

September 20th, 2017

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Regulatory & Technical Services Committee Meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 27th September 2017 at 2:15 pm** in the **~Boardroom Monaghan Row Newry~**.

The Members of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee are:-

Chair: Councillor J Trainor

Vice Chair: Councillor V Harte

Members:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor S Burns
Councillor C Casey	Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Craig	Councillor D Curran
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor L Kimmins
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Tinnelly	

Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
- 3 Hearing to consider an application for an Amusement Permit at 4 Marcus Square, Newry (Officer report attached)

📄 *Officer Report 27.09.2017.pdf*

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- 3a To hear the objections to application
- 3b To hear the representation from the applicant
- 4 Committee to decide to grant or refuse the application for an Amusement Permit at 4 Marcus Square, Newry

Report to:	Regulatory & Technical Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	27 th September 2017
Subject:	Hearing of Representations – application for Amusement Permit for Broad Enterprises Ltd.
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Colum Jackson, Assistant Director, Regulatory & Technical Services Dept.
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Fintan Quinn, Head of Services Regulatory & Technical Services Dept.

Decisions required:

To Grant or Refuse the application for an Amusement Permit at 4 Margaret Square Newry

1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	<p>The Council's Licensing Section has received an application for an Amusement Permit for premises at 4 Margaret Square, Newry, from Broad Enterprises Ltd. see (Appendix 1)</p> <p>The application was received on the 4th July 2017 and advertised in the local press on the 11 July 2017. see (Appendix 2)</p> <p>Following the public advertisement the Licensing Section received six letters of objection to the granting of the Amusement Permit for these premises. see (Appendix 3-8)</p> <p>Under the terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, Officers are permitted to approve such licences if certain conditions are met, however Officers are not permitted to issue a refusal of a Licence or Permit. This function must be agreed by the Council. This authority has been delegated to the Regularity and Technical Services Committee.</p> <p>The powers of the Council are laid out in Legislation under: THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 SI 1985/1204 (NI 11), and BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES Amusement Permit (Additional Grounds for Refusal) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993. see (Appendix 9)</p>
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<p>Previously there has been an Amusement Permit granted to these premises from the period running from 1993 to 2016. However the building has been unoccupied from 2013 to date. This is a new licence application from a new applicant.</p> <p>Currently there are 14 premises within the Newry Mourne & Down District which have been granted an Amusement Permit, 6 of these are in Newry. see (Appendix 10 & 11).</p>

	<p>Historically, there have been 13 premises in Newry granted an Amusement Permit, of which 7 have closed. (see Appendix 12 & 13).</p> <p>Currently this council does not have a policy limiting the number of premises to be granted an Amusement Permit within the Newry Mourne & Down area. Nor does it have a policy to limit the number of Permits issued within Newry.</p>
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	To consider the content of this report and any representations made, and to either <u>grant or refuse</u> an Amusement Permit for premises at 4 Margaret Street, Newry.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing the application process. • Preparation of reports, letters and facilitating the Hearing following the letters of objections.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	N/A
6.0	Appendices
	<p>Appendix I: Application from Broad Enterprises Ltd.</p> <p>Appendix 2: Advertisement</p> <p>Appendix 3-8: Letters of objection</p> <p>Appendix 9: Legislation</p> <p>Appendix 10: Total number of premises with an Amusement Permit in NM&D</p> <p>Appendix 11: Existing Premises in Newry with an Amusement Permit</p> <p>Appendix 12: Historical Premises in Newry issued with an Amusement Permit</p> <p>Appendix 13: Closed premises in Newry</p>

**Appendix 1
Application Form**



Comhairle Ceantair
an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin

**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

**BETTING AND GAMING (NI) ORDER 2004 and BETTING,
GAMING, LOTTERIES & AMUSEMENTS (NORTHERN IRELAND)
ORDER 1985**

Please Complete all Sections

1 I/We hereby apply to **NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL** for the grant/provisional-grant/renewal of an Amusement Permit, authorising gaming by means of gaming machines in respect of premises situated at:
Name of Premises: MAX SPORTS CLUB AMUSEMENTS
Address: 4 MARGARET SQUARE, NEWRY
Postcode: BT34 1DE Contact Tel No: [REDACTED]

(a) Is admission to premises restricted to those aged 18 or over?
YES: NO:

2 The premises for which an Amusement Permit is sought will be: *delete either (a) or (b) and (c)(i) or (c)(ii) whichever is not applicable.

