

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 08 February 2018 08:30
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek; Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: 1/00292/LAPREM and 1800467/SEXEST

Sent: 07 February 2018 15:45
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 1/00292/LAPREM and 1800467/SEXEST

REF: 1/00292/LAPREM and 1800467/SEXEST

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to object to the proposed Licensing application as referenced above at 149 Albert Road in Southsea. I am a Local business owner and a local resident

My objections are not necessarily regarding the availability of sexual entertainment for those that need it but more simply the need for sexual entertainment until 3/4 am in the morning.

I can see no benefit to traders or residents by the lap dancing club remaining open as proposed. Other than the lap dancing clubs profits being larger and also perhaps a small increase in trade for the late night fast food and convenience store outlets that will follow the proposed 4 am opening times, no one gains. Can anyone tell me who benefits from a sexual entertainment club remaining open until 4 am and how many people will be better off? Surely there is no need to open past 2 am which is the time the Wedgewood Rooms (almost next door) close.

By remaining open until 4 am the negatives for residents and 'day-time' businesses far outweigh the any positives the owners of the club may put forward.

1) Albert Road is a busy night time venue. With its many pubs, bars and restaurants many people come to enjoy it but most have left by midnight with stragglers staying, particularly at weekends, until 1 am, with the Wedgewood Rooms customers leaving by 2 am. The Road then settles down for the night, with traffic noise, outside pavement smokers and customers walking home falling to a minimum. However, should the sexual entertainment club remain open past this hour until 4 am this will obviously change the dynamics in Albert Road. The club owners only care about their increased profits and have no regard how by remaining open until 4 am this could affect everyone else.

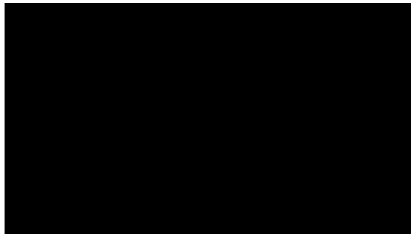
2) The potential problems associated with greater alcohol consumption is well documented within many inner city's throughout the UK. The potential for increased noise, disturbances, crime and vandalism all increase. 'Pavement smokers' are very loud after drinking for many hours and do not think about others trying to sleep, arguments over taxis, occasional (hopefully) fights between customers who may well have been drinking in excess of 6 hours are all obvious potential problems. Noise from taxis arriving and leaving will increase, as well as a greater potential for police sirens being heard if disturbances should arise. Maybe beggars will 'hang around' longer and 'undesirables' from the drug world can all operate better during these early morning hours when police presence is at its lowest.

3) The owners of this sexual entertainment club may argue that in its present location in Waverley Road, they are not experiencing these problems, but its present location is 'out of the way' and not in the main stream of the Albert Road 'crawl'. With this venue proposing to remain open until 4 am it will only encourage people to remain in the area longer and drink a lot more. With at least 15 bars within a 5 minute walk radius presently closing between 12 and 2 am, staying open for another 2 hours will obviously attract those that don't want the night to end. It's what the owners are hoping for and why they want to relocate. Many people presently either drift home or move to Commercial Road and Gunwarf. Now the people who may have gone home will all be able to remain in the local area and drink and be sexually entertained for

longer. They will also potentially be able to create more noise, get abusive and cause more disturbance and fight the more alcohol is consumed. Whether is be young men or girls in stag or hen parties, student nights out or local residents, many will decide to gravitate to a 'last pint' in the only place to be open after 2 am and only a 5 min walk away with the potential negatives by nature becoming more of a certainty then a possibility.

4) As a business owner I have been saddened by the Councils failure to attract more offices, professional organisations and shops into Albert Road. Its decline as a shopping center is obvious and its rise as a night time venue has driven this. While noting a separate retail unit to open below the sexual entertainment club which may or may not be utilized, I understand the Council's 'thoughts' that an occupied premises is better than another boarded up unit and will not only supply a business rate but also, hopefully, upgrade the area and attract greater footfall. However, I do not understand how the Council think it will help to increase my trade during the day. More accurately, as a 'day-time trader', I can only hope that by allowing more people in Albert Road at night for an extra 2 hours drinking until 4 am with all the associated potential problems as proposed, will not result in potentially a greater risk of break-ins, windows being broken and shop alarms being set off, vandalism, and with myself having to wash down the front of my premises (a 1.5 min walk from the venue) cleaning up discarded rubbish, urine or vomit more than I have to at present with most bars closing well before 2 am.

Finally, I have given up the hope in the Council trying to rejuvenate Albert Road as a business or shopping centre. I can only but hope that the Council and Licensing dept. listen to my concerns over the proposed opening of a sexual entertainment club until 4 am and, at the very least, restrict its operating times to 2 am at the latest. There are no benefits for myself or my business or for any other day time operator in allowing this venue to open until 4 am and only potential problems, lost sleep and stress as a direct result of the potential increased footfall, alcohol consumption and criminal behavior associated and documented with late night, very early morning, drinking.



From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 06 February 2018 17:03
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Lap Dancing Club Albert Road

Sent: 06 February 2018 16:32
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Lap Dancing Club Albert Road

11. We wish to register our opposition to the creation of a lap dancing club in the former Conservative club premises in Albert Road.

We feel that this would not fit in with the character of the area and the general family friendly and arts based culture that Albert Road traders and residents have worked hard to build up over the years.

The reasons for refusal outlined below reflect our concerns well.

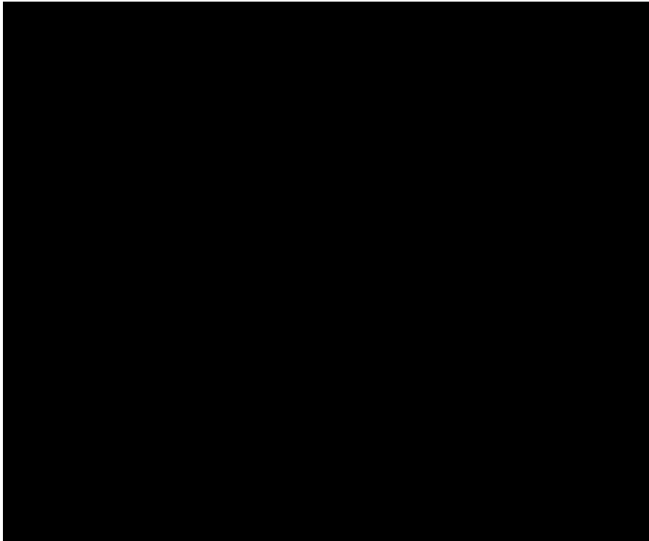
7.11 d) Character of the relevant locality

Applicants should be aware that the Licensing Authority may refuse a licence on this ground regardless of what may or may not be an appropriate number of sex establishment licences within the locality.

