

ANNEX 3 A

Interested Parties

No. 1

Attached to the report as ANNEX 3 B

No. 2

From:

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 11:34 AM

To: Licensing (CBC) <Licensing@cheltenham.gov.uk>

Subject: 24/00471/ADCAP

Dear Licensing,

Please find below an email from Alex Chalk Conservative Parliamentary Candidate in regard to application 24/00471/ADCAP.

I would be very grateful if you may be able to confirm receipt.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Dear Licensing Team

Ref: 24/00471/ADCAP – Licence application for an Adult Gaming Centre at 218 High Street, Cheltenham, GL50 3HF

I am writing to object to the above application.

As local residents have been clear when contacting me on this issue, there are significant concerns about the possibility of an increase in Anti-Social Behaviour as a result of an adult gaming centre at this location. Studies (Analysing the effect of betting shops on crime in England (bournemouth.ac.uk)) have previously shown that there is a correlation between gambling and ASB, and I am conscious of the effect this may have on other established businesses in the vicinity.

Equally, I remain concerned that licensing of gambling at this location could have a significant impact on adjacent businesses, and could discourage more Cheltenham residents from visiting the town centre.

218 High Street is a prominent and visible location in the town, in a high footfall area nearby other local venues for retail and entertainment. Children will inevitably walk past the premises, and congregate near to it, during its operational hours. Such a venue would also be highly visible to those who are vulnerable or susceptible to gambling addiction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes,
Alex Chalk KC Conservative Parliamentary Candidate

No. 3

From:
Sent: Tue, 23 Apr 2024 09:39:35 +0000

Our comment is as follows:

"We, as managing agents of The Brewery Quarter and the residential apartments above it, are deeply concerned about the application for a gambling license at 218 High St Cheltenham, immediately opposite our premises. We believe that such an establishment poses a significant threat to the well-being of our community and the fulfilment of the licensing objectives; particularly regarding the protection of children and other vulnerable persons from harm or exploitation by gambling, as well as preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder.

Crime & Disorder:

First and foremost, the proximity of the application premises to areas associated with crime raises serious concerns. The High St has unfortunately been plagued by increasing instances of theft, violence, and antisocial behaviour, as evidenced by recent crime statistics and reports from local enforcement. Moreover, photographs taken in the vicinity of 218 High St Cheltenham clearly illustrate the presence of graffiti, litter, and other signs of neglect that contribute to a sense of disorder in the area. There have been millions invested in the Minster area (Minster Exchange) along with further planned investment into the area that will raise the profile beyond the current applied-for usage.

If the application were to be approved, we fear that it would only exacerbate these existing problems and deter further investment, potentially leading to an escalation in criminal activity and a decline in the overall safety and security of our nearby community.

Children, Young People & the Vulnerable:

Equally troubling is the potential impact of the proposed gambling establishment on children, young people, and vulnerable persons in the area. The High Street is a thoroughfare frequently traversed by children due to the presence of nearby schools and student accommodations. Additionally, there are facilities in close proximity that cater to vulnerable individuals, including Cheltenham 1st Stop, and numerous homeless shelters within a minute or two's walk.

The presence of another gambling establishment in proximity to these vulnerable populations is deeply concerning, as it could expose them to exploitation and harm. Moreover, the lack of adequate safeguards or measures to protect these individuals further compounds the risk posed by the proposed establishment. In conclusion, we urge you to carefully consider the implications of granting a gambling license at 218 High St Cheltenham. The evidence presented clearly demonstrates the potential for such an establishment to undermine the

licensing objectives, jeopardize the safety of our community, and exploit vulnerable individuals. We respectfully request that you deny the application to safeguard the well-being of our neighbourhood. "

I look forward to your response.

Many thanks

Marketing and Communications Manager
The Brewery Quarter - Martin Commercial Properties Limited

No. 4

Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Other

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 08/04/2024 2:23 PM The high street would not benefit from an additional premises that would overall drain money from residents.