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Licensing
Tameside MBC

To whom it may concern,

re:- application for a Brigs Premises License at
units 8 & 9 Drybloder Shopping Centre.

As curate at [REDACTED] I
would like to raise an objection to this
application. The precinct is an area that
many children and families pass through on
their way to and from the local schools.
Tameside's Statement of Principles 2019-2022
states that the Authority seeks to "protect
children and other vulnerable people from being
harmful or exploited by gambling." (introduction).
If this establishment is open during school
times, I feel it will encourage particularly
the teenagers to use the slot machines.

According to the Church of England Parish
Spotlight (which uses the most recent census
information) 20% of under 16s in Drybloder live
in poverty and almost half of those in work,
do so for more than 35 hours per week.
At a time when so many jobs are at risk
and in an area where there is little spare
cash anyway, I think Tameside should very
carefully consider this application. There are
already a few bookmakers in the area that
have slot machines.

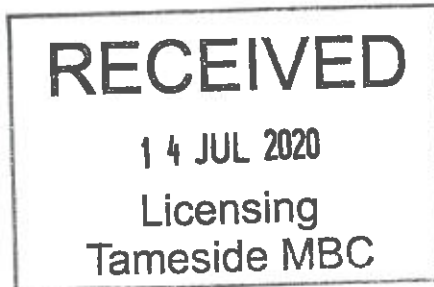
Kind regards



Re: Bingo Premises application,

Cashino Gaming Limited

Merkur Slots,
Unit 8&9,
Droylsden Shopping Centre,
Greenside Lane,
Droylsden,
M43 7YY.



Dear Sirs,

With reference to the above Licensing Act application I would like to object on the following grounds:

The Protection of children from Harm.

The latest Census Data (2011) shows that 20% of children live in poverty in our area. During the Covid-19 pandemic the Droylsden & District Foodbank has seen an increase of 600% in referrals from local schools in comparison with the same period 2019. As job uncertainty continues as we move out of lockdown the 20% figure of children in poverty may well increase.

The application states opening times from 9am through to midnight on most days. Droylsden precinct, where the units relating to this application are based, is a main thoroughfare for families journeying to and from local primary schools. It is also a thoroughfare for older children walking to and from local secondary schools and to those accessing the tram to schools outside of the immediate area.

I understand that the application relates to slot machine bingo and has no social aspect to it but just the gambling element.

Yours sincerely

