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Planning Committee

Wednesday, 28 February 2024

To be held on **Thursday, 7 March 2024** in room Room 0.02, Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, NE27 0BY **commencing at 6.00 pm**.

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	To determine a full planning application from LOL Entertainment Ltd for the change of use from Retail to Bingo Lounge (sui generis).	

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Item No: 2

Application	24/00041/FUL	Author	Rebecca Andison
No:		:	
Date valid:	12 January 2024	a :	0191 643 6321
Target decision	8 March 2024	Ward:	Wallsend
date:			

Application type: full planning application non major

Location: 15 High Street West Wallsend Tyne And Wear NE28 8JA

Proposal: Change of use from Retail to Bingo Lounge (sui generis)

Applicant: LOL Entertainment Ltd, Mr Michael Smith Church Corner Cottage South St Normanton On Trent Newark Nottinghamshire NG23 6RQ

1.0 Additional Representations

1no. neutral comment has been received. This is summarised below.

- Letter or petition of support.

- Not in accordance with development plan.

- Nuisance – disturbance.

- A socially focussed traditional bingo hall here would be fine and could be a good thing for the town.

- Gambling as the primary focus would not be good.

- Could there be a proviso that only one or two fruit machines are allowed, and the gambling very tightly controlled?

<u>1no. additional objection has been received</u>. This is summarised below.

- None compliance with approved policy.

- Not in accordance with development plan.

- Not in keeping with the Council's vision for Wallsend as an aspirational, family friendly town.

- There are many other places, pubs and betting shops as well as arcades, already in existence within 300m of the proposed development. Another is not necessary.

- Other streams of income such as gambling machines will be needed to allow the business to survive.

- Gambling addiction is already a problem for some in Wallsend, fuelled by such machines.

- The rumoured closure of the bingo hall in Hadrian Park suggests that there is not sufficient demand for the old-fashioned bingo halls.

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