(a) Premises used wholly or mainly for the provision of amusements by means of gaming machines- *see ref: 2a*

(b) Premises used wholly or mainly for the purpose of a pleasure fair consisting wholly or mainly of amusements - *see ref: 2b*

Number of gaming machines applied for

Number of non-gaming machines applied for

Receipt No: 090815
£250.00
L.A. 17

	(2) Surname: _____ Forenames: _____ Address: _____ Postcode: _____ _____ Tel: _____ Fax: _____																														
4	State the Landlord/ Owner of the Premises to be licensed: - <i>see ref:4</i> Surname: <u>BROAD ENTERPRISES LTD.</u> Forenames: _____ Address: <u>11 Belmont Crescent</u> Postcode: <u>BT48 7RR</u> <u>L/Derry</u> Tel: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Fax: _____																														
5	Name and address of the person managing the premises. - <i>see ref 5</i> Surname: <u>MCKENNA</u> Forenames: <u>JAMES.</u> Address: <u>11 Belmont Crescent</u> Postcode: <u>BT48 7RR</u> <u>L/Derry</u> Tel: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Fax: _____																														
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7	Is there a valid fire risk Assessment in force in respect of your premises? YES/NO - <i>see ref: 7</i> If Yes, on what date was it granted? <u>28/06/2017.</u>																														
I/We declare that all the information given by me/us, in this form, is correct in every respect. I/We declare that the premises are not to be used for any unlawful purpose or as a resort of persons of known bad character.																															
Signed (1) <u>[REDACTED]</u> (2) _____ Date: <u>3/7/17</u> JAMES MCKENNA (DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF BROAD ENTERPRISES LTD)																															

**Appendix 2
Public Advertisement**

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AMUSEMENT PERMIT
 Notice is hereby given that Broad Enterprises Ltd of 11 Belmont Crescent, Londonderry BT43 7RR have made application to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council for the grant of an Amusement Permit, in accordance with the above Order, authorising the provision of Gaming Machines at Max Sports Club Amusements, 4 Margaret Square, Newry. Any person wishing to make any representation in relation to this application shall give notice to the Newry and Mourne District Council, Licensing Section, Regulatory & Technical Services Department, Monaghan Row, Newry BT35 8DU stating in general terms the nature of the representation, not later than 28 days after the date of application.
 Date: 3/07/17
 Signed: James McKeena
 Director on behalf of Broad Enterprises Ltd

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SLIEVE Gullion District Electoral Area (DEA) delivered its second public event of 2017 with an Education and Employment Event for Young People.

The event took place on Tuesday 20 June in Newtownhamilton Community Centre and brought young people from all over the Slieve Gullion DEA to connect with employment and education services.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Chairperson, Councillor Koisin Mulgrew said, "I am pleased to see so many young people taking the initiative to improve their own future, as well as the service providers who attended the event to support them and connect them with the many options available."

Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Chairperson, Councillor Pete Byrne said, "The needs of young people in the community features prominently in the Slieve Gullion DEA Action Plan, and this event which aims to connect young people

Appendix 3 Carnview



13 July, 2017

Newry Mourne and Down District Council
Building Control Department
O Hagan House
Monaghan Row
Newry
BT35 8DJ



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re. Max Sports Casino Amusements Club, 4A Margaret Square, Newry, Co Down

Application for granting of Amusement Permit to the above Premises

I would ask that the Council reject the above application.

In the view of many local people, like myself, the demand for this type of gaming casino is already very well catered for by the current establishments operating in the town.

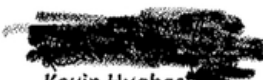
The premises in question is in the heart of a historic & long established commercial section of our city. I believe the granting of the permit would be extremely detrimental to that very important sector.

This type of gambling is causing well publicised and documented damage to our society families. Many in the legal & health sectors will attest to this.

In conclusion, in this case I would remind the Council of its responsibility to put the well-being of its citizens & communities above that of any commercial interests.

On the basis of the above arguments, I would respectfully ask the Council to reject this application.

Regards,


Kevin Hughes

Carnview Construction Ltd

13A Margaret Square

Tel. 02830 30800030

Mob. 

Email. kevin@carnview.com

Appendix 4
S.C. Connolly & Co

OUR REF: KC/MMD/KC4118
YOUR REF:
DATE: 21st July 2017



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(028) 3026 7394
028 2070 811

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Kilkeel
Co. Down.
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by appointment

21 North Street,
Crossmaglen,
Armagh.
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by appointment

Dublin Agent,
Morgan & Ryan,
Solicitors
35 Arran Quay,
Dublin 7.
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Fax: (003531) 8725404

FIRST CLASS POST
Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Licensing Section
Regulatory & Technical Services Department
O'Hagan House
Monaghan Row
Newry BT35 8DJ



Dear Sir

We have been instructed by Mr Brian Heaphy Shelbourne Financial Solutions Ltd, 3 Margaret Square, Newry, Co Down BT34 1JA

Our client has instructed us to lodge an objection to the Application to Newry Mourne & Down District Council for the grant of an Amusement Permit in accordance with the provisions of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 1985 and the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order 2004 in respect of the premises at Max Sports Club Amusement, 4 Margaret Square, Newry, Co Down BT34 1DE which said Application has been filed on behalf of the applicant Broad Enterprises Limited and advertised in the Newry Reporter on 5th July 2017.

