

## **Bassetlaw District Council Local Area Profile**

The Gambling Commission issue codes of practice under section 24 of the Gambling Act 2005, about the manner in which facilities for gambling are provided to ensure that:

- gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- children and other vulnerable people are protected from being harmed or exploited by gambling
- assistance is made available to people who are, or may be, affected by problems related to gambling.

New code provisions covering risk assessments and local authority area profiles will come into force in April 2016. Operators will be required to prepare a risk assessment for their business which takes into account the nature and characteristics of the locality in which they are situated. For example the proximity of schools, churches, etc. and/or whether the business is located on a walking route for local schools. Such risk assessments can make reference to the Council's Local Area Profile which may be compiled with respect to reported gambling-related problems in an area.

The following area profile has been drafted to facilitate Operators being able better understand the environment within the Bassetlaw District.

Bassetlaw is a rural District in Nottinghamshire in the East Midlands region. It covers 640 sq kms with 10,000 hectares of woodland including 600ha of Ancient Woodland. It has 73 villages served by 45 Parish Councils and 9 Parish Meetings.

Nearly 67% of Bassetlaw's population live in its three largest towns Worksop, Retford and Harworth and Bircotes; 15% live in larger rural settlements and 18% live in the rural areas.

Estimated census data from 2021 records the total population of Bassetlaw as 117,800 people this is a decrease of 0.4% (480) against the 2020 data.

Bassetlaw is now ranked 8 (out of 29 Districts in the East Midlands region) in terms of total population.

Of the 118,280 people in Bassetlaw,

- 21.2 percent are children aged under 18,
- 56.7 percent are adults aged 18 to 64
- 22.3 percent are aged 65 and over
- 2.7 percent of the resident population are 85 and over.

The latest data available from the 2021 Census that showed that 3.6 percent of the resident population are non-white and 96.4 percent are white; the predominate ethnic group in Bassetlaw is residents who are white, followed by residents who are Asian/Asian British representing 96.4 and 1.2 percent of the population respectively. Bassetlaw comprises 51,500 households.

Bassetlaw District Council has a total of 15 (down from 18 in 2021) gambling premises licences. The majority of premises holding gambling premises licences are situated in Worksop and Retford however 1 betting premise can be located in the smaller town of Harworth.

The motorway services at Blyth generally service drivers utilising the A1 and the B0645. The Premises are situated away from the A1 and can be accessed by anyone using the nearby minor roads; the services are open 24 hours.

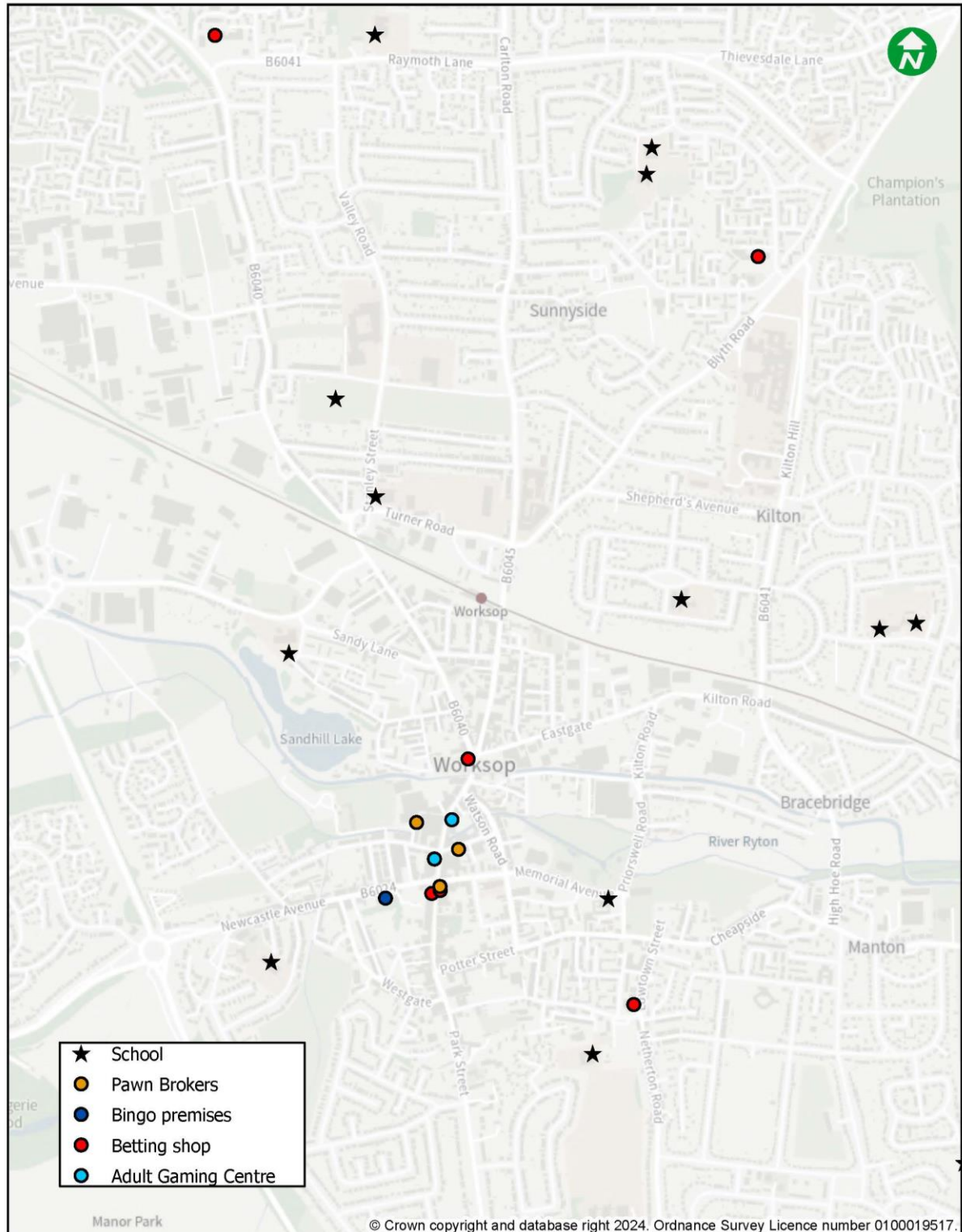
Harworth, where there is 1 betting premises is an area which is earmarked for continued regeneration involving building of residential premises and business opportunities over the coming years.

