



ASHFORD RESIDENTS TAKE ACTION NOW

WE ALL NEED TO ACT NOW TO STOP THE ADULT GAMING CENTER

A Simple Guide to Objecting to the Gambling Licence for 39 Church Road ASHFORD TW15

What's Happening?

As you are all probably aware a company called Golden Slots who are part of the Gambling Commission wants to turn the old Barclays Bank on Church Road, Ashford High Street into a gambling venue called an Adult Gaming Centre (AGC).

They have already got permission for the building, but they still need a gambling licence.

Without it, they can't open.

Due to the incorrect listing of the new application opening hours, some residents have expressed concerns that the AGC may be operating around the clock. However, let's be absolutely clear:"

❌ 24/7 opening was refused at the first hearing.

✅ The Planning Inspector approved opening hours of 9am to 11pm only. This is a legal condition attached to the planning consent and cannot be changed without a further application.

Why You Should Speak Up

If enough people object, a small group of councillors will review the application.

They can:

- Refuse the licence
- Add strict rules
- Or approve it as is

But they can only act if we object properly.

✅ What You Can Say ✅

Your objection must relate to one or more of these 4 legal reasons:

1. Stop crime and disorder
2. Keep people safe
3. Prevent public nuisance (like noise or loitering)
4. Protect children and vulnerable people

You can mention things like:

- It's close to schools or youth centres
- It could affect people with addictions or mental health issues
- It might cause noise or trouble at night
- You've seen similar places cause problems elsewhere

✗ What Not to Say ✗

- Don't just say you dislike gambling
- Don't talk about planning permission — that's already done
- Don't be vague — link your concern to one of the 4 reasons
- Don't send it anonymously — include your name and address

How to Object

By Email:

Send to: licensing@spelthorne.gov.uk

Include:

- Your full name
- Your address and postcode
- Your concerns, linked to the 4 reasons above

By Post:

Licensing Team
Spelthorne Borough Council
Knowle Green
Staines-upon-Thames
TW18 1XB

We have 28 days to object once the application is officially posted.

THE CLOSING DATE IS WEDNESDAY 27th AUGUST

Need Help Writing?

We have created 5 ready-made templates you can use - from simple and direct to heartfelt or formal.

You can pick one or mix and match.

Then send via email or send as a letter in the post.

These 5 letter templates can all be found and downloaded here <https://ashfordra.co.uk/barclays-bank>

If you prefer, we can send you a template over email request, please message us at info@ashfordra.co.uk

For further information on this and the online petition please contact Nik at nikurquhart@icloud.com

