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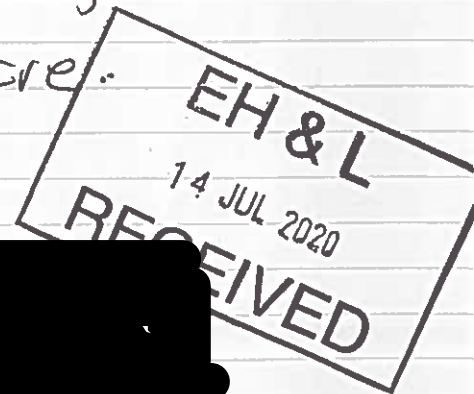
My name is Alfie.

This is a bad time for us all due to the "Corona Virus" where many people have lost their lives and many people will be losing their jobs.

Newbury is losing big named shops and may lose even more smaller shops.

So, why does Newbury need another gambling outlet which will cause more problems for people.

The proposed application is the old William Hill's betting office. [this is solely for Bingo and slot machines each slot machine can have up to a choice of 300 different games] this is situated in the Market Place where a lot of young people gather for the Restaurants, Pubs and theatre.



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We are all free agents in this country and I am not saying that all Bookmakers should be shut, but the name tells you that they should only be able to make a "Book" on all sporting events, elections and even if it is going to "snow" on Christmas Day.

Their logo "when the sun stops, stop" was only bought in for the "fixed odds" and slot machines.

People do not go into Betting shops for fun. they go in to win money.

"Why are their staff told not to speak to their customers if they see them outside their shops or if they see them on the street?" Its because they may be with someone who does not know that they "gamble" and so could be embarrassing to them.

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Most people who work in Betting shops are young people who are just starting out in life. This is not a career job for most of them.

Why do Betting shops expect their staff to be Social workers?

How can they expect their staff to tell a person who has just lost a thousand pounds on the slot machines "Don't you think you should stop now."

I have seen people lose this amount in an hour and a half.

You can play a game 20 times a minute [this amounts to losing £40 a minute.

Why do we need another gambling outlet? Why create a problem which will cause another problem of addiction and misery for many people?

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When people have addictions to drugs, drink or gambling they will commit crimes to feed their "habit".

The slogan "when the fun stops. Stop" is incorrect as the fun never starts.

Please West Berkshire Council say no to this application.

From a concerned
Father and Grandfather.