In considering whether it is appropriate to grant a licence having regard to the character of the relevant locality, the Licensing Authority will take account of the following factors, together with such other factors as may be considered relevant in the individual circumstances of the case:

- The general character of the area (e.g. family residential, family leisure or educational area);
- The impact of the premises on the character of the area;
- The current use for night-time leisure activities including existing sufficient representation of sex-orientated uses;
- Gender equality issues, including whether the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably (or at all);
- Raising the fear of crime in the locality should further sex-orientated uses be authorised;
- Effects upon regeneration and tourism in the area;
- Level of genuine demand (including the risk that excess supply would drive down

We are further concerned to hear that the premises is seeking an alcohol licence until 4am - whilst Albert Road itself is a lively place, it is closely bordered on both sides by residential areas.



From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 07 February 2018 08:07
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: I wish to object to the premises licence application ref: 18/00292/LAPREM.

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Sent: 06 February 2018 19:25
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: I wish to object to the premises licence application ref: 18/00292/LAPREM.

Forwarded Message

[REDACTED]

To: "licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk" <licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018, 19:21
Subject: Objection to proposed Sex Establishment Venue

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

I have an interest in this matter because I have a school-age child living in Milton and we frequently shop on Albert Road and we also go to visit my daughter's Grandparents, and Albert Road is on the route to where they live.

I am also a woman and I don't have a car. I take it as my right to walk any street in the city where I live without fear of being harassed, intimidated or assaulted by men.

My grounds for objection are that the Council's Sex Establishment Venue policy states that the acceptable number of Sex Establishment Venues in Portsmouth is nil. Therefore the license cannot be granted without contravening Council policy.

Should a Sex Establishment Venue be granted a license, it should not be near either schools, places of worship or tourist attractions. St Swithun's school and Church, Craneswater Junior and Southsea Infant schools are all near the site of the proposed Sex Establishment Venue, as is the King's Theatre.

I am also concerned that there is no extra police cover after 2 am in the morning, and there would be a resultant increased risk of crime, from men leaving the Sex Establishment Venue. I also assert that it would be women who would be most at risk from those leaving the proposed establishment in the small hours of the morning. I am concerned that if the proposed sexual entertainment venue were to be licensed, there is likely to be an increase in the following crimes:- Sexual offences; • Offences involving prostitution, drugs, dishonesty or violence. As a woman I would therefore be deterred from safely using Albert Road at night.

The character of the area is at risk of changing from a street of independent traders, cafes, and food shops which is safe, accessible and welcoming to all to one which favours one gender only and is threatening to gender equality.

For all these reasons I object very strongly to granting a license for a Sexual Entertainment Venue on Albert Road.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 07 February 2018 08:07
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Objection to the alcohol and sex establishment licence application for 149 Albert Road
Attachments: Sex establishment_objection.docx

[REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2018 20:26
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to the alcohol and sex establishment licence application for 149 Albert Road

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached my objection to the alcohol and sex establishment license application for 149 Albert Road.



[REDACTED]

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

6th February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to formally object to the licensing application for 149 Albert Road (alcohol licence 18/00292/LAPREM and Sex Establishment Application Number 18/00467/SEXEST).

I have an interest in these applications because I live in the vicinity of the establishment and my family and I frequently shop, eat and use Albert Road.

I object to the applications on the following grounds:

Objection 1:

Grounds for objection – The number of sex establishments, or sex establishments of a particular kind, in the relevant locality at the time the application is made is equal to or exceeds the number which the authority consider is appropriate for that locality

Reasons for objections: In 2012, Portsmouth City Council adopted a policy stating that it would not allow any sex establishment licences to be granted in the city. This was based on the council's view that such establishments did not fit in with the council's vision for the city (see section 7.10 of the council sex establishment licensing policy). Has the council's vision for the city changed? Have local residents been consulted? Why is a new licence being granted when it clearly contradicts this policy?

Objection 2:

Grounds for objection – The impact on the general character of the area

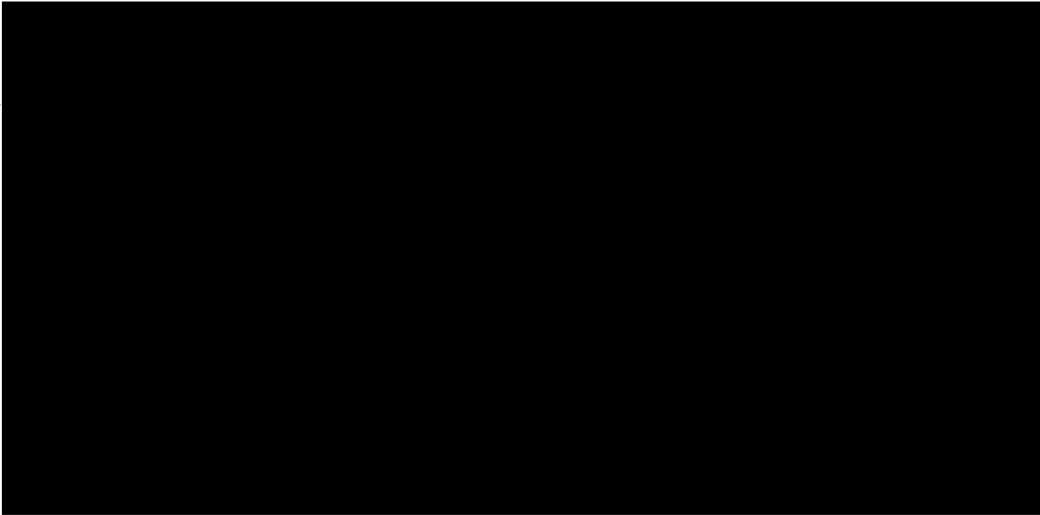
Reasons for objections: Albert Road is a thriving part of the city with independent shops, cafes and restaurants and is popular with young and old, during the day and night, including with visitors and tourists. I strongly believe that a sex establishment will have a deleterious effect on the shops and food outlets in the vicinity and will deter visitors and tourists from coming to the area.

