**OBJECTION**

Application for Consent Land-Use: Erf No. 455 Melville

I object to an application for consent use to operate a place of amusement on Erf No. 455 Melville.

Please note that this application only now came to my attention. I understand it is for consent use of the mentioned Erf for a place of amusement (gambling). No formal notice has been given to neighbours and no advertisement was displayed at the premises as I am made to understand is required. Thus, I also apply for condonation for late submission of this objec1tion should th1is be the case as there was no way I could have known about this application, nor when it was lodged nor when objections are to be lodged.

I was surprised to find out that this application is made for the entire property while it seemed to have been intended for one small part of the property – unless it is to mislead. It should be noted that the premises indicated are on the ground floor of a block of flats – definitely not an ideal place for a place of amusement!

It is true this property is at a very busy intersection on Main Road, but this area is also known for the great number of destitute people living there, with drug dealings being conducted along one of the avenues close by and close to the University of Johannesburg – thus with easy access for students. It si also very close to schools and churches.

 Though Main Road is seen as a “business” zone, in reality it is neglected and full of vulnerable people that could fall prey to the addiction of gambling, or any other form of amusement, once this consent is granted. The area is also known for other illegal places of amusement with live events and entertainment that continues uncontrolled by the authorities.

This Consent Use would contribute to further disturbances in the area with the flats on top and the residential erven adjacent and within 75 metres.

This application should not be allowed.

Name

Address

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