



Herewith my submission to the appeals inspectorate website (for your interest):

Residents around here are desperate for Kilburn High Road (KHR) to attract decent shops and become an attractive area. Instead, we are being fed a deeply depressing diet of betting shops stuffed with FOTBs, adult "amusement" outlets and payday lenders. I have lost count of the number of such business on KHR that are high-jacking the high street and driving away shoppers by converting potentially useful premises into barren wastelands.

The particular premises in question are between Boots on one side and Marks and Spencer on the other - potentially an excellent location for a bona fide retail outlet. It must not be allowed to be turned into yet another useless gap that does nothing for the community.

An application by Paddy Power has already been rejected by Brent Council, which said there was a greater need to preserve retail units in an area saturated with "non-retail units". Paddy Power has been exposed for targeting vulnerable people by locating its FOBT-driven betting shops in areas of high deprivation and immigration. It is a high-street betting chain targeting ethnic minority communities with FOBTs. Research from the Campaign for Fairer Gambling shows that 61 per cent of Paddy Power's betting shops are located in areas with above-average levels of non-UK born population, such as Newham and Brent in London and parts of Birmingham, Slough and Leicester.

Paddy Power stores operating FOBTs are more common in areas with large non-UK born communities, and are located where they can make the highest profits from lucrative FOBTs.

It is clear that Paddy Power has a development strategy that is based on targeting those areas producing the highest profits on FOBTs and invariably those areas had a demographic mix with a high number of ethnic minorities. In more recent years that mix has been added to by eastern European immigrants, with the Poles figuring prominently.

Please help save our Kilburn High Road - thank you.



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Dear Camden Council

Brent Eleven Streets Residents Association would like to make it clear that local residents living on and along Kilburn High Road are completely fed up to the back teeth about the number of betting shops on Kilburn High Road and the demoralising effect the proliferation of gambling premises has on local residents, the community and on our local environment.

Such businesses attract antisocial behaviour in and outside such premises and we as local residents have had enough of having to respond to the inflammatory manner in which both Camden and Brent council persist in considering putting yet more betting shops on our high road.

Please help stop the misery caused by such premises to individuals and families that live alongside/close to these business. Betting shops do nothing for local community other than bring devastation to the lives of individuals and their families who are unfortunate to become ensnared in the betting habit very often because of an unbreakable downward spiral of financial desperation

We do not want another betting shop on the high road on behalf of local residents

Secretary Josie Warshaw

Below is a list of the type of issues we as locals have had to put up with at Kilburn High road betting shop premises:

- Many antisocial incidents with the "customers"
- Crime and Disorder inside and outside
- Stabbings inside and outside
- Bottles being thrown inside and outside premises
- Assaults on Passers by
- Abusing and Threatening staff of local businesses - making it difficult to recruit and retain staff
- Abusing and Threatening Local Residents and Passers by
- Persistent loitering near or in front of business premises during and after business hours

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