Objection 3:

Grounds for objection - Gender equality issues, including whether the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably or at all

Reasons for objections: As a woman living in the vicinity of the venue and as a mother of teenage children, particularly a teenage girl, I am deeply concerned about

the effect a sex establishment will have on my daughter's safety, my own safety and the safety of other women. Academic research has linked lap-dancing to trafficking, prostitution and an increase in male sexual violence against both the women who work in the clubs and those who live and work in their vicinity. To date, I have always felt safe to walk home alone along Albert Road after a night out with friends but I will no longer feel that way should this establishment be allowed. On the point of gender equality, I would also like to know if a thorough equality impact assessment has been carried out.



Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 February 2018 18:36
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: Licence application 18/00292/LAPREM (149 Albert Road, Southsea)

> Dear Sir/Madam,

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> Re; Licence application 18/00292/LAPREM (149 Albert Road, Southsea)

> I am writing to register my objections to the granting of the Premises License for the above property. I believe that the club owner proposes to host events at the address and to serve alcohol from 21.00 hours until 04.00 hours, up to seven night per week. I think that the granting of this license would have a detrimental effect on the locality and that it will not be possible for the proprietor to uphold the objectives in the licensing policy of Portsmouth City Council.

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> I have set out my objections below, I do hope that they are considered fully;

> • The premises (147 Albert Road) is directly adjacent to the Wedgewood Rooms where regular events are held for younger people. Most of these popular events take place whilst it is proposed the new club will also be open and so we will be experiencing a real risk of children being negatively affected by what they see and hear.

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> This club, if given the go-ahead to serve alcohol for as long as proposed, will clearly make it impossible for the proprietor to support the Council's policy requirement for them to 'protect children from harm'.

> • The proposed club will attract large numbers of – almost exclusively - male revelers, 'stag' parties and the like who will spend time on Albert Road where they wouldn't have been if the club wasn't there. There are already numerous clubs and bars in the area, as well as then large music venue next door, where patrons have to congregate outside to await entering the venue, gather to smoke and/or to await taxis/transportation home at the end of their evening out.

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> The additional revelers in this already busy environment will inevitably lead to more (perhaps unintended) alcohol-fueled intimidation and possibly violence. For example, I am a local female resident who already finds Albert Road a challenging place to negotiate on my way home late in the evening or at the weekend. It can often be a frightening experience for me (despite the presence of security staff along the street) as a woman and it will consequently become a no-go area for me if there are even more young men (under the influence of alcohol) present. I believe it will also be intimidating for any other woman to negotiate the street late at night and certainly would not want my daughter or her friends to have to confront this.

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> Moreover, those frequenting the club will add to the numbers of noisy revellers already walking around the area on their way home in the small hours. None of the other premises in the area open as late as the proposed club will, thereby the noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour already being experienced by many local residents, will be made significantly worse as it will potentially last an additional few hours. When one considers the reduction in police officer numbers in recent months – with no promise of a change in this policy – it is clear that it won't be possible for our over-stretched police force to manage.

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> Additionally, the parking situation in central Southsea is already beyond difficult. We live just off the far end of Albert Road (approx. 1/2 a mile away) and WE struggle to park after 6pm in the evening or at weekends. The residents who live closer to this proposed club will find parking impossible if this application is granted, thereby having a knock-on/ripple effect towards us.

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> Therefore it will be impossible for the licensee, as per the Council's licensing guidelines, to support the objectives of 'preventing crime and disorder', 'guarantee public safety' and 'prevent public nuisance'.

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> • The character of Albert Road really needs to be protected too. For most of the week it is a quirky, friendly and unique area in our city. Whereas many areas of too many towns and cities are almost an 'identi-kit' version of each other, with the same shops, bars, restaurant and pub chains visible. Albert Road is a shining example of a place where one can visit independent traders with young family and friends and all feel safe and welcome. A club of this nature will have a significant and detrimental effect on this environment. Local pride in the "Independent Republic of Albert Road" has been slowly eroding with the granting of planning consent for large chains such as Costa Coffee and Subway (also affecting local traders' ability to earn a living by allowing unfair competition) and this trend needs to be reversed by allowing local residents to have their concerns listened to and the unique character of Albert Road protected.

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> And further, when one reflects upon the additional hours of drinking alcohol proposed by this club's proprietor, it will clearly result in a rise in the amount of alcohol being consumed by large numbers of those frequenting the club.

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> My opinion is that the granting of this license will adversely affect public health as the club proprietor will not be able to promote this as the Council's guidelines demand.

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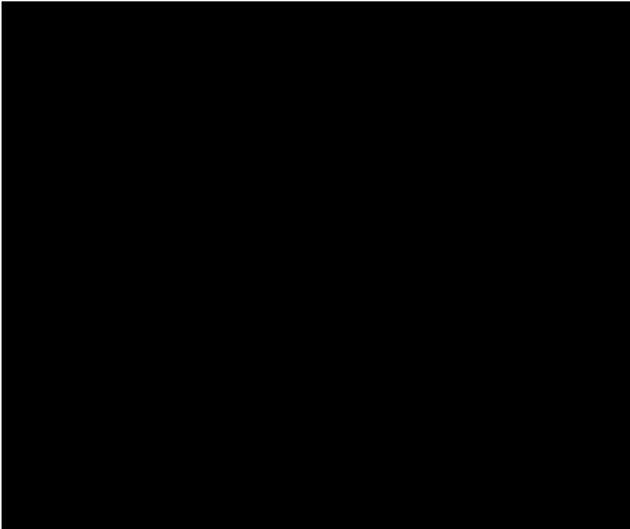
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> I am also opposed to the granting of a Sex Entertainment Venue license for the above premises. A number of my objections are similar to those above so I will set them out in a separate document to assist you in ensuring my feedback on BOTH applications is fully noted.

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> Yours sincerely

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Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 February 2018 18:38
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: Licence application 18/00467/SEXEST (149 Albert Road, Southsea)

> Dear Sir/Madam

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> Re; Licence application 18/00467/SEXEST (149 Albert Road, Southsea)

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> I have set out my objections below, I do hope that they are considered fully;

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> • The premises (147 Albert Road) is in the close vicinity of two schools and a community centre (often used as a place for children to meet) which, although not open during the proposed opening of the club, will still necessitate dozens (if not hundreds) of children of all ages walking past the premises at least twice per day during term time. Parents will be forced to explain the establishment's nature of business to curious children. The same is true for the teachers who spend their days with pupils who ask questions. When this is added to the regular events held at the neighbouring music venue for younger people – when the proposed club is OPEN - we will be experiencing a real risk of children being affected by what they see.