The grounds of our client's objections are as follows:-

1. The area of Hill Street/Margaret Square is the main shopping, banking and retail district and is totally unsuitable for the type of business proposed under the Application and will be detrimental to the presentation and viability of this main retail and banking thoroughfare of Newry City.
2. There is a proliferation of gaming arcades and gambling shops in the immediate location and generally within the city boundaries and the granting of this Amusement Permit will lead to job losses and redundancies in similar existing business.
3. There is an adequate supply of similar gaming establishments within the immediate vicinity and the wider vicinity of Newry City as reflected in the greatly reduced number of Amusement Permits issued by the current Council's immediate predecessor Newry & Mourne District Council.



K.G. Connolly, M.A.,

Rosetta Hughes, LL.B.
Eimear Kane LL.B. LL.M. Solicitor Advocate, Member of the Children Order Panel

Newry Mourne & Down District Council should disregard the fact that an existing Amusement Permit in respect of said premises at 4 Margaret Square, Newry issued in September 2016 and valid until 31st August 2017 on the basis that the said premises have been closed permanently to the public and have not therefore operated as a gaming premises. The reality that this premises has been closed for ten years indicates the local viability of this particular industry and the reality that there is insufficient demand for this additional premises.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the within objections and please note that we reserve the right to raise further objections in due course.

In the interim, would you please furnish us with a copy of the original application of Broad Enterprises Ltd and dated 3rd July 2017 along with copy of the plan outlining the extent of the premises to be licenced.

Please also furnish us with a copy of the relevant Building Control/Fire Authority Approval.

We would also point out that while we are aware that Newry Mourne & Down District Council do not have a formal Policy on Amusement Permits unlike some other Councils in the North of Ireland our clients would ask you to confirm if such a policy document is under consideration and if so the timescale anticipated.

We await hearing from you by return.

Yours faithfully

S. C. Connolly & Co.

Per: 

Appendix 5 Newry BID



BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council,
Licensing Section,
Regulatory and Technical Services Department,
Monaghan Row, Newry, BT35 8DJ

25/7/17

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Application for the Grant / Provisional Grant of an Amusement Permit

Address: 4 Margaret Square, Newry



I refer to the above.

Newry Business Improvement District has been approached by numerous local traders raising their objections to the above application.

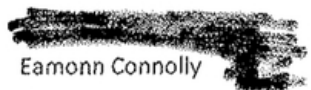
We wish to formally object to this application.

We would like to draw your attention to the following:

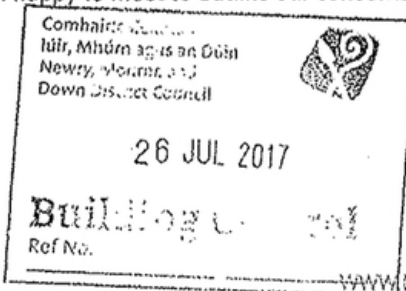
- The prior business had been shut for 8 to 10 years and any exercise at renewing the previous licence was an artificial process.
- Whilst Newry has less such establishments now than previously, the existing premises are larger and combined with pubs it is estimated that there are over 500 gaming machines in Newry. A figure which seems large for the size of the City.
- There are significant efforts ongoing to regenerate Hill Street and the traders feel that opening an amusement arcade on Newry's main trading street will be counter-productive to regeneration efforts.
- It is felt that the employment from the proposed new business will be minimal and will not mitigate the negative impact on Hill Street regeneration efforts.
- Existing licence holders are local and committed to working with the various stakeholders in Newry and the introduction of extra capacity from a non-local provider is not ideal
- There is real concern about potential anti-social behaviour
- Significant work has been undertaken, and is underway, to improve how Hill Street looks and to enable regeneration. The local traders have been central to this, along with various stakeholders, and are key to protect the improved image to attract and retain both retail and professional businesses. There is a genuine concern that any negative impacts will inhibit further retail and professional investment and the wider regeneration focus.

We, and the local traders, will be more than happy to meet to outline our concerns face to face.

Yours faithfully


Eamonn Connolly

Bid Manager



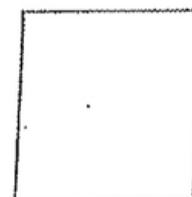
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Appendix 6 Gerry Gribben

Newry & Mourne District Council
Licensing Section
Regulatory & Technical Services Dept.
Monaghan Row
Newry
BT35 8DJ



To whom it may concern,

I would like to lodge an objection against the application for the grant of an amusement permit to Max Sports Club Amusements at 4 Margaret Square, Newry.

[REDACTED]

My experience of speaking to addicts (alcoholic and gambling addicts) is that they harm not only themselves but also those close to them. My real fear is that the presence of an additional arcade just off Hill Street would encourage groups of people to congregate outside the premises. It is not very far from Newry Library and the Magnet Centre (a young adult centre between the ages of 15 to 25 years) on Hill Street and I would be afraid about the potential encouragement for young people to become involved in gambling.

