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To: Licensing <licensing@birmingham.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Gambling Act 2005 – Bingo Re: Merkur Slots, 220 High Street, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 6SJ

Hello Bhapinder,

I am not in a position to recreate the letter I sent into your office, as an e-mail, especially as the Hearing is tomorrow.

I wish to further add, that one of my key points in the letter was that perhaps the risk-assessment the applicant for the Merkur High Street was not sufficient, as no detail was provided by them. In particular, the Police in opposing the local pub (The Church Tavern) - 20 metres from the Merkur site - provided a file of more than 100 offences at the Pub, including multiple knife incidents and one gun related incident. In fairness, I should say, one that I was at the Hearing, so I know, and secondly the incidents covered multiple years, not just the preceding year that Merkur say they have performed a risk assessment for.

A further update is that 1 of the 2 Shipley sites on Erdington High Street was robbed at knife point on Saturday night at closing with the staff and customers locked in a room with the knife-man, who robbed the safe and staff and customer personal possessions. Luckily, nobody was injured. The police interviewed all present until Midnight. You can check this with them, if you so wish.

Therefore, the proposal for the Merkur site to open until Midnight could be misguided.

Sincerely,

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