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> The additional revelers in this already busy environment will inevitably lead to more (perhaps unintended) alcohol-fueled intimidation. I am a local female resident and I already find Albert Road a challenging place to negotiate on my way home late in the evening or at the weekend. It can often be a frightening experience for me (despite the presence of security staff along the street) as I am frequently accosted by drunken men. If the new club is granted this license it will become a no-go area for me as there will be even more young men present. I imagine it will be similarly intimidating for any other women needing to negotiate the street late at night and I certainly would not want my daughter and her friends to have to encounter such an experience.

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> Moreover, those frequenting the club will add to the numbers of noisy revelers already walking around the area on their way home in the small hours. None of the other premises in the area open as late as the proposed club will, thereby the noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour already being experienced by many local residents, will be made significantly worse as it will potentially last an additional few hours.

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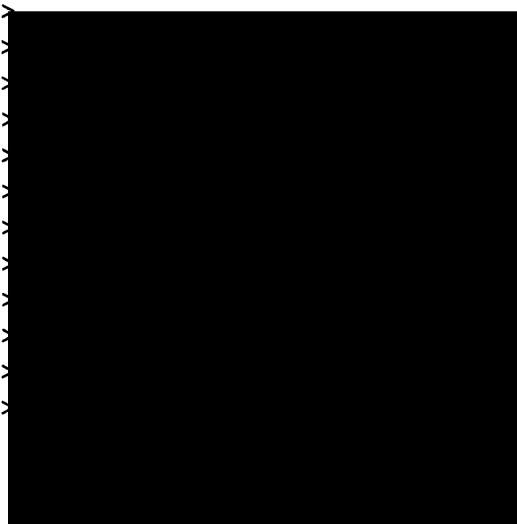
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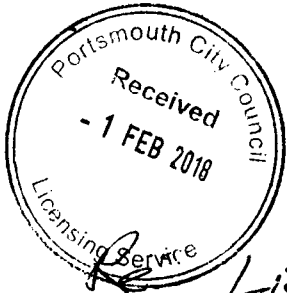
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31.1.18.

Licence application: 18/00292/LAPREM.

I have been a resident of Leopold St. since 1998 and enjoy living here for many reasons. However over the years I've seen many changes along Albert Rd - some positive, others not!

I'm horrified at the thought of a Lap Dancing club with a licence to ~~open~~ open in the morning, being allowed at 149 Albert Rd.

Albert Rd has many pubs, bars, cafes etc already and the pubs/bars with extension hours do the weekend already cause rowdiness and antisocial ~~other~~ behaviour... A lap dancing venue would only exacerbate existing problems.

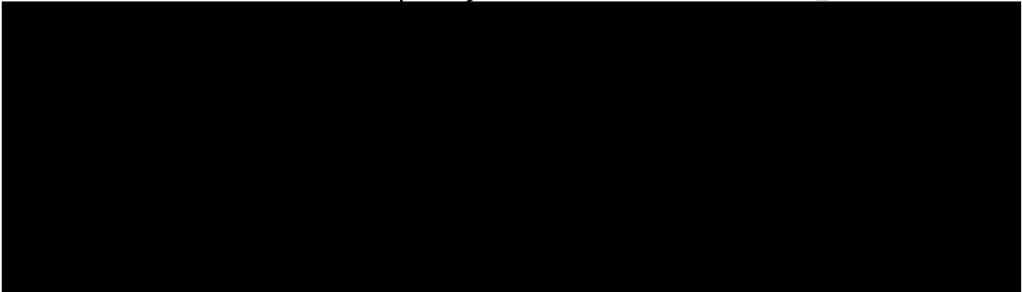
My property has been subjected to drunks urinating on the wall, my car wing mirror smashed, a hanging basket vandalised many times and the alley way opposite my house, the site of sexual behaviour I found hard to believe. Add to this the

noise especially from the Bold Tents
and the difficulties parking!

I personally have been
verbally abused and ignored
when trying to turn the corner
by the Hoopold, by chert's there
blocking the pavement.

No longer do I feel safe walking
along West Rd in the evenings,
especially the weekends.

I can only hope that
wisdom and respect for
residents here and the
community as a whole,
will prevail and there
will be no lap dancing
club.



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Directorate of Culture and City Development
Licensing Service Portsmouth City Council
Civic Offices
Guildhall Square
PORSMOUTH PO1 2AL

Monday 5TH February 2018

Derek Stone Case Officer

**Your ref NO : Sex Establishment 16/0047/sexest
applicant Mr Jaspal Singh Oijla**

LOCATION: First Floor, 149 Albert Road, Southsea, PO4 0JW
PROPOSAL: to open the establishment mentioned as above.

With reference to the above application we are writing to oppose the granting of a Sex License on the grounds that this would undermine the core strategy as stated by the Licensing Authority which reached the preliminary conclusion that there is no place within the City of Portsmouth of which a sex establishment could be situated in a residential area so densely packed as Albert Road.

Quote Paragraphs 7.11. 7.14 and 7.15. 7.17 Sex License Policy.

Our objections revolve around these paragraphs 7.11 – 7.14 – 7.15 – 7.17

It is clear that the applicant has failed to consider the impact his business will have on the area. In fact he seems to see Albert road as a blank canvas on which the only business on the road is his.

7.11 Character of the relevant locality.

Albert Road is the spine of the local area, residential Roads and streets radiate off it's linier mile. One of the strength's which the city recognises, is the vitality of the road and the way local people use it for general and specific reasons – these vary from eating out, going to the Theatre, using its major Music Venue to having a haircut or just browsing to enjoy the unusual shops and coffee bars. In short Albert Road is a diverse, family friendly locality. Of all the businesses and venues on Albert Road we can think of none that exclude families or adults with children.

The granting of a license for Sexual entertainment at 149 Albert Road will mean families will be excluded making it a unwelcome first for Albert Road.

GENDER EQUALITY – The whole point of Lap Dancing is gender inequality females are the performers, males by enlarge are the consumers of the performance.

The performance revolves around a metaphorical surrender of the female body to the male gaze. The female presents herself as flesh to be potentially consumed by the male. This is not about an exchange of ideas done on an equal footing and whilst there may well be regulation and lawful restrictions the attitudes that are promulgated by businesses such as Lap Dancing are based around gender inequality – the perception of the performer as a ‘LESSER’ human being are carried on into everyday life.

RAISING THE FEAR OF CRIME.

