

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/X5210/W/15/3140916

DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference

Appeal By

Site Address

SENDER DETAILS

Name

Company/Group/Organisation Name

ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- Appellant
- Agent
- Interested Party / Person
- Land Owner
- Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- Final Comments
- Proof of Evidence
- Statement
- Statement of Common Ground
- Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

The historic Kilburn High Road in recent years has been blighted by betting shops and to add another one is breaking the very resilience that Kilburn is proud of as one of the most colorful areas of London. Ethnical Diversity brings about a lot of tolerance to accepting and respecting different belief systems, traditions and cultures that they offer and is enriching Kilburn and has done so in the past. Gambling is disregarded by one and all as preying on the vulnerable in the society without any conscience. Kilburn High Road has always allowed and encouraged a shopper to make an informed choice. Hence this famous high road attracts more than 2 million visitors since 2013.

Betting shops don't increase footfall or add to the societal value of any kind either to shoppers or to any shopping area/street, least of all to any neighbourhood. Kilburn High Road is blighted by betting shops. betting shops add only value to themselves as they can only sustain themselves alongside pawn brokers and liquor shops and suck the very last of the monies that the vulnerable can afford. Nearly 40 shops on Kilburn High Road comprise of shops that sustains society's ills and of a neighbourhood in particular.

Kingsgatewatch is trying to effectively tackle anti social behaviour, crime and any disorder by targeting the sources that add to a massive crime rate. The vulnerable, low income groups have always succumbed to the pressures of their addiction and betting shops are destroying what the local community is trying to overcome.

So, Kingsgatewatch, the local neighbourhood watch is partnering with other groups in the area for 'a safe & friendly, confident & dynamic community'.

On behalf of Kingsgatewatch, we would like to say 'No' and condemn any betting shops from opening another. We will support the Camden Council if and when needed to prevent any betting shops from opening on Kilburn High Road or in Kilburn.