

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 08 February 2018 18:08
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: objection to premises licence application ref: 18/00292/LAPREM

Sent: 08 February 2018 18:03
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: objection to premises licence application ref: 18/00292/LAPREM

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the premises licence application ref: 18/00292/LAPREM..

I have an interest in this application because [REDACTED] within the immediate vicinity of the proposed premises and am a regular user of the facilities offered by the Albert Road shops and establishments as a whole. I have also worked in the city for over 25 years as a probation officer and well aware of the correlations between alcohol misuse and violent crime.

I object to the application on the following grounds:

Objection 1:

Grounds for objection – Failure to promote the prevention of crime and disorder

Reasons for objections:

1. There is the potential for increased crime and disorder with customers of this proposed venue arriving from elsewhere in the city, at a time when other venues on Albert Road are closed for the night. Indeed, it has been demonstrated in other cities with such sex establishments that there is a general rise in crime and disorder within the immediate vicinity of the venues.
2. In addition, there is a lack of police availability after the hours of 2am meaning that crime and disorder would go undeterred by the lack of a police presence on the street. Indeed, the on-going cuts to the police service mean that the capacity of the police to offer PCSOs and Police Officers on the streets late at night will be severely affected.

Objection 2:

Grounds for objection – Failure to promote the prevention of public nuisance

Reasons for objections:

1. The use of the premises up to 4am will have an added impact on the already compromised parking arrangements within the vicinity of the premises. Those attending the premises that have not parked will require collecting by taxi or other vehicles at a time early in the morning which will affect the nearby local residents on Harold Road, Trevor Road, Beatrice Road and Leopold Road, and other surrounding areas which are built up residential areas of young families.
2. Notwithstanding the vehicular impact on the local area, no other venues within Albert Road have licences to open beyond 2am and, in practice, none open beyond 1am. The impact of having customers arriving and up to 100 people leaving the premises beyond these hours up to 4am and congregating outside the premises to smoke and converse would cause additional public nuisance to the local residents.

Objection 3:

Grounds for objection – Failure to promote the protection of children from harm

Reasons for objections:

1. Within the immediate vicinity of the proposed premises, you have both the Wedgewood Rooms and the Havelock Community Centre which host events with local colleges and for young people to attend. These events will often overlap in time with the arrival of customers to the lap dancing club and, as such, children will be coming into

direct contact with people attending the sex establishment which is directly contrary to the licensing objectives of the Council.

2. In addition, local schools and churches such as St. Swithun's Church and Craneswater Junior School often have events and services which overlap with the proposed opening times of the venue which would again bring children into direct contact with the venue, such as being directly contrary to the licensing objectives of the Council.



From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 23 January 2018 15:00
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: RE:

Sent: 23 January 2018 14:46
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: RE:

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Licensing Shared Email <licsspr@portsmouthcc.gov.uk>
Date: 23/01/2018 13:48 (GMT+00:00)

Subject: RE:

For confirmation as I have other applications going through at the moment can you confirm that you are referring to 149 Albert Road.

Thanks.

Debbie Robson

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Sent: 23 January 2018 13:45

To: Licensing Shared Email

Subject:

I object to the above being approved for the following reasons:

There are already sufficient licensed premises in the area and there is a significant amount of crime and ASB linked to these locations. Any additional premises will only serve to increase crime and ASB.

All of the night clubs in the City are now located in the City Centre/GWQ which are not predominantly residential areas. By allowing this application to be approved would pave the way for other late night licences to be attracted back to Albert Rd; a move that would contradict policy already in place to prevent and reduce crime and ASB.

The area is residential and children residing in the immediate are at a risk of being further exposed to harm by allowing this application.

Many thanks

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 08:08
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Objection to premises licence application

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 January 2018 20:59
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to premises licence application

Dear sir/madam

I wish to lodge an objection to the premises licence application ref: 18/00292/LAPREM.

I live less than a mile from the proposed location of this lap dancing club, and am a regular visitor and shopper in Albert Road.

I object to the application on the following grounds:

Objection 1 – this will affect the character of the locality

My concerns are

- that Albert Road includes residential areas, particularly in side roads, where many families live and regularly use the shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants.
- there are infant and primary schools close by, and the proximity of a sex establishment will impact on the confidence of parents in those particular schools.
- with or without children, women are more likely to avoid that area

Objection 2 – there will be a negative impact on nearby businesses

My concerns are:

- even though the sex establishment won't be open during the day, businesses close by will be affected by the seedy association and very likely to lose business
- there's likely to be a similar impact on the night-time use of that part of Albert Road, for example the Wedgewood Rooms which puts on events for young people, and restaurants.