Crime in all its manifestations is ever present in our society and the fear of crime is in fact a more potent feeling than actual experience, but maybe what drives the fear of crime now is the lack of adequate LAW ENFORCEMENT. There are simply not enough Police on duty particularly, late at night and early morning to deal with situations of an explosive nature. This is not an uncontested fact as the police have admitted this themselves.

How are all the regulations related to the licensing 149 Albert Road to be enforced, particularly those relating to the external effects of late night clients and workers leaving the premises, when there is no Police presence on the road to prevent a serious escalation of noise, violence and any street crime?

For example – At the Junction of Albert Road west by the traffic island we have experienced the lack of a Police presence at a serious incident outside our property several weeks ago on the weekend. In short, there was a fight involving 20 or more individuals, which started in a pub and spilled out onto Albert Road the fight was contained by 9 door staff from surrounding pubs and at no point was there any police presence. Door staff were called from a number of pubs to offer assistance - they were excellent, but this is not the point – another crime not on the radar. The incident centred around a male striking people with a hammer.

In an environment where testosterone levels are raised and alcohol is abundant the chances of aggressive behaviour are increased and we repeat that after certain hour on Albert road there is little chance of police being present to prevent criminality. So the granting of a license to this venue will only add to the adverse atmosphere on the road and the welfare of the residents and visitors.

PARAGRAPHS 7.14 - 7.15 sex License policy.

We consider these two paragraphs to be related

Quoting from 7.15 that the applicant should be aware that applying for a sex establishment would normally be refused if they are proposed to be in the vicinity of Places of worship, Leisure Centres, Parks, Youth Centres, Historic Buildings Education Premises, Schools and Play areas, Swimming Pools, Tourist Attractions or any other similar premises.

As we have already said Albert Road is a diverse family friendly locality so it will come as no surprise that 149 Albert Road is surrounded by the very venues that would preclude the granting of a sex license. They are :-

1. Craneswater School
2. Southsea Infant School
3. St Swithins Community Sports Hall
4. Salvation Army [Lighthouse Centre]

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]

5. The Havelock Centre
6. Kings Youth Theatre and Circus skill use The Wedgewood Rooms for fundraising events and rehearsals.
7. Trinity Church Halls are used for Ballet lessons, Junior football and Theatre rehearsals- [Phoenix Players], local Brownie and Cubs Groups during the evening and on most evenings. Activities are displayed in the foyer of the Church.
8. Southsea Yoga workshop is yet another venue.
9. The Wedgewood Rooms Music venue is well, attended by young people.

It should be recognised that all of the above hold day and evening Classes, workshops and entertainment for people of all ages.

We understand that a number of these venues are governed by the terms and conditions applied by Ofsted and wonder what Ofsted would think of a sex establishment being on their doorstep.

Summing Up - Albert Road.

Portsmouth City Council has played a significant role in the ongoing regeneration of Albert therefore to now bring a Sex Establishment to the road can only undermine our collective efforts and send out a negative message to its residents and people who are looking to come and live in the surrounding streets.

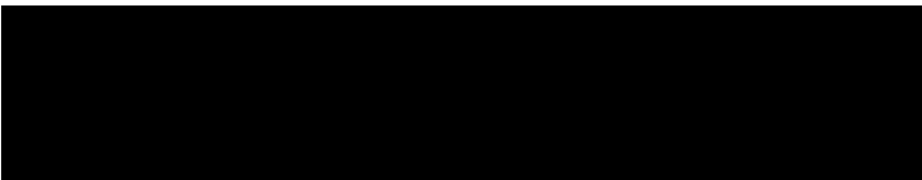
7.17 Layout character or condition

On looking at the plans we cannot find any indication that there is any provision for disabled access. We also fail to see adequate sight lines for the booths, supposedly there to protect the workers. The applicant has not indicated where the sight lines are on the plans and also there appear to be no fire exit from the first or second floor the plans verge on eligible and are not fit for purpose.

We are now placing our faith in Portsmouth City Council Licensing directorate to turn down this application for a sex license on the above grounds.

Thank you for your time.





To - Directorate of Culture and City Development
Licensing Service Portsmouth City Council
Civic Offices
Guildhall Square
PORTSMOUTH PO1 2AL

Derek Stone Case Officer

Monday 5TH February 2018

**Your ref No : Sex Establishment 18/0047/sexest applicant
Mr Jaspal Singh Ojla**

**LOCATION: First Floor, 149 Albert Road, Southsea, PO4 0JW
PROPOSAL: to open a sex establishment in Albert Road, SOUTHSEA.**

Dear Council and Case Officer

On behalf of a significant number of Traders in Albert Road I as Chair person am writing to object to a license being granted to place a SEX EXTABLISHMENT in the heart of Albert Roads heavily populated and diverse community.

Albert Road - background and character of the area.
7.11 of the Sex Licensing Authority.

Albert Road, Southsea is an area of Regeneration within the city of Portsmouth. Over the past 8 years Albert Road Traders Association has been awarded no less than 4 grants from the Arts Council Of England, Love Your Street, Portsmouth City Council and what was Southsea Town Council to regenerate Albert Road, Southsea.. The Kings Theatre and Trinity Methodist Church as Historic Buildings have also been granted additional money from The Arts Council of England, Heritage England and Portsmouth City Council. As part of the partnership we share a vision to promote community cohesion and a safe place for residents and visitors to live work and play.

Albert Road Traders and Residents are seeking ways through which we can eliminate weaknesses to develop and reinforce the strengths, which bind our community together one of which is a place of safety for all age groups, a place of welcome and one to visit without fear of harm. To introduce a place of Sexual entertainment will undermine our confidence in trusting Portsmouth's Local Strategic Partnership strategy document which states " the licensing Authority has reached the preliminary conclusion that there is no place within the City of Portsmouth of which it could be said that it was situated in a locality in which it would be appropriate to license a sex establishment" and to make Portsmouth a City where everyone feels safe. ARTA can assure Council – a significant number of Traders and residents do not feel safe with regard to the proposed Lap Dancing License being applied for.

Residents feel to extend opening hours to 4am in the morning to aid the performance nature of this club will add to the distress already caused by noise nuisance from people fuelled with alcohol spilling onto the streets, slamming taxi doors at such late and early hours of the day it will cause stress and sleep deprivation which in turn does cause illness to those it is inflicted upon.

We are proud as an organisation to have added to the regeneration of Albert Road by working with the community over a 10 year period and through our collective efforts with Portsmouth City Council, The Arts Council of England, other Albert Road Traders, the public and visitors we feel everyone has played a major role on our immediate landscape. In short we hold Pride of Place in our Hearts for Albert Road and therefore to allow a sex establishment into our close knit community of residents and traders will undermine the confidence and respect we have developed with the Council.

