

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By POWER LEISURE BOOKMAKERS LTD

Site Address
64 Kilburn High Road
LONDON
NW6 4HJ
Grid Ref Easting: 05254110
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SENDER DETAILS

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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 number of problem gamblers in the UK has doubled to 500,000 since the crash in 2008. Fixed Odds Betting Terminal, now called the "crack cocaine of gambling" -last year, took £1.6 billion -

mainly from the pockets of the poor. This is why Paddy Power, one of the leaders in this now unscrupulous 'addiction' industry is seeking planning permissions for yet another site on Kilburn High Road. They fund research to claim that social harm is minimal. Breach their own "codes of conduct" (the new industry-led guidance on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals)dismiss local opposition as "moral panic and stress the importance of the "free market" while exploiting economically disadvantaged people behind the scenes. Evidence has been brought forward showing anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and taking, vulnerable people being threatened, stolen goods being bought and sold and alcohol being openly consumed on betting shop premises , significantly increasing social risk and disorder locally.

Under the new rules, with planning permission now needed to open a new betting shop., planners have stronger grounds to refuse applications if it is felt they will result in a less diverse town centre or will adversely affect communities or local people's health or wellbeing. This application should be refused under these grounds.