There are already a large number of premises providing gaming machines in the vicinity of Margaret Square, is this not adequate? I do not see how under any circumstances there could be a need for another amusement arcade in Newry. I understand that there used to be an arcade in this exact location however in the years that it has been closed, several others seem to have opened.

I do understand that not all people who gamble have gambling addictions however at this stage I am trying to minimise the number of problem gamblers. Anyone who has a desire to gamble, well there is already somewhere they can do this in Newry: The existing arcades in Newry should all be taking reasonable steps to deal responsibly with the problem. This country should be doing a lot more to combat problem gambling.

I think that large numbers of amusement arcades would lower the tone of Newry as a City and they would also undermine the cultural vitality of Newry by threatening entertainments such as going to the Sean Hollywood Art Centre or watching a production in Newry City Hall or watching a movie at Newry Cinema Omniplex or eating out at one of the good restaurants in Newry City.

People who have no experience of problem gambling cannot comprehend the damage that problem gambling causes to innocent family members. The lives of 3 other people on average are seriously affected. The home life of problem gamblers is an unhappy one. Usually the money that should go into feeding and clothing the family, is spent trying to win back the money that has been lost.

The opening of another amusement arcade would increase the number of gamblers in Newry and expose more people to the risk of becoming problem gamblers.

This is why I strongly object to the granting of an amusement arcade at 4 Margaret Square, Newry.

I do hope that my experiences and concerns are seriously taken into consideration.

Yours Faithfully



Gerry Gribbon

Appendix 7
Charlie Casey

Councillor Charlie Casey
An Comhairleoir Séarlaí Ó Cathasaigh

Sinn Féin Newry
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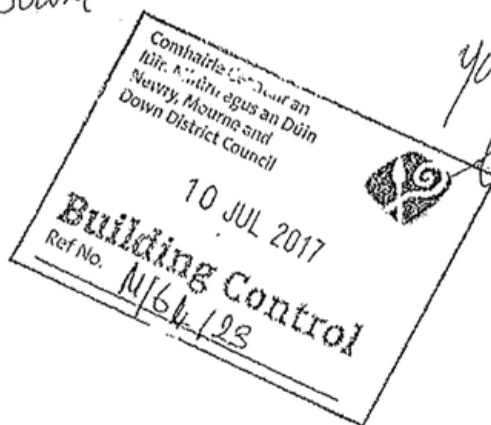
Reference: Gaming/Amusement-
Permit
H. Margaret SA
Newry

10/07/2017

Sir/Madam,

I wish to object strongly to the issuing of an Amusement Permit for the Applicant Bored Enterprises Ltd 11, Belmont Crescent Ballymore at the above address. I am of the opinion that Newry City has more than its fair share of these facilities and definitely does not need another one. These venues contain gaming machines and are likely to encourage young people to gamble. I am totally opposed to this proposal. I hope NMANDD Council Licensing Department/section take my concerns on board

yours Sincerely
Charlie Casey



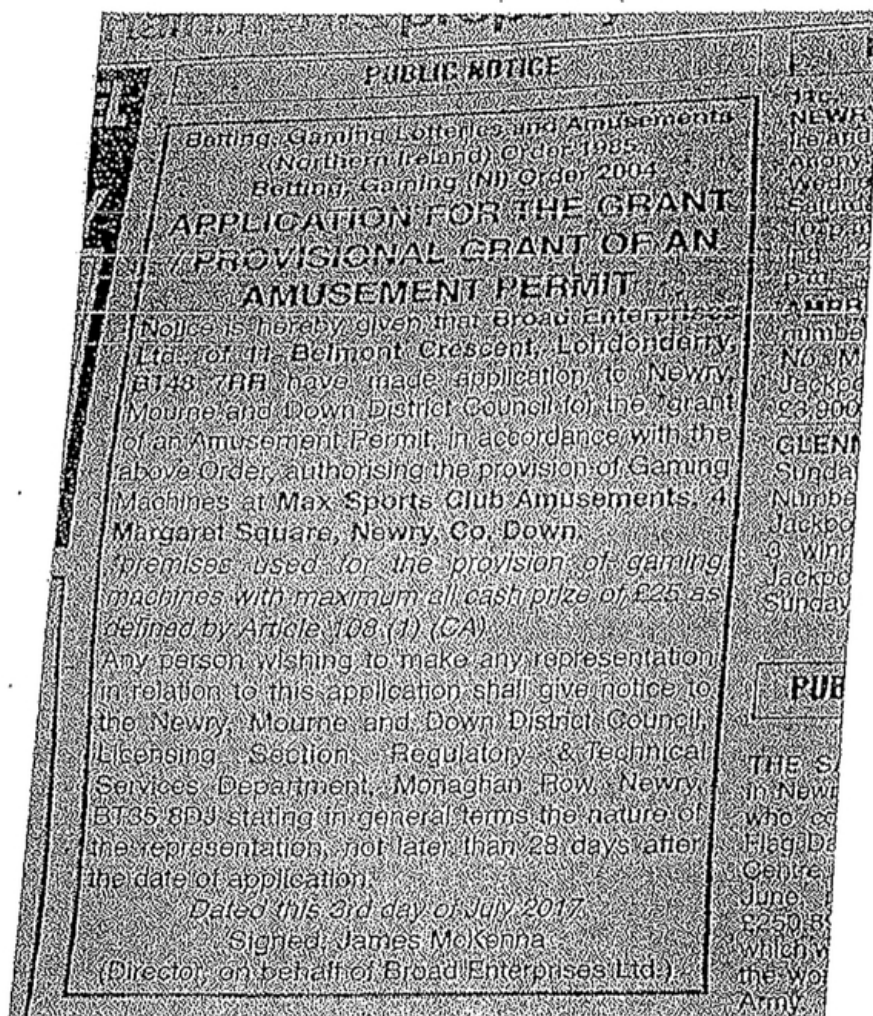
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Appendix 8.1
Pat McGinn



