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To: "Cooke, Jacob (Senior Planning Officer)" <Jacob.Cooke@newport.gov.uk>
Subject: 26/0168 PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE OF A VACANT RETAIL UNIT (CLASS A1 SHOPS) TO A BETTING SHOP (SUI GENERIS)

Hi Jacob

Please note that I am objecting to the proposed change of the vacant retail unit at 40-41 Commercial St to a a betting shop.

I agree totally with the significance of this building to the character of the city centre and in particular to the commercial heart of it.

And while I can understand that occupation and use of a vacant building is preferable to it remaining empty, I think approving the use of such a prominent and attractive building in the heart of the commercial of the city centre, as a betting shop would be detrimental to the aims of the regeneration agenda of the Council.

The regeneration of the city centre has a central aim of increasing the footfall in the centre. The use of the building as a betting shop would have a negative contribution to that.

Kind regards

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