Objection 3 – it will increase risks to public safety

My concerns are:

- police resources are already reduced and they are already unable to deal with some crimes, particularly related to anti-social behaviour.
- a sex establishment with perceived associations with drug dealing and prostitution (whether or not this actually occurs) is likely to increase anti-social behaviour, particularly in the early hours of the morning

Objection 4 – to agree the licence would impact negatively on gender equality

My concerns are:

- as a woman I would be much less likely to shop, eat, drink or go to events around that area of Albert Road
- sex establishments such as this lap dancing club objectify women, are known to exploit women and increase the likelihood of verbal, physical and sexual abuse of women
- I am interested to know the outcomes of the Equalities Impact Assessment related to this licence application, as I feel certain this would highlight the gender equality concerns it raises.

I look forward to your response to my objections,

Regards



Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 23 January 2018 16:10
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Lapdancing club on Albert Road

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 January 2018 16:06
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Lapdancing club on Albert Road

Dear Licensing Manager,

I would like to object the strongest possible terms to the granting of an alcohol licence to the prospective new lap dancing club ('Elegance') on Albert Road.

Granting a licence to an establishment of this kind would stain this lively, beautiful road. While it would create a supremely unpleasant atmosphere for everyone, I believe that women and girls would be especially badly affected by the establishment of this club. This would be true when the venue was actually open, but the sense of menace created by blacked out windows and the exterior advertising would affect children as they pass along Albert Road to get to the local schools. Kids inevitably ask questions about buildings or sights that they find anomalous, and this club would certainly stick out like a sore thumb amidst the shops, bars and restaurants of Albert Road. Finally, I would also add that granting a licence to serve alcohol until 4 am would result in an upsurge in anti-social behaviour, noise and all the unpleasantness associated with establishments of this kind.

I would urge you in the strongest possible terms not to grant an alcohol licence to this club.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

Robson, Debra



From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 25 January 2018 08:24
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Licensing application, former Conservative Club

Sent: 24 January 2018 22:30
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Licensing application, former Conservative Club

I write with reference to the application for an SEV licence for the former Conservative Club on Albert Road. I gather this has generated much debate locally and I wanted to add my thoughts for consideration.

I understand that licensing applications relate to four criteria and so I will add my comments under these headings.

1. Prevention of crime. Given that the proposal is to move the club on Granada Road to an area that has an existing night time economy it would appear that this would actually be easier to police than the existing club.
2. Public Safety. I don't believe public safety would be negatively impacted by the presence of the use of this new premises provided that as required, there are appropriately trained door staff.
3. Prevention of nuisance. I do believe that a licence to open until 4am does risk a nuisance to nearby residents and as such I would object to this being any later than existing licensed premises in this area.
4. Protection of children from harm. I gather this has generated the most concern given that there will be minors attending gigs at the neighbouring Wedgewood Rooms in the early evening. However, assuming that ID checks are rigorous there should not be any minors accessing this club. Furthermore, the existing club is in close proximity to a school and residential area and one assumes it has complied with its obligations under the existing licence given its continued existence. As such the owner does have a track record of running such an establishment within the regulations.



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Comments for Licensing Application 18/00292/LAPREM

Application Summary

Application Number: 18/00292/LAPREM

Address: 149 Albert Road Southsea PO4 0JW

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: MR DEREK STONE

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Contributor (Other)

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 4:43 PM on 29 Jan 2018 I strongly object to alcohol being available on these premises until 4am. This is far too late. There will inevitably be noise and possibly antisocial behaviour on adjacent streets in this residential area.

The council should be restricting the availability of alcohol and encouraging responsible drinking. There will also be traffic noise and congestion due to late night taxis.

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 08:11
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Lap,dancing club

-----Original Message-----

Fr [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 January 2018 21:35
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Lap,dancing club

Although I would prefer not to have a sex club on my doorstep, it is the wish for an alcohol licence till 4am that I really object to. We have serious drinking problems in this country and there is no need whatsoever for alcohol to be sold virtually all night. We are just pandering to a minority.

Sent from my iPad


Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 02 February 2018 15:24
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Objection to SEV at 149 Albert Road

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 February 2018 15:22
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to SEV at 149 Albert Road

Please note my objection to the above application. We do not need a night club of this kind in this location. It is likely to set a precedent for the area. There are already many licensed premises available locally & any more would increase the already high incidence of crime.