Grant for an Amusement Permit Premises for the provision of gaming machines.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am contacting you to ask you and the Council not to grant the above application.

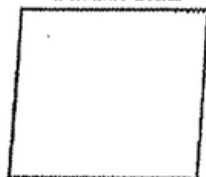
I have grave concerns about the allowing of another "Casino" type premises in the city of Newry, particularly in what would be described as its Main Street.

Many like myself cannot see the argument for the need for another Casino. The current large modern premises in Newry have the capacity needed and cater

sufficiently for all those who feel the need to play these type of gaming machines. However my greatest concern about the allowing of such a type gambling business back to Margaret Square is based on growing fears of health and law professionals on the damage gambling is causing to individuals their, families and society in general. These problems are well documented and I attach two recent publications on the issue. Newry, Mourne & Down Council have a corporate and civic duty to balance the decision to allow the development and conduction of businesses against the negative impact on individuals, families, communities and areas.

I put it to you and the Council that Newry city has sufficient type businesses and therefore this licence should not be granted.

Yours
Pat McGinn

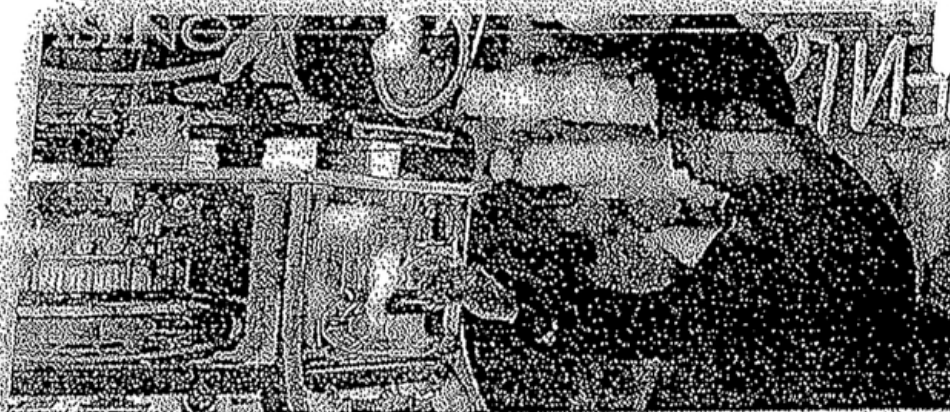


Northern Ireland gambling statistics highest in UK - Premier
<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Northern-Ireland-gambling-statistics-highest-in-UK>

Panorama: Why Are Gambling Machines Addictive? review – scandal of the century
https://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2016/sep/13/panorama-why-are-gambling-machines-addictive-review-fobt-scandal?CMP=share_btn_tw

Appendix 8.2 Pat McGinn

Premier



Northern Ireland gambling statistics highest in UK

Thu 04 May 2017

By Tola Mbakwe

A new report has found Northern Ireland has a higher proportion of 'problem gamblers' than any other UK region.

The 2016 Northern Ireland Gambling Prevalence Survey identified 2.3% of people as being problem gamblers. That number is four times the figure for England.

While Northern Ireland's number decreased 0.3% from 2010, Christian Action Research and Education (CARE), said the findings are concerning and demonstrates a need for government authorities to tackle problem gambling.

CARE's Northern Ireland Policy Officer, Mark Baillie, told Premier's News Hour the reasons why Northern Ireland has higher figures aren't clear.

"It may be because Northern Ireland has a greater level of deprivation in some areas, it may be cultural factors related to the view of gambling in different communities in Northern Ireland," he said.

"It's pure speculation, we're not really sure why exactly this is the case but it's been illustrated in a number of surveys that Northern Ireland in particular has this issue compared to other parts of the United Kingdom".

The survey, which questioned 1,004 revealed 75 percent of agreed that gambling is dangerous to family life.

Baillie said CARE has seen problem gambling cause harm to individuals and families.

