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RE: 64 KILBURN HIGH ROAD, NW6 4HJ
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CHANGE OF USE GROUND FLOOR RETAIL TO "BETTING SHOP"

My experience, as a regular punter, is that Paddy Power's betting shops are badly managed and are a magnet for antisocial behaviour in socially deprived inner city areas.

One staff member recently told me that she had to get a transfer from their Finsbury Park shop, such was the evil atmosphere there.

In fact, I noticed the regular manager of Paddy Power, Camden High Street, was actually interacting with a notorious troublemaker at midday on Wednesday 22 April, who was not there to gamble, but to cause a nuisance for all and sundry.

Furthermore, unlike all the other high street betting shop chains, Paddy Power does not display a security notice "no smoking, no under 18's" on their shopfront in Camden High Street. In fact, within the past four years, their Camden High Street shop did not display the statutory notice for premises alterations, until after the planning application deadline for public comments had expired.

Now Paddy Power's, Camden High Street is open 7.30am to 10pm seven days a week.

Their "Happy Hour" 12-1 promotion is intended to entice problem gamblers, who may then get ripped off if getting involved in the midday South African, Frence racing, dog racing, virtual reality, or machines, should they stay in the betting shop.

They are, not to put too fine a point on it, the most socially irresponsible high street bookmaker.

Yours sincerely

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