

Appendix 3

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From: John Cruse on behalf of licensing
Sent: 04 February 2009 13:53
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Subject: FW: Coral Application for Betting Premises on 56 Bow Common Lane

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Sent: 03 February 2009 18:39
To: licensing
Cc: Rania Khan
Subject: Coral Application for Betting Premises on 56 Bow Common Lane

Tower Hamlets Licensing Team

I am writing on behalf of Poplar HARCA to express our concern over the application for a licence to run a betting shop on 56 Bow Common Lane. Whilst we welcome retail provision in this area, we do not feel that a betting shop is appropriate for the suggested location, particularly given the proximity to St Paul's Way School and the Burdett and Lincoln Children's Centre.

Many of our residents will be concerned about the impact this shop may have on young and vulnerable residents who cannot afford to lose money. The premises are also opposite a Children's Centre and there will be concerns from families who use the Centre about the betting shop and its potential clientele.

I would be happy to provide more information regarding our concerns if required.

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Appendix 4

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From: Mat Sheldon [Mat.Sheldon@poplarharca.co.uk]
Sent: 04 February 2009 17:35
To: licensing
Cc: Amanda Hicks; Helen Jenner
Subject: Coral Licensing Application for Betting Premises in Telford Homes Development - Devon's Road (Next to Park View Court, corner of Bow Common Lane & St Pauls Way)

Dear Sir/Madam

Coral Licensing Application for Betting Premises in Telford Homes Development - Devon's Road (Next to Park View Court, corner of Bow Common Lane & St Pauls Way)

I write with reference to the above application by Coral to Tower Hamlets Council's Licensing team regarding the above development which is directly opposite the Lincoln and Burdett Children's Centre on St Pauls Way.

The Children's Centre works with and supports families and children under 5 through a range of services including Early Learning, Family Support, Employment, Play and Stay and Health. In our work with these families, we come across a range of issues some of which are relatively easy to resolve, others of which are not.

I have to draw your attention to the fact that some of our families issues are complicated by gambling addiction and very low income. **Only last week, I had to attend a home visit with a family with three children under 5 where the father was spending all the families benefit income on gambling and had physically threatened the children's mother for more money that she didn't have.**

Having yet another betting premises (there is already one just up the road near Fern Street – only 5 minutes walk from here) in the area is wholly inappropriate for a community that face many challenges in bringing up their children. To have another betting shop literally on the communities doorstep can only exacerbate the issues that our families face – many of whom simply cannot afford to spend money on anything but the core needs of their family and children.

I would urge you, in the strongest terms, to deny this application.

If you would like to discuss this in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

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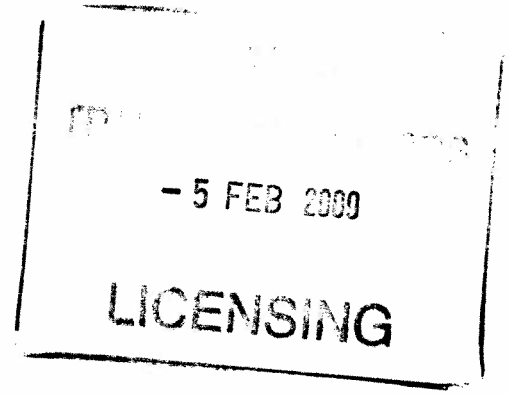
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3rd February 2009

Dear Sir,

I wish to register my concerns about the proposed Coral Betting Shop to be placed in the new development on the corner of St Paul's Way and Bow Common Lane at E3 4DE .

My concerns are threefold

- 1 The shop will be very close to St Paul's Way School and as such places a level of temptation of supposed "easy money" before the pupils of the school. In citizenship and other educational programmes in our schools, financial proberty is taught. The betting shop flies in the face of this.
- 2 In today's climate of recession, which is likely to last a long time, the presence of a betting shop will result in people placing bets using essential rather than excess income on betting opportunities thus placing them and their families into greater financial difficulties.
- 3 As the Catholic Parish Priest of Holy Name Church opposite the proposed site, on behalf of my community, we object to a betting shop as it endorses a clear teaching of our community namely; "The love of money is the route of all evil". This does not mean money is evil and whilst betting admittedly has some social fun element it is in the end based upon peoples' desire to "make a killing" or "get rich quick". Such actions tend to engender antisocial behaviour in the community. There are known cases of patrons of local betting shops being targeted by individuals/gangs to rob them of their winnings. We do not need another opportunity for street crime in the area to be set up.

I know that Councillor Rania Khan and other councillors are concerned about this proposal. I ask you not grant a betting licence.

Yours sincerely

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