

Comments for Planning Application 142755/FO/2025

Application Summary

Application Number: 142755/FO/2025

Address: Former Barclays Bank 537 Stockport Road Manchester M12 4JH

Proposal: Change of use from a vacant Class E unit (former Bank) to an Adult Gaming Centre (Sui Generis).

Case Officer: Sue Wills

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

****Subject:**** Objection to Planning Application ****142755/FO/2025**** - Change of Use to Adult Gaming Centre

****Dear Planning Officer,****

I am writing to formally object to the proposed change of use of ****537 Stockport Road**** from a ****Class E unit (former Barclays Bank) to an Adult Gaming Centre (Sui Generis)****. As a local resident, I have serious concerns regarding the negative impact this development may have on the surrounding community.

**1. Impact on Local Community & Vulnerable Groups**

The introduction of an Adult Gaming Centre in this location raises significant concerns about its effect on vulnerable individuals. Gambling establishments can contribute to ****problem gambling****, financial hardship, and social issues, particularly when placed in close proximity to residential areas and community spaces. The council has a responsibility to ****protect residents****, especially young people and those at risk of gambling-related harm.

**2. Increase in Anti-Social Behaviour**

Areas surrounding gaming and betting establishments often experience a ****rise in anti-social behaviour****, including loitering, disturbances, and potential crime. Stockport Road is a key commercial and residential area, and adding such a venue may ****negatively affect safety, public order, and community cohesion****.

3. Negative Effect on Local Businesses

The presence of an Adult Gaming Centre may deter families and local shoppers from visiting nearby businesses, reducing footfall and negatively impacting independent traders who contribute positively to the area's economy. Instead of approving gambling-related businesses, the council should **prioritise developments that support a diverse and sustainable local economy**.

**4. Traffic, Parking & Congestion Concerns

Stockport Road already experiences **significant traffic congestion**, and the proposed change of use is likely to exacerbate parking difficulties and transport pressures. The influx of visitors to the gaming centre could **strain existing infrastructure**, making the area less accessible for residents and legitimate local businesses.

**5. Lack of Community Benefit

There is no clear evidence that an Adult Gaming Centre will provide a **positive contribution to the community**. Unlike essential services or beneficial commercial developments, gaming establishments tend to prioritise **corporate profit over local interests**, without offering tangible benefits such as job creation or public amenities.

Conclusion

For the above reasons, I **strongly urge** the council to **reject** this planning application. Allowing an Adult Gaming Centre at this location would be **detrimental to residents, businesses, and the overall community environment**. I respectfully request that the Planning Committee considers these objections seriously and prioritises decisions that **enhance the well-being of the local community rather than introduce unnecessary risks**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