Visitors praise Albert Road for defying popular trends to become a mono culture a Road that looks the same as everywhere else, we are not – we are in fact only one road in a few throughout the country who have proved Independent traders can continue to make a difference to the city and to its Tourist attractions. A Sex Club was never in our sights when we set about our quest to regenerate the road and should not in our opinion, be allowed to be placed in the heart of Southsea's Albert Road.

7.14 and 7.15 of the Sex Licensing Authority -
Additionally and without prejudice Albert Road and the Community is made up of
3 local schools
2 Places of worship, 2 of which hold evening classes and or Theatre groups
2 leisure/ youth Centres one of which is allied to a church
1 Yoga Gym.
2 Historic architect designed buildings.
A music venue [which is rated in the top 5 venues in the UK] that supports and welcomes, small children and teenagers through workshop programmes it helps promote circus skill, dance and live music in a safe environment for the whole community.

To propose a Lap dancing club be housed in this location, we feel is clearly out of character with the area. We draw your attention to the fact that educational workshops in some of these premises are subject to Ofsted reports - It begs the question what will Ofsted make of the Council ignoring its own core strategy on health and safety for children and the wider public.

Whilst the Police say they will not oppose the club's opening hours - they also maintain –“we have no idea how we will police it”??? Not an answer that instils confidence in the community – So who will and what powers will they have? None we expect.

Albert Road Traders Association wish to make it clear – we understand there are individuals who will use sex establishments and we do not stand in judgement of them or the owners of 149 Albert Road who wish to open a LAP dancing club there. However, there are already 2 establishments currently operating in the city there is clearly no need for a 3rd even if there is a promise to relinquish one of them. We feel

the Council has been generous in its allocation of 2 other premises which currently is sufficient to support Mr Ojla client's needs. For example - Surrey Street in Portsmouth being the preferred venue which is discrete, near a car park/taxi rank and a railway station.

With this in mind we urge Portsmouth City Council – Licensing department to uphold the core strategy/Portsmouth plan and refuse permission for this kind sex o establishment to be a part of Albert Roads highly populated community area, which is supporting regeneration, the development of tourism to the area, the refurbishment of two Historic Landmark Buildings, local schools, existing bars and restaurants in a sensitive and multicultural area.

Your Ref: No 18/00292/LAPREM applicant - Wellhot Ltd

149 Albert Road ground floor.

No where in Albert Road does this time scale operate [opening hours until 4am.

1. This notion of applying to extend licensing hour until 4 am will only set a precedent for other bars and pubs to apply for the same extended licensing hours, - Evidence of this has already been documented by resident and traders who attended a meeting with publicans who wished to extend their licensing hours from 11.30pm - 1.30am to be inline with other pubs in Portsmouth who have already been granted an extension. – their argument being “ the 11.30pm closing time meant their customers leaving their pub in droves at 10.30pm to make sure they gained entry into the bars and pubs with the extension (until 1.30am]. The extension has been allowed in Albert Road/Victoria Road South consequently the noise nuisance impact from people, cars and taxi's is even now unacceptable on the road and in the adjoining streets that spur off Albert Road. Revellers cause sleep deprivation on a nightly basis to residents in the vicinity extending up to the hours of 2.30 and sometime 3am in he morning. This is not a situation resident's and traders from the west end of Albert Road would wish to inflict on residents and traders who live in the locality of 149 Albert Road at 4am in the morning.
2. Police numbers have dwindle considerably - we are now given to understand only 8 officers are on duty after 2am. Any number of fracas on a given evening cannot be dealt with by so few a number of Police city wide – [something the Police have already admitted could be a problem for them]. Stephen Morgan – MP for Portsmouth has recently raised concerns in parliament challenging Theresa May to hold talks regarding the crime and disorder and the lack of police safeguarding independent Traders from Crime in Portsmouth. To place some perspective on disorder and the lack of police support we are citing an incident which happened over the last 2 months, 9 doorman from a number of pubs were called together to deal with an individual using a hammer on customers in a pub which led to a street brawl with 20 or so people. Firstly he was removed from the pub on to Albert Road and after approximately 30mins aggressive disturbance in the road he was taken away by his own friends. There was no police presence during this incident. We are puzzled to understand why the police would not oppose these

extended opening hours. It is self evident that some people leaving the Lap Dancing club could well be alcohol fuelled and fired up to cause an affray. How will circumstances like this benefit the health and wellbeing of the local community. In our minds it will only serve to keep visitors away.

3. Following on from this there were a number of premises which had broken windows in this vicinity.
4. Beggars and people dealing in drugs do already migrate to Albert Road during the evenings the additional hours of opening will ultimately encourage their hours of operating along the road. Both these types of nuisance are a thorn in the side for the Police, so much evidence needs to be collected and when it is delivered in a court of law it is more often that not thrown out by the judge. The Police themselves have shared this Knowledge at the Albert Road Trades Association meeting. Therefore to allow a sex license to be granted until 4am will only add to further complication for our decreasing police force.

7.17 Layout character or condition

The plans presented to the Licensing committee appear to be vague and worrying, there is no indication that any provision for people with disabilities can access the building.

We also fail to see adequate sight lines for at least 5 of the booths on the first floor which are supposed to be there to protect the workers from harm or unwanted advances. The applicant has not indicated where the sight lines are on the plans. In addition- Although Fire exits appear in writing on the plan they are not shown on the floor plan. The plans are poorly drafted and on the verge on eligible and are not fit for purpose. This over sight could cost lives.

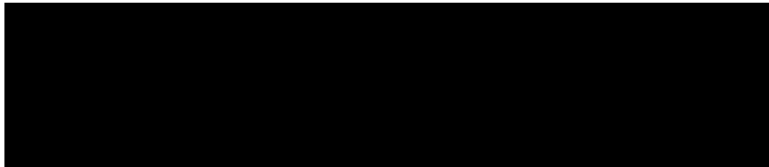
Albert Road Traders Association wish to object to the granting of an alcohol license being granted from 9pm – 4am on a daily basis. Nowhere in this locality does this time scale happen, if opening hours are granted it will set a precedent for others to follow suit.

Residents will suffer from sleep deprivation, noise nuisance such as taxi's and cars coming and going slamming of car doors and elevated voices , singing and chanting as they move off down or up Albert Road. Increased begging will inevitably occur outside the property and possibly a clash of cultures in this regard.

