p><u>New Development or Shopping centres</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Broadwalk Shopping Centre, Station Road. HA8 7BD 		
1.2	Preventing Gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime	<p>LOCALITY</p> <p>Gambling Licensed Premises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Hill, 218-220 Station Road, HA8 7AU • Betfred, 200 Station Road. HA8 7AR • Paddy Power, 192 Station Road. HA8 7AR • William Hill, 83 High Street. HA8 7DB • Paddy Power, 5-7 Lanson House, Whitchurch Lane. HA8 6NL 	<p>The Premises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV coverage of all public areas, all entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions with ability for management to review remotely online. • Toughened/laminated glass to front window 	

		<p><u>Alcohol Licensed Premises</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zanzi Bar, 113 High St, HA8 7DB • The Three Wishes, 122-126 High St. HA8 7EL • <p>LOCAL AREA PROFILE</p> <p>Population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 16,728 (census 2011) residents <p>Deprivation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Borough of Barnet has an above average score on the level of overall deprivation taken from the English Indices of Deprivation (2019). • The Borough scores particularly well on education and training and health. <p>Unemployment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2021 the percentage of the population unemployed was 3.6% <p>Crime</p> <p>Edgware’s reported crimes in the past 3 months consist of mainly crimes against the person – violence and sexual offences being the most reported, with anti-social behaviour, theft and burglary are lower down the list.</p> <p>TRANSPORT & CAR PARK FACILITIES</p>	<p>The Operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Machine door opening keys only available to management • Log visits by Police, Local Authority and Gambling Commission officers • Review unusual patterns of play (as per PoCA), ‘non-regular’ players and consider exclusion/reporting • Exclude badly behaved customers and look out for problem behaviour or aggression • Maintain contact with local traders and Police, including working with police to combat local issues • Limited staff floats • CCTV coverage over all cash transactions • Full machine audit on all machines on a weekly basis – ad hoc spot-check in case of any suspicion • Gaming machines are supplied and maintained by businesses licensed by the Gambling Commission • Company registered to receive crime bulletins from BACTA. <p>Staff Training</p>	<p>Medium of Occurrence Initially / Low of not Managing</p>
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		<p>The premises are on transport routes and there are several bus stops nearby as well as a tube station.</p> <p>There are also several car parks within a 200m radius, which predominantly serve the shopping areas and the station for commuters.</p> <p>During the visit there were some young teens in school uniform on the road – heading for bus stops and the tube station.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Responsibility training and incident recording logs available to all staff. • Staff trained to look out for unusual/dyed notes • Staff & management to be alert to customers exchanging large volumes of paper notes for alternative denominations • Staff to be alert to customer redeeming stake with little or no play • Staff trained about AML basics, strange transaction behaviour • Extra Training and guidance is provided to staff members regarding Anti-Social Behaviour • Staff fully trained how to deal with homeless people seeking refuge • Staff to be trained on local area risk assessment <p>Customer Interaction and Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspicious activity to be written down in the log • Customer interaction may provide knowledge of criminal background and/or association leading to closer security and monitoring of such a customer. 	
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customers are efficiently monitored throughout the time they are on the premises to ensure prevention of machine related crime (money laundering). • Knowledge activity to be handed over to Nominated Officer who will then report to NCA 	
<p>1.3</p>	<p>Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way</p>	<p>EQUIPMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information must be clearly displayed • Maintenance to reduce potential issues • Compliance <p>PREMISES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotions • Advertising <p>CUSTOMERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment of customers • Complaints 	<p>Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Machines only obtained from licensed suppliers • Machines to be properly labelled • Implementation of the BACTA Toolkit policies • Machines to be maintained/serviced regularly / turned off if a fault occurs • Procedure for making refunds • Details of machine operation and winning combinations to be clearly shown on machines <p>Premises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear terms & conditions provided within the licensed premises. 	<p>Low / Low</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any promotions or advertising to be ASA and LCCP compliant <p>Staff Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training of staff with 6 monthly refreshers Staff to have full understanding of stakes and prizes, and odds associated with each machine. <p>Customers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review advertising material and promotions for compliance with LCCP Complaints policy visibly displayed for customer information. All complaints to be fully investigated in accordance with policy and referred to nominated ADR 3rd party as required Suitable public liability Insurance Council conditions openly displayed Regular Compliance Audits 	
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Gambling Operation and Physical Design (Internal and External)				
Licensing Objective		Risks	Existing Control Measures	Level of Risk of Occurrence / Manageability
2.1	Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being	<p>CUSTOMERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U18s entering Problem Gambling Providing Information 	<p>Equipment and Operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Machines to be properly labelled 	

