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Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 4:39 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@kirklees.gov.uk>; Cllr Eric Firth <eric.firth@kirklees.gov.uk>; Cllr Paul Moore <Paul.Moore@kirklees.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Gambling Application 23 Northgate, Dewsbury

Subject: Opposition to Grant Application for Gambling Licence - Dewsbury Town Centre

Dear Rox

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the recent application for a gambling licence submitted by Liberty Solicitors on behalf of their client.

While acknowledging the merits outlined in the application, I must emphasise that Dewsbury town centre is already oversubscribed with gambling venues. As a local authority and as ward councillors, our primary focus is addressing the health, inequalities, and vulnerabilities of residents.

The proposed site is in close proximity to residents in Dewsbury town centre, and issuing another licence for this type of premises would be counter productive to our ongoing efforts.

Our town's regeneration plan revolves around creating a family-oriented, safe environment. I am concerned that approving another gambling licence would not align with our blueprint and might compromise the crucial values we aim to instill in the community and impact on future investment.

While I understand that Liberty Solicitors has provided detailed explanations on how the licensing objectives would be addressed and that the applicant holds an operators licence from the Gambling Commission, I believe it is crucial to consider the existing strain on our town and the well-being of its residents.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter, and I kindly request that my opposition be taken into account during the evaluation process. If needed, I am willing to discuss this application further to provide additional context to my concerns and appear at committee.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

Cathy Scott

From: Cllr Paul Moore <Paul.Moore@kirklees.gov.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 12:38 PM

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Hi Rox,

As per Eric I am totally opposed to this. In addition, to the existing betting shops we have two amusement arcades, one of which is open until 4am (next to Wellington Tavern) and the former Brighthouse building now being open 24 hrs. I'm unsure why we need another?

Best wishes

Paul

Councillor Paul Moore
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