

**From:** Lawman Graham  
**Sent:** 15 April 2014 00:41  
**To:** Licensing Unit  
**Subject:** reference 14/00677/GABETT - 17, Market St Wellingborough

Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to this application, which I would ask is determined by the Licensing Committee.

1) to prevent crime and disorder - this is a primary shopping street intending to attract families, not the patrons of a gambling establishment. There are already sufficient bookmakers in the area.

2) to ensure public safety - these premises attract patrons the perception of whom - and sometimes the reality - is of presenting a threat to safe enjoyment of the area.

3) to prevent public nuisance - to shoppers and residents in the properties above the shops - who have a right to respect for private life - , who will have their enjoyment of their properties disturbed, especially by people standing outside, smoking, for instance.

4) the protection of children - this is a family orientated area and the enjoyment of the town centre will be diminished considerably by proximity to gambling and slot machines, which could attract younger people and provide unwelcome distraction.

There is also the distinct possibility of financial harm to the rest of the retail premises in the area if shoppers are put off by these premises. This reduces the attractiveness of the area as an amenity.

The area already includes a premises a major part of whose aims is to reduce financial exclusion because of high deprivation in the area. This will make the fight even more difficult.

Kind regards

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