	<p>harmed or exploited by gambling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administering self-exclusion • Signage <p>PREMISES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider 'blind spots' • Visibility of the entrance • Signage • Presentation of premises (signage/window display) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing levels will be risk assessed to ensure they reflect any risk to staff, customers and promotion of the licensing objectives • There would be no advertising locally. As part of the Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice issued by the Gambling Commission - Any Media displayed on the premises will comply with LCCP: Social responsibility code 5.1.6 (Compliance with advertising codes) The advertising of gambling products and services must be undertaken in a socially responsible manner and we must comply with the UK Advertising Codes issued by the Committees of Advertising Practice (CAP) and administered by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA). Advertising on the premises will not differ from that of any other Adult Gaming Centre premises in Hammersmith. <p>Premises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV coverage of all public areas, all entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions with ability for management to review remotely online. • Premises laid out to avoid blind spots 	<p>Low/Low considering design features</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure entrance readily visible from throughout the premises • Signage & window display not to attract under 18s, and advise under 18's access is prohibited. • The entrance layout to enable staff to monitor those entering the premises 	
<p>2.2</p>	<p>Preventing Gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime</p>	<p>CUSTOMERS Customer behaviour</p> <p>PREMISES Layout to be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider 'blind spots' • Visibility of the entrance • Design out crime <p>STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal protection • Security • Staff behaviour <p>Money Laundering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Customer behaviour - Staff monitoring 	<p>Staff Training Full Staff training on Money Laundering and the Proceeds of Crime Act as well as customer behaviour, particularly suspicious or aggressive customers</p> <p>Premises and Operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV coverage of all public areas, all entry and exit points to and from the premises enabling frontal identification of every person entering under any light conditions with ability for management to review remotely online. • Regular patrols of the premises, including external areas to identify any vulnerable and children • Monitoring of customers as they leave the premises • Design out crime to be implemented • Toughened/laminated glass to front window • Mag Lock on front door 	<p>Low/Low considering design features</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intruder alarm installed and regularly serviced • Panic Button linked to Police 	
<p>2.3</p>	<p>Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way</p>	<p>PREMISES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotions • Advertising <p>EQUIPMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information clearly displayed • Maintenance • Compliance 	<p>Premises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV coverage of all public areas, office, frontage and rear door with recording device and ability for management to review remotely online • Clear terms & conditions provided within the licensed premises. <p>Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Machines only obtained from licensed suppliers • Machines to be properly labelled • Implementation of the BACTA Toolkit policies • Machines to be maintained/serviced regularly • Machines to be turned off should a fault occur • Procedure for making refunds • Details of machine operation and winning combinations to be clearly shown on machines 	<p>Low / Low</p>

			<p>Customers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complaints policy visibly displayed for customer information. All complaints to be fully investigated in accordance with policy and referred to nominated ADR 3rd party as required• Suitable public liability Insurance• Council conditions openly displayed• Regular Compliance Audits	
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Representation

Representation in the name of Cllr Sheuy Gordon (Councillor for Edgware ward, the ward the application affects) writing against the application for a New Gambling application for Adult Gaming Centre PREMISES LICENCE - Little Vegas, 214 Station Road, Edgware HA8 7AR.