He explained: "We hear of things like family breakdown caused by problem gambling, divorce, mental health problems for the individual and also family members due to the stress caused because of financial loss and debt.

"The effects can be wide ranging on families, and children can significantly lose out because of consequences of problem gambling".

The report shows that the most common form of gambling is the national lottery and the average problem gambler spends £47 on gambling.

Findings also show that online gambling has more than doubled from 6.7% in 2010 to 15.8% in 2016.

Baillie told Premier News Hour revamping regulations can help: "If an individual has difficulties online, what we want to see is a way in which an individual can self-exclude from all gambling websites rather than having to self-exclude from each one individually.

"There has been some good steps taken on that, but we want to see that fully implemented for individuals living in Northern Ireland."

About the Author

Tola Mbakwe

Tola Mbakwe is a multimedia journalist for Premier.

Appendix 8.3 Pat McGinn

Panorama: Why Are Gambling Machines Addictive? review - scandal of the century

This personal and brave investigation by a woman whose partner killed himself after becoming addicted to gambling showed how our high streets have become gaming arcades of misery.



FOBTs ... bringing in £1.7bn for the betting industry. Photograph: Bloomberg/Bloomberg via Getty Images

Sam Wollaston

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Go to any high street in the country - apart from perhaps the really posh ones, in very affluent places - and you'll see a lot of betting shops. Often, you'll find more than one branch of the same variety - two Ladbrokes, say - within spitting distance. The reason for that is FOBTs - fixed-odds betting terminals. Only four machines are allowed in any one branch. You want eight? You have to open another shop. And you do want eight, because FOBTs bring the industry £1.7bn a year. And so what if it's £1.7bn from the poor, the sick and the vulnerable? Or that Britain's high streets are being turned into gaming arcades of misery?

Wendy Bendel's investigation - *Panorama: Why Are Gambling Machines Addictive?* (BBC1) - was a personal and a brave one. Two years ago, her partner, Lee, killed himself, at the age of 36. In a confessional letter to her, he singled out these high-stakes,

high-frequency FOBTs as the core of his addiction. Now, she's trying to understand what it is that has made her a single mum.

Former Paddy Power boss Fintan Drury tells Wendy he has had second thoughts and now admits that FOBTs are addictive and dangerous. He says no one in the industry has done enough to personalise the moral challenge, thought about the what-if: "What if it was one of my children who was addicted? How would I feel about how we promote our offering?"

Wendy meets a Cambridge statistician to look into the numbers. The return, the percentage of the money staked that is paid out, is 97.3%. That might not sound so bad; it's certainly less bad than other forms of gambling. But, explains Professor David Spiegelhalter, it's the relatively high chance of a win that helps make the machines so addictive. And the stakes are so high, the games so quick, that you can lose huge amounts very quickly. And even if you did have the money and the time to achieve that 97.3%, it's still a loss; the machine and the bookmaker will get you in the end. Prof David points out the cunning techniques they use to give you hope that you might be able to beat the system, such as showing numbers that have come up frequently before - as if that has any effect on what will happen in the future.

Wendy meets Tony Franklin, whose life, like Lee's, was taken over - at the expense of friendships, relationships, work, everything - and who says that new on-screen warnings and rules governing maximum bets will do little to discourage people like him and Lee.

Tony takes part in a little experiment. He's given a fictional £1,000 to spend on a simulated FOBT, then popped into an MRI scanner. When he starts playing, his brain's habit centres immediately light up and become overactivated (and his toes twitch, too, although I'm not sure of the relevance of that). And not just when he wins - he gets a fix every time he plays, and that can be every 20 seconds with a FOBT. "Gambling addiction is not a failure of will," explains Professor David Nutt, the brain man. "It is a brain disorder that is preyed upon by the gambling industry. Once you become addicted, it's very, very hard to stop, because you have changed your brain. Addiction is a brain that has changed to become entrained to the desires of the gambling."

I hope the gambling industry - Paddy, Fred, William and the rest of them - watch Wendy's Panorama and then take a good, hard look at themselves. No one currently working in the industry took part in the programme. The Association of British Bookmakers, the trade organisation for the betting shop industry, did issue a few statements: "The average loss of a FOBT is £6.75." "FOBTs have been present on the high street for over 15 years, yet there has been no evidence of an increase in problem gambling over that time." But no one was prepared to come on camera, show their face, defend FOBTs. Probably because they are indefensible.

Why is the government not acting? Well, clearly they should, and they probably will have to do something about it at some point, because something so reprehensible cannot continue for ever. In the meantime, though, they're getting £400m a year out of FOBTs in betting duty themselves, so what's the hurry? It's one of the scandals of the century.

