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## 11,000 'No' to betting centre

More than 11,000 Sanpokong residents have signed a petition against the setting up of a Royal Hongkong Jockey Club off-course betting centre in the district.

The chairman of the owners' corporation of Hong King Building in Sanpokong, Mr Chan Ping, told a press conference yesterday they planned to submit the petition to the Jockey Club.

An Urban Councillor, Mrs Elsie Elliott, said she was much concerned about the setting up of a betting centre next to a primary school as it would have an adverse affect on students.

Yesterday morning, representatives of the shopowners, accompanied by Mrs. Elliott, met Jockey Club officials to voice their objections to the betting centre, planned to be set up at the entrance of the Hong King shopping arcade in Yilun Street.

On Monday, more than 30 shopowners stopped workmen from sealing off one of the four entrances to the shopping arcade for the betting centre.

The shopowners said these entrances are the building's main fire exits.