Licensing Service
Portsmouth City Council
Civic Offices
Guildhall Square
Portsmouth PO1 2AL

3 February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to object to the Premises Licence Application ref: 18/00292/LAPREM.

I am a local resident, living about 150 yards from the proposed lap-dancing club at 149 Albert Road.

The Licensing Objective:

'To prevent public nuisance':

I understand the applicant has asked for a licence for 7 days a week from 10pm-4am. This cannot be justified. Such long hours would cause enormous public nuisance to the many nearby local residents as people leave the premises (possibly noisily) during every night of the week.

'To prevent crime and disorder': 'Securing public safety': A retired police officer recently reported that cuts in police numbers in Portsmouth have resulted in policing in the area after 2am to be virtually zero.

Also that crime figures for the area have increased considerably in the past two years, causing increasing concern about possible disorder and safety, especially as people (particularly women) are walking home late at night.

'To protect children from harm': The Wedgwood Rooms adjacent to 149 Albert Road has an all-ages policy. Children under 18 can be there up to closing time of 11 – 11.30pm. It is not appropriate for children to witness customers entering a lap-dancing club.

Two schools, Southsea Infants and Craneswater Junior Schools are very nearby. The Havelock Community Centre is also very near 149 Albert Road.

For all the above reasons, I strongly oppose the granting of this Premises Licence.

Yours sincerely,



Robson, Debra

From: noreply@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2018 12:09
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 18/00292/LAPREM

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Application Summary

Address: 149 Albert Road Southsea PO4 0JW

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: MR DEREK STONE

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 12:09 PM on 05 Feb 2018 I object to the above licence for the following reasons: 1. The application is for the sale and consumption of alcohol on or off the premises 7 days a week between 21:00 and 03:30 which is unacceptable in a predominantly residential area 2. The application also requests for live and recorded music within the above hours. With the venue on the first floor this is even more likely to cause noise to all the surrounding residents. 3. There are no other entertainment establishments in the area that have opening hours as requested in this application. 4. The very "sketchy" drawings in the application make no reference to fire alarms, smoking areas, sprinklers, disabled facilities(particularly access/egress) or fire escape routes. 5. What are the proposed retail facilities on the ground floor? This again raises serious concerns regarding fire prevention and means of escape.

Robson, Debra

From: Robson, Debra
Sent: 06 February 2018 14:38
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Planning application: 18/00292/LAPREM

[REDACTED]
Sent: 30 January 2018 18:56
To: Planning CHD Referrals (CPL)
Subject: Planning application: 18/00292/LAPREM

Dear Madam /Sir,

I am writing to object to the extended licence application Ref: Elegance, 149, Albert Road, 18/00292/LAPREM.

My primary objection is on safety grounds.

Policing is already under a huge strain. With reduced police numbers and fewer resources it is not only impractical, but unsafe to allow this venue to stay open until 4am, increasing pressure on the police in the area seven days a week.

Traffic:

The late hours would increase taxi activity to this residential area until at least 4am, impacting heavily on local people's lives.

My neighbour leaves for work at 4am, and I have to leave at that time sometimes too. It would make that early walk feel dangerous if it coincides with drunk men leaving a club at the same time. This is not the right location for a late licence, it would make women feel extremely vulnerable, and actually put them at risk.

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2018 08:40
To: Robson, Debra; Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Re: premises licence application ref: 18/00292/LAPREM.

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the premises licence application ref: 18/00292/LAPREM..

I have an interest in this application because I am a local resident

I object to the application on the following grounds:

Objection 1:

Grounds for objection – There are already a large number of pubs and a number of clubs along Albert Road.

Reasons for objections:

1. I understood that the Council were wanting to regenerate and improve Albert Road to encourage tourism and improve the standing of this area. Granting such a licence would NOT be in line with this and would demote the area and certainly not encourage tourists and residents outside of Southsea to visit. This area is surrounded by a large number of residential houses and granting such a licence would encourage more people leaving the area in the early hours of the morning further disturbing residents sleep - I have first hand experience of my sleep being disturbed by people leaving pubs and clubs that are already in the area - granting this licence would only add to this problem.



Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2018 15:00
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: re licence 18/00292/LAPREM

[REDACTED]

1. A place within the city situated in a locality inappropriate to licence a sex establishment
My house is within a stones throw of 149 Albert Rd... already parking is very difficult making it difficult to find a space at any time.