| <b>By Premises</b> |                             |
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| 9                  | Betting                     |
| 1                  | Bingo                       |
| 5                  | Adult Gaming Centres        |
| 0                  | Family Entertainment Centre |

| <b>By Location</b>                         |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| 6 Betting, 1 Bingo, 2 Adult Gaming Centre, | Worksop                 |
| 2 betting, 1 Adult Gaming Centre           | Retford                 |
| 1 betting                                  | Harworth                |
| 2 Adult Gaming Centre                      | Blyth Motorway Services |

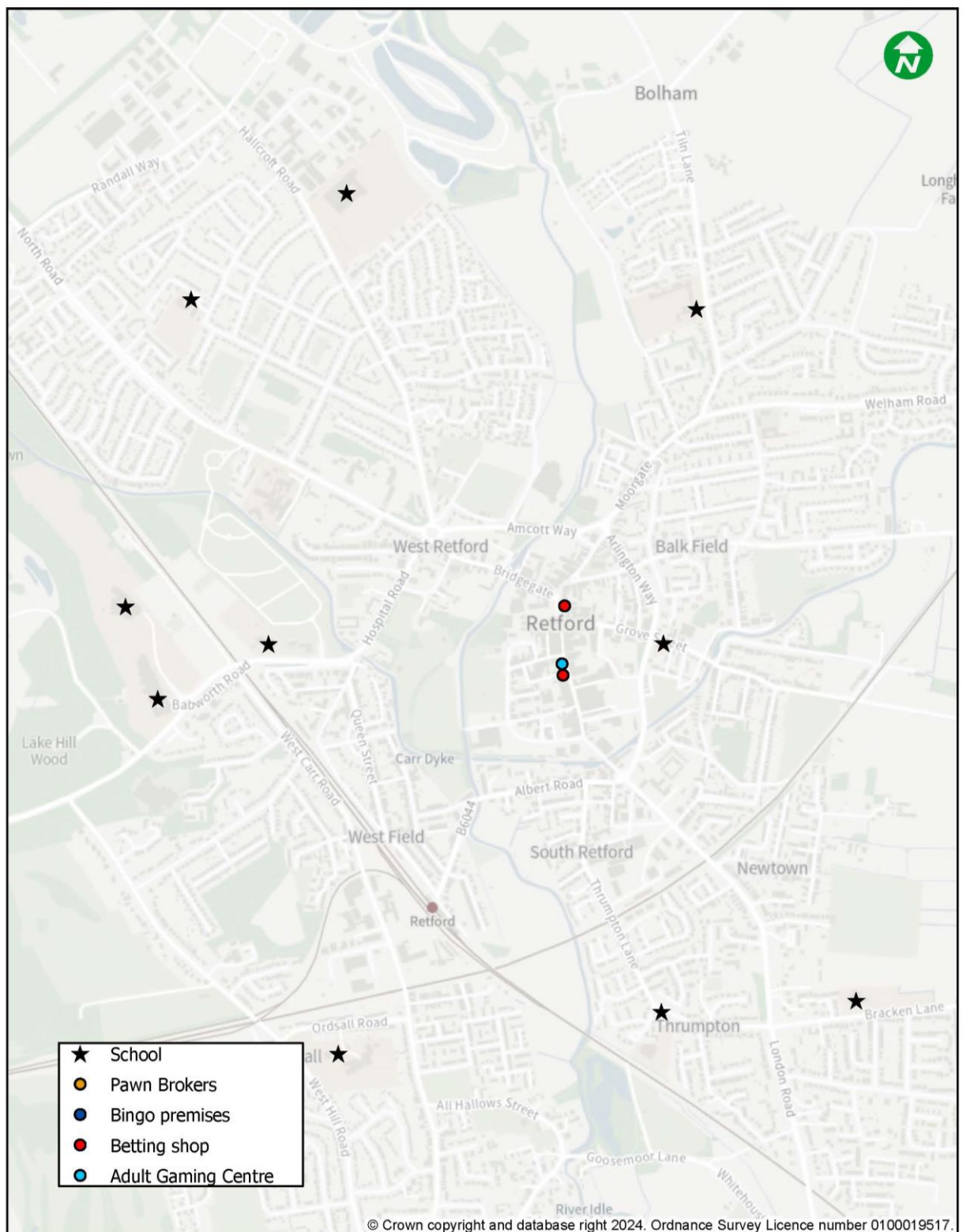
Each locality has its own challenges and in order to assist applicants Bassetlaw District Council has produced maps of the area containing the location of existing gambling premises, educational establishments and pawn brokers/pay day loan establishments. Applicants are further encouraged to conduct research of the local area to identify centres dealing with vulnerable persons (such as children's homes).

## Worksop Map



## Retford Map

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