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To: Licensing Team <Licensing@bradford.gov.uk>

Subject: Representation against a license application for Betfred, 9 Folly Hall Road, Bradford, BD6 1UL / Done Brothers Ltd T/A Betfred

To whom it may concern

As a person who lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities I wish to make a representation against the licensing application.

Our details are:

Mr [REDACTED] and Mrs [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Folly Hall Close, Wibsey, Bradford BD6 1UX.

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- - A recent study conducted by the UK government has linked problem gambling with crime and disorder. My concern is that the hours that the betting shop is open is throughout the day until 10pm in the evening. As it is a bigger premises there is the potential problem for more people and therefore a greater risk of trouble. There is a high cost to the public of such related criminal and anti-social behaviour with an estimate of between £158.4 million and £327.2 million spent. Surely this can be better spent on the protection and support of the nation.
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- public safety
- - The report identifies a number of harms to the public caused by gambling and these are financial, relationship, mental & physical health, employment & educational, criminal & anti-social behaviour, cultural and gambling within gaming. All these factors could have a severe impact on the safety of the public within the village of Wibsey. I am concerned that the staff employed may not be able to control/protect people. In the current economic climate and cost of living crisis the opening of such an establishment could have a negative impact on those who are struggling to pay bills as they chase the next big win.
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- the prevention of public nuisance
- - I am concerned that the staff will have little or no control over how to control/prevent potential nuisance caused by the customers of Betfred, not just in their premises but

in the surrounding outside area of the building. I am concerned that there will be an increase in noise pollution caused by the customers of Betfred, especially those that may have frequented the local public houses, as they are only a short distance from the premises. I am concerned that there will be an increase in public littering caused by the customers of Betfred. I am concerned that the anti-social opening hours and associated noise will have a detrimental effect on my mental health as I will be worrying about what is happening and with people loitering at the back of the premises.

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- the protection of children from harm.
- - I have two young grand children who visit on a regular basis and do not feel that they should be exposed to the kind of issues that could potentially arise from the opening of Betfred and its anti-social opening times. In the government report it identifies that there is a risk to young people aged between 11-16 from problem gambling. I am concerned that the young people of Wibsey may be affected by the opening of this new premises if not controlled. The report links problem gambling in young people to the further risks of alcohol and substance abuse.

Regards

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