2 Nuisance and public health.....already noise and disturbances from the Bold Forester especially Fri/Sat and more so if they have an extension to opening times... health... have witnessed urinating mails in the alley way opposite my house and rubbish there where I've seen vermin. Also twice caught males urinating against my house wall. Witness to some sexual activity in the alley twice when I came home late.

A lap dance venue could exacerbate this if allowed to open til 4am.

Public safety.. as a single senior I there are times when Albert Rd has felt threatening and extended licensing hours would only add to my concerns.

We live in a wonderful city, especially here in Southsea and It distresses me to think that there is potential thro this venue to cause and add to problems especially understanding the police presence along Albert Rd is minimal.

Thu [REDACTED]

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2018 18:56
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: lap dancing club

Dear Ms Robson

I am writing in the hope that the new lap dancing club in Albert Road will not be granted a license for alcohol. I live in Lawrence Road just around the corner from the premises (since 1984) and am very concerned about the amount of drunken behaviour at night which can go on to the early morning. I and many other residents have had cars vandalized and last year I had a bottle thrown through my living room window. We are already plagued with the misbehaviour of large volumes of students and the last thing this residential area needs is another late-night drinking venue. Another consideration is the increased volume of taxis and parking.

If granted, we can be sure that there will be an increase in crime and disorder, public nuisance and therefor more police required to deal with these issues.

There are already many pubs in the area and we don't want another late night establishment with all the problems it will cause.



Comments for Licensing Application 18/00292/LAPREM

Application Summary

Application Number: 18/00292/LAPREM
Address: 149 Albert Road Southsea PO4 0JW
Proposal: Premises Licence
Case Officer: MR DEREK STONE

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour
Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Comment Reasons:
Comment: 1:49 PM on 11 Feb 2018 Dear Sir/ Madam,

I would like to object to a drinks licence being provided for the total of the hours stated on the application.

None of the premises on Albert Road are currently open until 4am and this, combined with the request for these opening hours to cover the full seven day period, brings a potential for late drunken and loutish behaviour to disrupt peoples rest in what is essentially a residential area. To compound matters, police coverage will also not be available in the local area due to their shift finish time.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2018 19:52
To: Robson, Debra; Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to Premises License Application: 18/00292/LAPREM

Premises License 18/00292/LAPREM

I object to this license on the following points:

Crime and disorder:

My view is that serving alcohol until 3.30am will add to the crime and disruption of the area. Doormen will only be able to deal with the immediate vicinity of the club not the many surrounding residential streets. In the past people coming out very late from clubs has resulted in vandalism of cars parked in the vicinity.

Public nuisance:

I live in Duncan Road and my sleep is disturbed by people walking down the road late at night shouting at each other, throwing beer bottles into gardens, urinating against garden walls, damage to parked cars. Closure at 4am is considerably later than any other establishment on Albert Road and is likely to extend the nuisance further

Customers will add to the parking issues of the area. Those using taxis will create noise for residents at an unreasonable time in the early hours of the morning. Albert Road has many residential premises flats above the shops and every surrounding road is residential and densely populated.

Public safety.

I walk along Albert Road late at night at times either from social or family events, or having been forced to park my car several streets away due to the known parking issues. As a woman living alone I will not feel safe to walk past this establishment serving alcohol until 4am. Although they may provide doormen they will only have sight of the immediate vicinity and as soon as I turn down a side road I will feel very vulnerable. This will certainly curtail my use of the area in which I live.

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:13
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: 18/00292/LAPREM

Dear Ms Robson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I'd like to object to the above licence application, particularly on the hours of proposed opening. I understand that one of the planning is protecting children from harm. At Trinity Methodist Church there are youth events including Guides which finishes at 9pm on Friday evening. Potentially young children and their parents would be walking home as the proposed club is opening.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 11:42
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Premises license application 18/00292/LAPREM

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2018 11:25
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Premises license application 18/00292/LAPREM

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident living on one of the roads adjacent to Albert Road and would like to object to this application as it goes against the licensing objectives as follows.

Prevention of crime and disorder - With limited police officers available in Southsea, particularly after 2am, I am concerned that the potential increase in crime and anti-social behaviour that comes with late night drinking establishments will put further strain on the service and may leave residents and visitors without adequate police support.

Public safety - This kind of venue creates a hostile and potentially unsafe environment for women, both inside and outside of the club. I have witnessed women being harassed, cat called and offered money for sexual services by groups of men leaving similar venues. If this licence is granted I will personally feel unsafe walking past this venue or continuing to use Albert Road at all.

