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I think it is irresponsible of North Tyneside Council to approve gaming licences where bookmakers are allowed to put fixed betting terminals in their premises. A fixed betting terminal is a machine that allows punters to play games such as roulette and is linked to a central random number generator which produces the winning number. In effect it is like a portable casino with a very limited time in between spins and it appears that each bookmaker is allowed four of these machines within their premises. They have been described as the "crack cocaine" of gambling and the bookmakers will confirm this themselves as they are no doubt the most profitable elements of the shop. These machines change a betting shop into a mini casino and are capable of destroying lives as there is not the control element that casinos have in place and they are readily accessible on every street corner in every bookmakers. The high streets are blighted yet the only well fitted out shops (apart from Greggs) are the bookmakers, they are everywhere and these terminals are destroying lives and need to be stopped... I think the Council need to stop these machines being allowed in bookmakers and also prohibit the use of the terminals in all new applications.

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