Appendix 9

Legislation

THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 SI 1985/1204 (NI 11)

Grant of amusements permits

111.__(1) An application for the grant of an amusement permit shall be made by the person who is, or by any person who proposes to be, the occupier of the premises for which the amusement permit is sought to the district council for the district in which those premises are situated and the applicant shall__

- (a) attach to the application a fee of £8.50; and
 - (b) serve a copy of the application upon the sub-divisional commander of the police sub-division in which those premises are situated
- (2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), where an application is made for the grant of an amusement permit, the district council, after hearing representatives, if any, from the sub-divisional commander upon whom notice is required by paragraph (1) to be served, __
- (a) may grant the amusement permit; or
 - (b) may refuse to grant the amusement permit.
- (3) A district council shall refuse an application for the grant of an amusement permit, unless it is satisfied__
- (a) In a case where there is in force a resolution passed by the council as mentioned in Article 110(2)(a) or (b) which is applicable to the premises to which the application relates, that the grant of the permit will not contravene that resolution; and
 - (b) that the applicant is a fit person to hold an amusement permit; and
 - (c) that the applicant will not allow the business proposed to be carried on under the amusement permit to be managed by, or carried on for the benefit of, a person other than the applicant who would himself be refused the grant of an amusement permit; and
 - (d) that there is in force in respect of the premises a fire certificate.
- (4) Without prejudice to its power to refuse to grant an application for an amusement permit on any ground, a district council may refuse to grant an amusement permit in respect of premises, other than premises used wholly or mainly for the provision of amusements by means of gaming machines, if it is satisfied that, by reason of the purposes for which, or the persons by whom, or any circumstances in which the premises are or are to be used, it is undesirable that gaming machines should be used for providing amusements on those premises.

- (5) A district council shall grant the amusement permit subject to the condition__
- (a) that the premises are not to be used for an unlawful purpose or as a resort of persons of known bad character; and
 - (b) where there is in force a resolution passed by a district council as mentioned in Article 110(2)(c) which is applicable to the premises to which an application for the grant of an amusement permit relates, that the number of gaming machine on the premises shall not exceed such number (being a number not exceeding the number specified in the resolution) as the council may determine.
- (6) A district council may grant the amusement permit, subject to the condition__
- (a) in the case of an amusement permit in respect of premises other than premises used wholly or mainly for the provision of amusements by means of gaming machines, that the number of gaming machines which may be made available for gaming on the premises shall not exceed such number as the council may determine;
 - (b) in the case of an amusement permit in respect of premises used wholly or mainly for the provision of amusements,_
 - (i) that the premises are illuminated in the manner specified by the council; or
 - (ii) that advertising of, and window displays on, the premises are in the form specified by the council; or
 - (iii) that such notices are displayed and such information given on the premises as the council specifies in relation to any condition to which the amusement permit is subject.
- (7) The grant of an amusement permit shall not be invalidated by any failure to comply with paragraph (3)(a) or (5)(b) and no duty of a district council to comply with paragraph (3)(a) or (5)(b) shall be enforceable by legal proceedings.
- (8) The Department may, by order subject to affirmative resolution, substitute for the fee specified in paragraph (1)(a) such other fee as may be specified in the order.

Grant of amusement permit conditional on alterations being made in premises

- 112.__(1)A district council which grants an amusement permit in respect of premises used wholly or mainly for the provision of amusements may grant the amusement permit for subject to the condition that, within a period fixed by the council the holder of the amusement permit__
- (a) shall make such alterations in the premises as the council may specify, being alterations which the council thinks necessary to ensure that the lay-out, character or condition (including the provision in the premises of adequate sanitary appliances and things used in connection with such appliances) of the premises is suitable for use as premises in which amusements by way of gaming machines are provided; and
 - (b) shall deposit with the district council a plan of the premises showing the alterations so specified.
- (2) Notice of any alteration required under paragraph (1) shall be served by the district council on the owner of the premises.

- (3) The period fixed by a district council under paragraph (1) may be extended by the council on the application of the holder of the amusement permit.
- (4) An amusement permit granted conditionally under this Article shall, unless cancelled, remain in force from the date on which it is granted until the expiration of the period fixed by the district council under paragraph (1) or any extended period and the district council shall note the date of that expiration on the amusement permit.
- (5) A district council, on the application of the holder of an amusement permit, shall declare the grant of an amusement permit to be unconditional, if it is satisfied that alterations to the premises have been completed in accordance with the plans deposited with the district council under paragraph (1)(b) and the council shall amend the amusement permit accordingly.

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Amusement Permit (Additional Grounds for Refusal) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

Representations from third parties

A district council may refuse to grant an amusement permit after hearing any representation in relation to the application for the grant of that permit which may be made by any person to the council not later than 28 days after the date of that application.