Prevention of public nuisance - As a nearby resident, I have concerns about an increase in noise from traffic and from punters leaving the venue in groups, particularly drunk and rowdy stag parties. Currently this kind of noise stops somewhere between 11pm and 1am and is generally smaller groups of people leaving venues on Albert Road and being fairly respectful of residents as they do so. As this establishment would be open until 4am and be selling alcohol until that time, I am concerned that local residents will be disturbed well into the early hours of the morning.

Protection of children from harm - It is harmful for children to be exposed to the sex industry. It particularly impacts on girls as it promotes gender inequality and the objectification of women and girls. With multiple signs and flyers on display, outside the venues and around the city, many children know what lap dancing clubs are and what goes on inside them.

Please reject this application for the above reasons.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:27
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Reference: 18/00292/LAPREM

[REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2018 16:21
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Reference: 18/00292/LAPREM

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to object to the application for premises licence ref: 18/00292/LAPREM.

My understanding is that the application is for a licence to operate between the hours of 9pm and 4am from Monday to Sunday.

I would like to object as I feel that granting this licence would bring about an increase in public nuisance due to groups or individuals arriving and leaving the premises at what I would consider to be unsociable hours.

The venue will be open after the majority of venues in the local vicinity, and indeed through-out Portsmouth, have closed for the night and it is likely that groups or individuals will leave those venues and move on to the proposed venue in Albert Road.

The noise generated from the increased traffic would negatively impact on the nearby residential areas.

In addition, I believe that the granting of the licence would be inappropriate given the premises is adjacent to the Wedgewood Rooms which is a popular venue that regularly hosts events with young people in attendance.

It would not be in support of the protection of children from harm given that the events held by the Wedgewood Rooms would coincide with customers arriving at the sex establishment venue.

It is not uncommon for cat calling or harassment to occur from customers attending sex establishment venues which is particularly harmful when directed at young women. It is sadly common for this type of behaviour to go unreported and to result in an environment in which young women do not feel safe.

Furthermore, I believe that should the licence be granted there will be an increase of crime and disorder and a negative impact on public safety.

Large groups of people will be arriving at a time when most venues in Albert Road are closing for the night and there is potential for disorder with the cross over of people dispersing from closing venues and those arriving at the proposed venue.

It is likely the individuals, and large groups of individuals, leaving the venue at 4am will have consumed alcohol and the consumption of alcohol can often lead to increased aggression.

Studies have also shown that the areas surrounding lap dancing venues can see a rise in crimes against women.

This is especially concerning given that the police, already operating on a reduced number of staff due to cuts to funding, have a reduced number available to attend any potential incidents after the hours of approximately 2am, 2 hours prior to the proposed closing time for the venue.

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:24
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Premises Licence Application 18/00292/LAPREM

Sent: 11 February 2018 19:59
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Premises Licence Application 18/00292/LAPREM

RE Premises Licence application 18/00292/LAPREM.

I would like to object to the above application as I believe the granting of this licence would be contrary to the licensing objectives:

1. The prevention of crime and disorder: I understand that the number of police officers operating past 2am in the whole city is as low as 8 officers. Should this application be granted there will be a venue in Albert Road serving alcohol until 4am. I am concerned that groups of drunk men leaving the establishment in the early hours of the morning increases the risk of violent crime and disorder, and believe that the city does not have the policing resources to manage such an increase.
2. Public safety: concerns for public safety for reasons stated above.
3. The prevention of public nuisance: Albert Road is a largely residential area. Living accommodation is found above most shops and business on the road itself and all roads coming off from the road are all residential. Having a venue open until 4am seven days a week will serve only to increase public nuisance. It will cause additional noise from traffic, people standing outside of the venue smoking and, in all likelihood, noise from groups of men who are drunk and being verbally noisy.
4. The protection of children from harm: The granting of this licence is not consistent with this objective. The Wedgewood Rooms, next door to this property, hosts events which young teenagers regularly attend. The events at the Wedgewood Rooms would oftentimes finish at the same time as groups or individuals are likely to be arriving at the proposed venue, having left other venues which close at a more sociable hour. I believe this poses an increased risk of harassment, particularly of young girls who use the Wedgewood Rooms.

As a lifelong resident of Portsmouth, a regular patron of Albert Road and someone who has family members and friends living in the area I feel the most appropriate course of action would be to reject this premises licence application.

