



Subject: Objection to Gambling License Application by Boylesports (UK) Limited

Dear Leicester City Council Representative,

I am writing to formally object to the application for a gambling license submitted by Boylesports (UK) Limited, under application reference number (I have been unable to find this on the Leicester gov website), currently under review by your office.

As a concerned resident of the Westcotes area, I believe that granting this license would not be in the best interest of the community for several reasons, which I would like to outline below:

1. **Negative Social Impact:** Gambling establishments often contribute to an increase in problem gambling, which can lead to a range of social issues, including financial hardship, family breakdowns, and addiction. The proposed location of the gambling establishment, located in close proximity to residential areas, schools, and community centers, would likely exacerbate these problems and affect vulnerable populations in our community.
2. **Increased Crime and Disorder:** Previous studies and reports indicate that gambling venues can attract criminal activity such as theft, fraud, and money laundering, as well as incidents of disorderly behavior. Given the history of such issues associated with similar venues in the area, there is a strong concern that this license would contribute to a rise in local crime rates.
3. **Impact on Local Businesses:** I am concerned about the adverse effects that a gambling establishment could have on nearby businesses. The influx of patrons may discourage family-friendly establishments and drive away customers from local shops, restaurants, and other businesses that contribute to the local economy.
4. **Environmental and Traffic Issues:** The location of the proposed gambling venue is already a congested area with limited parking. The influx of visitors to the site could lead to increased traffic congestion, parking issues, and environmental degradation, which would negatively affect the quality of life for local residents and visitors alike.
5. **Public Health Concerns:** With the growing awareness of the mental health issues associated with gambling, such as addiction and anxiety disorders, I strongly believe that approving this license could contribute to an increase in local public health problems, which would place additional strain on healthcare services in the area.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully urge your office to carefully reconsider the application for a gambling license submitted by Boylesports (UK) Limited. I am confident that, as a community, we can work together to find alternative solutions that promote the welfare and safety of all residents.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further with you or to participate in any public hearings regarding the application. Please feel free to contact me [REDACTED] if you require any additional information or would like to arrange a meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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