Appendix 10**Total Number of Premises in Newry, Mourne & Down currently issued with an Amusement Permit**

M/64/37	Kent Amusements	79 Central Promenade	Newcastle		Renewal Of
Permit Under 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25				
M/64/23	Max Sports Club Amusements	4 Margaret Square	Newry		Renewal Of
Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25				
M/64/33	Mulhall Amusements	5 Quay Street	Ardglass		Renewal Of Permit
Under 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25				
M/64/36	Ritz Amusements	69 - 73 Central Promenade	Newcastle		
Grant Of Permit Under 18	Maximum Cash Prize £8				
M/64/35	Mulhall Amusements	10 Quay Street	Ardglass		Renewal Of Permit
Under 18	Maximum Cash Prize £8				
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	Unknown	UNKNOWN		Provision Grant Maximum
					Cash Prize £25
M/64/9	Casino Palace	8 Water Street	Newry	30 Jun 2018	Renewal Of Permit Over 18
	Maximum Cash Prize £25				
M/64/3	Boyle Bingo & Amusements	29 And 31 Church Street	Warrenpoint	30 Jun 2018	
	Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25			
M/64/26	The Casino	51 Monaghan Street	NEWRY	30 Jun 2018	Grant Of
Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25				
M/64/31	Joyland Amusements	1 - 11 Central Promenade	Newcastle	31 May 2018	
	Renewal Of Permit Under 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25			
M/64/10	Boyle Gaming	45 - 51 Mill Street	Newry	03 Apr 2018	Renewal Of Permit
Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25				
M/64/8	Vegas Casino	4 Corn Market	Newry	28 Feb 2018	Renewal Of Permit Over 18
	Maximum Cash Prize £25				
M/64/27	Arcadia Amusements	37-39 Central Promenade	Newcastle	28 Feb 2018	
	Renewal Of Permit Under 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25			
M/64/34	Funland	90-94 Main Street	Newcastle	28 Feb 2018	Renewal Of
Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25				
M/64/22	The Q Club	2 Basin Quay	Newry	30 Nov 2017	Renewal Of Permit Over 18
	Maximum Cash Prize £25				

Appendix 11

Existing Premises in Newry issued with an Amusement Permit

<u>M/64/23</u>	Max Sports Club Amusements	4 Margaret Square	Newry		Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/9</u>	Casino Palace	8 Water Street	Newry	30 Jun 2018	Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/26</u>	The Casino	51 Monaghan Street	NEWRY	30 Jun 2018	Grant Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/10</u>	Boyle Gaming	45 - 51 Mill Street	Newry	03 Apr 2018	Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/8</u>	Vegas Casino	4 Corn Market	Newry	28 Feb 2018	Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/22</u>	The Q Club	2 Basin Quay	Newry	30 Nov 2017	Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25

Appendix 12**Historical Premises in Newry issued with Amusement Permit**

<u>M/64/23</u>	Max Sports Club Amusements	4 Margaret Square	Newry		Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/4</u>	Regency Snooker Club	4 John Mitchel Park	Newry		Grant Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/32</u>	John Paul White	24 Monaghan Street	Newry		Provision Grant	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/12</u>	Nugget City	7 Francis Street	Newry		Renewal Of Permit Under 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/9</u>	Casino Palace	8 Water Street	Newry	30 Jun 2018	Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/26</u>	The Casino	51 Monaghan Street	NEWRY	30 Jun 2018	Grant Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/10</u>	Boyle Gaming	45 - 51 Mill Street	Newry	03 Apr 2018	Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/8</u>	Vegas Casino	4 Corn Market	Newry	28 Feb 2018	Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/22</u>	The Q Club	2 Basin Quay	Newry	30 Nov 2017	Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/5</u>	Newry Bingo Centre	29 Monaghan Street	Newry	31 Jan 2009	Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/24</u>	Lasers Amusements	46/48 Monaghan Street	Newry	30 Apr 2008	Renewal Of Permit Under 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/13</u>	DG's Snooker Club	109 Camlough Road	Newry	31 Oct 2007	Renewal Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25
<u>M/64/29</u>	Flutters Amusement Arcade	4 North Street	Newry	30 Sep 2005	Grant Of Permit Over 18	Maximum Cash Prize £25

Appendix 13**Closed premises in Newry previously issued with an Amusement Permit**

M/64/4 Over 18	Regency Snooker Club Maximum Cash Prize £25	4 John Mitchel Park	Newry	Grant Of Permit
M/64/32	John Paul White Maximum Cash Prize £25	24 Monaghan Street	Newry	Provision Grant
M/64/12	Nugget City Maximum Cash Prize £25	7 Francis Street	Newry	Renewal Of Permit Under 18
M/64/5 Permit Over 18	Newry Bingo Centre Maximum Cash Prize £25	29 Monaghan Street	Newry	31 Jan 2009 Renewal Of
M/64/24	Lasers Amusements Renewal Of Permit Under 18	46/48 Monaghan Street	Newry	30 Apr 2008 Maximum Cash Prize £25
M/64/13 Permit Over 18	DG's Snooker Club Maximum Cash Prize £25	109 Camlough Road	Newry	31 Oct 2007 Renewal Of
M/64/29 Permit Over 18	Flutters Amusement Arcade Maximum Cash Prize £25	4 North Street	Newry	30 Sep 2005 Grant Of