I write in relation to the aforementioned premises licence and write against it citing that the approval of the license will be contrary to the following objectives of the 2005 act, namely:

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

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Professor Mark Griffiths of Nottingham Trent University highlighted in his study 'Betting Shops and Crime: Is there a relationship?' that the five most common types of crime that occur at gambling venues are: Fraud, Theft, Public disturbance, Cheating at play and other crimes such as loan sharking.¹

Dr Adeniyi of Bournemouth University published in March this year that " The number of betting shops in a neighbourhood corresponds to higher crime rates" and that " Findings revealed that the likelihood of all the crime categories covered in the research increased by approximately 4% per every one unit increase in betting shops".²

Data provided through their research found that with every one unit increase in betting shops, shoplifting counts increased by approximately 16%, theft from person by 10%, anti-social behaviour by 7%, public disorder by 7%, and bike thefts by 6%.

It must be noted that the current premises is within Met Police identified hot spots for these kinds of crimes, namely a tube station, a shopping centre and several other businesses wherein.³ With this in mind section 9.2 of the London Borough of Barnet's Statement of Principles re gambling applications/licensing and crime must be taken into consideration.

Although there is no requirement to consider density and demand in relation to gambling premises the effect of a concentration of premises in a locality (aka cluster as illustrated by Dr Adeniyi) is proven to have an adverse effect on the rate of crime.

¹ re a study taken by Smith, Wynne and Hartnagel in 2003

² <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/news/2023-03-03/betting-shops-shown-contribute-higher-neighbourhood-crime-figures-new-study#:~:text=Findings%20revealed%20that%20the%20likelihood,association%20remains%20positive%20and%20significant.>

³ <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/metropolitan-police-service/edgware/?tab=crimemap>

The application is within mere walking distance of three other gambling premises and the inclusion of a fourth establishment in such close vicinity would, as evidenced by Dr Adeniyi's research, lead to an increase in crime. Therefore, the approval of the application would be in contravention of the aims of the aforementioned objective.



Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

In relation to this objective some guidance is taken through the Borough's Statement of Principles. It states, quite rightly that there is no definition for the term 'vulnerable person' and states that applications will be looked through a case-by-case basis. Further guidance is given in Section 9.2 that gives an indication as to which areas might come under the 'vulnerable persons' umbrella.

Section 9.2 states that it will take:

The proximity of the gambling premises to sensitive premises such as schools or centres for vulnerable adults, or to residential areas where there may be a high concentration of families with children, and the likelihood that children or vulnerable adults will enter the premises.

Edgware ward is a primarily a suburban residential ward composed of families. In the vicinity of the premises are a huge array of family homes who use the street wherein the premises is based as their local town centre. Although children will not/ may not be allowed in these premises, the Statement of Principles makes it clear that:

"The London Borough of Barnet is aware that children may be harmed not only by taking part in gambling, but also if they are able to watch it taking place".

Therefore, the inclusion of a fourth gambling shop will increase the chance of children seeing gambling taking place, children including those that live on the roads directly around the premises and the children who attend Fountain Montessori Pre-School and Beis Chinuch who are in direct walking distance from the premises.

Conclusion

I believe that these two objectives of the 2005 Act would be contravened should this application be approved, and I request that the London Borough of Barnet rejects the application.

Matters for Decision

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Little Vegas 214 Station Road Edgware HA8 7AR

To allow the Standard Days and Timings for the gambling activity of an Adult Gaming Centre.

Standard Days and Timings

Day	Proposed start time	Proposed finish time	Granted as application	Amended to:	Refused
Monday	N/A	N/A			
Tuesday	N/A	N/A			
Wednesday	N/A	N/A			
Thursday	N/A	N/A			
Friday	N/A	N/A			
Saturday	N/A	N/A			
Sunday	N/A	N/A			

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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