Received 12/02/2018

Your Ref: No 18/00292/LAPREM applicant - Wellhot Ltd – Ground Floor of 149 Albert Road Southsea.

[REDACTED]

We wish to object to the granting of an Alcohol License at 149 Albert ROAD Southsea between the hours of 9pm - 4am. Nowhere in the Albert Road does this time scale exist.

This schedule closing time is unprecedented on Albert Road and delivers a threat to the health and safety of the public.

It is acknowledged by the police that most of the crimes against people and property occur as a result of the consumption of alcohol. It is also well known and acknowledged by Portsmouth City Council that Portsmouth has an alcohol problem which affects the efficient running of the local health service, i.e. A and E at Queen Alexandra Hospital. The additional granting of a license would add to and damage the public health aims of the city. It would also compromise the safety of the public on Albert Road. We have seen over the past few years certain pubs have applied to lengthen their opening hours to protect their commercial interests for example:- from closing at 11.30pm – 1.30am to keep customers in their pubs. This has had an adverse effect on our sleep patterns.

It is our contention that within months some pubs will also apply for a 4am closing to protect their financial take on the bar. However, before this comes about customers will migrate from pubs that close at 1.30am and be looking for places to drink beyond that time and of course they will make for 149 Albert Road, if you grant this License.

Residents of Albert Road will have to endure this migration, which will be accompanied by shouting and screaming as it is at present. It is not clear how the licensing at 149 Albert Road will deal with the arrival of already 'well fuelled' potential customers, whatever the outcome there is a threat to the public good, the rights of residents to a good night's sleep and the general wellbeing of the area. Will it be well policed? No it won't! because we are continually cutting Police numbers through austerity cuts.

The granting of an alcohol license at 149 Albert Road is contrary to the public good.

The floor plans – As part of our objection to the licensing we have had cause to look at the plans for both floors of 149 Albert Road. What we find is a cavalier approach to the production values of the plans – illegible writing with omissions of key information, no disabled access indicated, no fire escape noted, no capacity numbers. Does the applicant care about the health and safety of potential workers and clients. Which ever, a respectable authority should turn down this application on these grounds alone.

[REDACTED]

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:21
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW:

[REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2018 23:11
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject:

To Whom it may concern

I wish to object to the premises licence application ref: 18/00292/LAPREM..

I have an interest in this application because I am a local resident in Gains Road, within the immediate vicinity of the proposed premises and am a regular user of the facilities offered by Albert Rd .

I object to the application on the following grounds:

Objection 1:

Grounds for objection – Failure to promote the prevention of crime and disorder

Reasons for objections:

1. There is the potential for increased crime and disorder with customers of this proposed venue arriving from elsewhere in the city, at a time when other venues on Albert Road are closed for the night. It has been demonstrated in other cities with such sex establishments that there is a general rise in crime and disorder within the immediate vicinity of the venues.
2. In addition, there is a lack of police availability after the hours of 2am meaning that crime and disorder would go undeterred by the lack of a police presence on the street. With the on-going cuts to the police service the capacity of the police to offer PCSOs and Police Officers on the streets late at night will be severely affected.

Objection 2:

Grounds for objection – Failure to promote the prevention of public nuisance

Reasons for objections:

1. The use of the premises up to 4am will have an added impact on the already compromised parking arrangements within the vicinity of the premises. Those attending the premises that have not parked will require collecting by taxi or other vehicles at a time early in the morning which will affect the nearby local residents on Harold Road, Trevor Road, Beatrice Road and Leopold Road, and other surrounding areas which are built up residential areas of young families.
2. Notwithstanding the vehicular impact on the local area, no other venues within Albert Road have licences to open beyond 2am and, in practice, none open beyond 1am. The impact of having customers

arriving and up to 100 people leaving the premises beyond these hours up to 4am and congregating outside the premises to smoke and converse would cause additional public nuisance to the local residents.

Objection 3:

Grounds for objection – Failure to promote the protection of children from harm

Reasons for objections:

1. Within the immediate vicinity of the proposed premises, you have both the Wedgewood Rooms and the Havelock Community Centre which host events with local colleges and for young people to attend. These events will often overlap in time with the arrival of customers to the lap dancing club and, as such, children will be coming into direct contact with people attending the sex establishment which is directly contrary to the licensing objectives of the Council.

2. In addition, local schools and churches such as St. Swithun's Church and Craneswater Junior School often have events and services which overlap with the proposed opening times of the venue which would again bring children into direct contact with the venue, such as being directly contrary to the licensing objectives of the Council.

