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Sent: 11 January 2021 12:52

To: MCC - Licensing <Licensing@monmouthshire.gov.uk>

Subject: application for gambling license - Agincourt Square Monmouth

**To Licensing Committee Monmouthshire County Council
Monmouth Town Council**

January 11th 2020

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to the Licensing Committee of Monmouthshire County Council and to Monmouth Town Council to ask you to **reject** the application by Henry Danter Ltd to open a gambling facility at the premises the former DS Music shop in Agincourt Square Monmouth and to urge your Committee members to study the Report **Gambling as a Public Health Issue in Wales** which was commissioned by Public Health Wales and Welsh Government.

I write as a Monmouthshire resident, a parent, and the prospective Labour Party Candidate for Monmouth for this year's Senedd elections.

I share the concern of those who are opposed to this application on the grounds that another gambling facility in the centre of Monmouth would add to the harm that gambling causes to individuals, families and local communities.

Can I draw your attention to the conclusions of the Report by Swansea and Bangor Universities commissioned by Public Health Wales, as follows:

'Over half of adults in Wales participate in some form of gambling. The advertising and accessibility of gambling activities have increased in recent years, with technology being a major driver of these increases. Young people are now exposed to high levels of gambling advertising on television, social media and other platforms. Public perceptions of gambling are becoming more negative.'

<https://www.bangor.ac.uk/psychology/research/gambling/docs/Gambling-as-Public-Health-Issue-Wales.pdf>

I urge all members of the Licensing Committee and Town Council to study this report.

I am disturbed by the rise in gambling advertisements on TV, the growth of gambling sponsorship in sport and the ease with which many people can gamble online. At a time when so many households are struggling in the Covid crisis it is wrong to encourage further opportunities to lose money through gambling, and I do not believe that Monmouthshire County Council should be enabling more gambling facilities to open.

I fully share the views of those who object to this application and I therefore urge you to reject it.

Yours

Dr Catrin Maby OBE

From: mark jones

Sent: 16 January 2021 13:28

To: MCC - Licensing <Licensing@monmouthshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Adult gaming license

Dear sirs,

I'm horrified to learn that there has been application for a Adult Gaming licence for the property that used to be DS Music in Agincourt Court Square / Monmow St in Monmouth.

Monmouth is a historic market town that makes it unique and different from the current High St's that are falling to the side.

I understand that there are a number of empty shops in the town and possibly more to come and as a council you may be under pressure to fill them, however we do not need an establishment like this in the town.

We want to see independent businesses that will attach not only locals but visitors also.

Please place on record that is a objection to such license being granted.

I will also contact my local councillor and AM to record my disapproval.

Yours Sincerely

Mr M Jones

Sent: 18 January 2021 10:37

To: MCC - Licensing <Licensing@monmouthshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Application for gaming license

Hi,

I've recently noticed that an application for a gaming license has been applied for at the following property

2-4 Monnow st, Mouthmouth

I'm a business owner in Agincourt Sq and I'd be very disappointed to see such an application granted.

With the recent works that's have been carried out in the Sq, which I would imagine run into hundreds of thousands, we only want to see businesses that would attract people from far and wide. I believe that a business/venture of this nature would not do that.

Regards