

# How to Object to the Golden Slots Application

*Choose your template, personalise it, and submit before 18 June 2026*

## Deadline: Thursday 18th June 2026

### Please read this before choosing a WORD template

Previously, most public objections were rejected, ruled invalid and never considered. This happened because people used the wrong wording and grounds to object.

Examples of objections that are not valid under the Gambling Act 2005 include moral concerns, complaints about general nuisance, and unclear or vague statements.

We have created downloadable Word templates using the correct wording for making your objections. You can adjust any of the wording, so that it reflects your own voice.

You are encouraged to share a short personal experience or thought in your own words, as this can make a real difference.

## How to submit?

**Online link to objections form** <https://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/page/673/licensing-applications-open-representations>

Using the link above you can access the online Gambling License Representation Form.

Log in and fill in your personal details and then select one or all of the licensing objectives.

We have created a downloadable Word templates for you to use. After you personalise your objection, you can copy and paste the text into the objection box.

Please remember there is a maximum limit of 2,000 characters. Our templates have been adjusted to fit within this limit.

**EMAIL to** [licensing@spelthorne.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@spelthorne.gov.uk)

**SUBJECT: Representation, Golden Slots, 39 Church Road Ashford TW15 2QF**

We have created downloadable Word templates for you to use. After you personalise your objection, you can copy and paste the text into your email and send.

**Letter to** [Licensing Team, Spelthorne Borough Council, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames TW18 1XB.](#)

**SUBJECT: Representation, Golden Slots, 39 Church Road Ashford TW15 2QF**

We have created downloadable Word templates for you to use. After you personalise your objection, you can print and post. Don't forget to sign and date your letter and allow plenty of time for delivery.

## Which template should I use?

### **Variant 1 The Parent**

*Best for: parents and carers with children at local schools*  
Grounds: Objective 3 + Spelthorne Policy Statement

### **Variant 2 The Long-Standing Resident**

*Best for: people who have lived in Ashford for many years*  
Grounds: Objectives 1 + 3 + Spelthorne Policy Statement

### **Variant 3 The Community Business Owner**

*Best for: people who run or work in a business on or near Church Road*  
Grounds: Objective 1 + Spelthorne Policy Statement

### **Variant 4 The Vulnerable Persons Advocate**

*Best for: people who support or know vulnerable individuals in the area*  
Grounds: Objective 3 + Gambling Commission Guidance

### **Variant 5 The Evidence-Based Objector**

*Best for: people who want a factual, authoritative representation with no personal angle*  
Grounds: Objectives 1 + 3 + Gambling Commission Guidance

### **Variant 6 Simple & Short**

*Best for: elderly residents or anyone who wants the simplest possible valid objection, available in larger print*  
Grounds: Objective 3

## Before you send, quick checklist

Have you filled in your full name and home address including postcode?  
Have you stated clearly that this is a formal representation?  
Have you stated that you use, live near or run a business in the high street?  
Have you edited the sections in the [square brackets]?  
Have you added your own personal sentence in the space provided?  
Have you avoided moral objections, public nuisance and planning arguments?  
Have you mentioned at least one of the licensing objectives?  
Remember the deadline is Thursday 18 June 2026?  
If posting, have you signed and dated your letter and allowed time for delivery?

## **Questions?**

**Contact the Ashford Residents Association at [info@ashfordra.co.uk](mailto:info@ashfordra.co.uk)**