This location is next door to a well known and much loved music venue – The Wedgewood Rooms where youngsters and teenagers meet up to enjoy themselves in a safe environment. The venue has it's own security personal and monitoring of the venue is clearly visible for all to see. Will these children be safe or will be placing them in harms way.

Whilst there may well be no cap on alcohol Licenses we do understand there is a 33 percent cap on any application to open a restaurant at 149 Albert Road. We believe the capacity is exhausted.

We ask you to take into account all the terms and conditions laid out in the Portsmouth Plan and dismiss this application for the benefit of the community.



Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2018 20:04
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: THE PROPOSED OPENING OF THE LAP DANCING ESTABLISHMENT

Dear Ms. Robson,

This email comes to you regarding the proposal of the proposed license to the Albert Road alcohol license and the SEV license of the Lapdancing Club that is planned at 149 Albert road, Southsea

I would like to register my objection to such a proposal.

1. I am a property owner in the vicinity of this proposed club, I feel that this would not only have a resounding effect on the Albert Road and surrounding areas, but will also have a devaluing effect on home owners houses in the area. I also feel that with the late-night opening, past any other venues opening times it can and will result in activities that I wish not to see. The general disturbance and crime will be inflated with the lack of police support that there is in this area.

I walk to work every day down through the albert road, and the street cleaning would need to be increased due to the amount of litter, empty bottles and sick on the streets.

The other thing that I will increase, which comes with an establishment like this, is the increase of drugs. I have seen this happening more in out of hours drinking establishments.

2. The parking is and will always be an issue in the local vicinity and the opening of a late-night club until 4am will increase the lack of parking and disturbances when cars are started at 4 am onwards. ON many evenings when I return home from business meetings, and events, I have to park my car many streets away from the house. I have always felt safe on returning to my home during late evenings, but with the current level of nightlife; however, I have had to deal with intoxicated people walking back from the pubs, with these late licenses the resources in albert road would be stretched even further than it is now would have deal with. I feel would bring an undesirable element associated with such a club to the area and I would no longer feel safe.

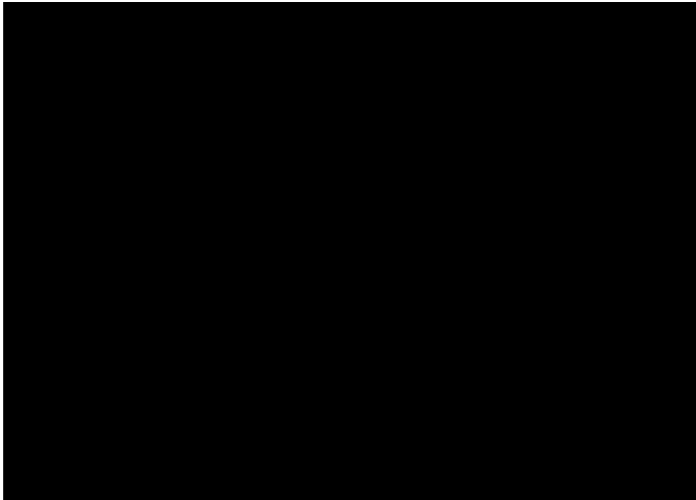
3. The general nuisance of this club opening in a residential and independent road, I feel it would have a very detrimental effect on the surrounding businesses

I would like to bring to this email an understanding of what level of safeguarding that the club would put in place to curb the possibility of unruly behavior that could descend from this establishment?

4. The documentation that is in place states that this sort of venue should not be permissible with the infant and junior schools within very close proximity to the proposed licensed venue, plus there are churches, community centers and also youth events at the venue next door to the proposed site at the Wedgewood Rooms

Concerning this matter can you please tell me what form of advertising will be for the venue? I feel that the venue will degrade the local area and the businesses in this well-loved area Albert Road.

My belief that granting both an alcohol license and an SEV license to such a venue will be damaging and unfavorable to the local community.



Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2018 21:27
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: THE PROPOSED LAPVDANCING ESTABLISHMENT

Dear Ms. Robson,

This is to inform you that I have received your letter regarding the proposed multi

The proposal is for an alcohol license and a SEV license of the Lapdancing Club that is planned on the site of 149 Albert road, Southsea

I would like to register my objection to such a proposed application.

1. As a well-respected multi award winning business owner in Albert Road I feel it would have a disrespectful resounding effect on the area, but will also have a cheapening consequence on the area, the boutique offers the brides late night appointments and also fittings, we open until after 9 on these evenings, to have a Lapdancing club next to my business will have an effect on my business hours. I also offer bridal appointments in the store where our female members of staff would be left to run these appointments, they have declared that they would feel incredibly uncomfortable closing the store with this venue next door to my business. I feel that our business offers the most incredible customer services having been awarded for this on many national and local business awards, I have asked our brides whether this type of club opening next to my store would have changed their decision in buying their gown from us, the answers were "yes they would be wary of bringing themselves and young bridesmaids in to my business and would not wish to see graphic signage right next door to my shop window .my shop widow and boutique has appeared in many national bridal magazines showcasing Albert Road and Southsea as a place to visit. I feel this would impact on my standing in the bridal industry as a multi-national awarded luxury business that would now be viewed as a business in a no-go area as Albert Road will become.

Why should I change my business hours to accommodate such a venue opening? Where he already has the option to have his two venues in the city of Portsmouth!

I feel that with the late-night opening will result in activities that I wish not to see. The general disturbance and crime will be inflated with the lack of police support that there is in this area.

I walk to work every day down through the albert road, and the street cleaning is undesirable at the best of time but it would need to be increased due to the amount of litter, empty bottles and sick on the streets. I pay my rates for this not be seen, and I feel that having a late-night venue opening until 4 am the level of disturbance for our neighborhood and the littering of the area would be amplified

I also have to have shutters on my store for security, who would be responsible when there is hostile behavior that could result in my shutters being damaged? I have been told that I am not able to place cameras outside my store to help with my security

The other thing that it will increase, which comes with an establishment like this, is the increase of drugs. I have seen this happening more in out of hours drinking establishments.

