



APPENDIX A

April 16th 2012

**REFERENCE LICENCE FOR PADDY POWER
9 GABRIELS HILL, MAIDSTONE**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you in reference to the application for a license for the premises in Gabriel's Hill.

As the owner of The Golden Boot I feel as owner of a large children's business it would be very wrong to allow yet another Bookmaker to trade in the street. Gabriel's hill has already has two bookmakers trading in very close proximity with Corals at The bottom of the hill and William Hill at the top.

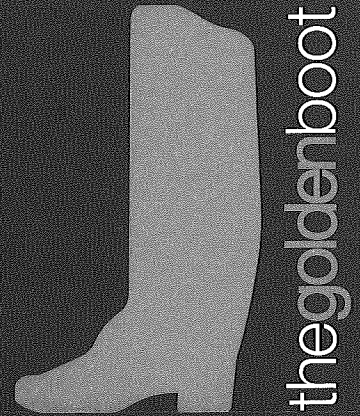
I feel very strongly that Families coming to us should not have to run the gauntlet to avoid people crowding around yet another bookmaker. We have also reported several times to the police what appears to be people passing drugs in the area where the application has been made. I am sure that you understand as an owner of a family retail establishment that I am concerned for the welfare of my local customers.

I believe that another bookmaker in the area would only encourage more undesirable people to loiter. I feel that it is the council's responsibility to protect the existing retail environment and encourage better quality shops to come to the area.

I hope you as the licensing authority will do the right thing and refuse this Application for a license.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman of The Golden Boot, EST 1790



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