I have also viewed online social media from the evening news coverage and have been appalled by the lewd comments in regarding the connection between my business and the lap dancing club

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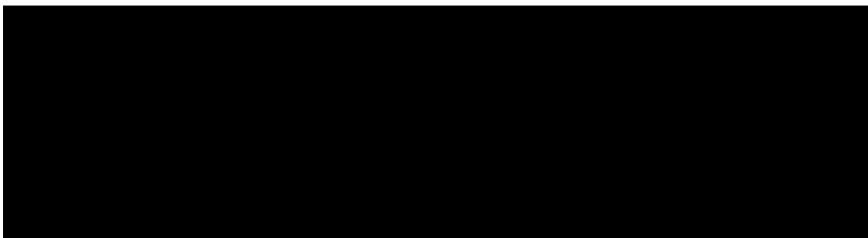
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There is private land also behind this back of my store. Has the landlord been contacted as this is a fire exit! There is a major issue with fly tipping also on this land, how will the club deal with this?

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Robson, Debra

From: Robson, Debra
Sent: 06 February 2018 14:38
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Elegance 149 Albert Road Ref:18/00292/LAPREM

Sent: 30 January 2018 19:42
To: Planning CHD Referrals (CPL)
Subject: Elegance 149 Albert Road Ref:18/00292/LAPREM

The Late Licence will impinge on the lives of the people who live in or near the Albert Road.

They will be at risk from drunken, drugged, disorderly people sexually excited. putting women in danger

Very offensive behaviour.

Peeing in the street.

Sick in the gutter is disgusting .

Sick on the pavement is unforgivable and how will they get themselves home?

Residents who work late will be at risk.

Those who work early shifts will be at risk
NOT A GOOD IDEA.

Robson, Debra

From: Robson, Debra
Sent: 06 February 2018 14:38
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Licenc eapplication 18/00467/SEXEST

Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 6:42 PM
Subject: Licence application 18/00467/SEXEST

Dear Madam or Sir or whom it may concern

1. I have only just discovered that a planning licence application ref: 18/00467/sexest has been made for a sex establishment / Lap Dancing Club in the Albert Road, Southsea. I am very concerned about this application. The Club is adjoining the Wedgewood Rooms, a music club used by teenagers for generations. a safe venue, a fun venue, where excellent Bands have performed for years , and up and coming Bands and singers have made their debuts. It has enjoyed a happy safe place reputation for families and friends to meet and dance and listen to music. When the happy laughing people come out onto the pavement the whole atmosphere will change.

2. There are two schools close by with young children can walk safely, some unattended with friends. This will change. NO sensible parent will want their child to walk past such a venue unattended.

3. My own house is a 4 minute walk away. lots of people will be disturbed by the noise of drunken over stimulated people from the club. There is parking to consider which rightly belongs to residents in the area at night.

Loud voices revving of engines arguments, inappropriate behaviour and not enough Police to deal with any emergency.

4. The Albert Road is a lovely place to walk down, this Club WILL BE BAD publicity for the many independent shops, cafes, restaurants. and businesses.

The near by Waverley Road has struggled over the years to help those with drug addictions onto a better life making it a nicer and safer place to live.

Now this venue turns up . Not a good idea. It could turn everything upside down again.

5. Women and young girls will definitely be at risk. People who work through the night will be at risk

6. There will be noise pollution for all those living in the area 7 days a week.

7. Not a nice area any more. difficult to sell a house .and very definitely drugs will be on the increase again. shops and local businesses will suffer. and close.



Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2018 08:31
To: Robson, Debra; Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Re: sex establishment licence application ref: 18/00467/SEXEST

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the sex establishment licence application ref: 18/00467/SEXEST.

I have an interest in this application because I am a local resident and am concerned about the effect granting this licence will have on my local area and the friends and residents who live and currently enjoy the area.

I object to the application on the following grounds:

Objection 1:

Grounds for objection – the SEV policy states that: *The number of sex establishments, or sex establishments of a particular kind, in the relevant locality at the time the application is made is equal to or exceeds the number which the authority consider is appropriate for that locality.* The number of sex establishments that Portsmouth City Council has deemed appropriate for our city are nil

Reasons for objections:

1. Since the Council has deemed that no sex establishments are permitted, this application should be refused. If not the council will be seen to be going against the very policy they have agreed which also goes against the local residents who elected Councillors, and is not serving the best interests of local people.

Objection 2:

Grounds for objection – The SEV also states that: *The grant would be inappropriate, having regard –*

- i. To the character of the relevant locality;*
- ii. To the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put*

Reasons for objections:

1. I understand that applications for sex establishment licences will normally be refused if they are proposed to be located in the **vicinity of venues such as places of worship, tourist attractions and schools**, all of which can be located in the immediate vicinity of 149 Albert Road. Trinity Methodist Church, St. Swithuns Church, Southsea Infant and Craneswater Junior Schools and the Kings Theatre are all in the immediate vicinity of 149 Albert Road. As such, I fail to understand on what grounds the Council would approve this application

2. 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.

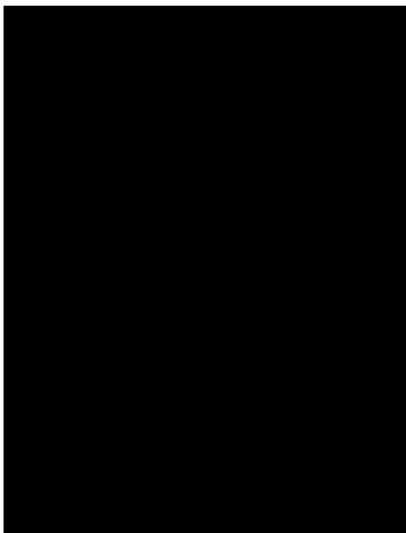
Objection 3:

Grounds for objection – Granting such a licence would make the area unsafe for women and would not enhance the general character of the area

Reasons for objections:

1. As a woman who does visit pubs along Albert Road I currently feel safe walking home at various times. However I would not feel safe walking past this establishment if this application was granted due to the nature of activity that would take place. This would be because there would be a number of (mostly) males leaving the establishment who may be in an aroused state and could take advantage of vulnerable females. In addition I have family members who would also feel unsafe due to this fact.

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Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 08 February 2018 18:09
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Objection to sex establishment licence application ref: 18/00467/SEXEST

[REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2018 17:55
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to sex establishment licence application ref: 18/00467/SEXEST

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the sex establishment licence application ref: 18/00467/SEXEST.

I have an interest in this application because I have been a local resident since 1992 and have a deep affection for my local community. Based in Gains Road I live within the immediate vicinity of the proposed premises and regularly use the facilities offered by the Albert Road shops and establishments as a whole. I have also worked in the city for all this time and have over 30 years experience as a probation officer.

I object to the application on the following grounds, cross-referring the section numbers from the Sex Establishment Venue Policy 2012:

Objection 1:

Grounds for objection – Discretionary ground – 7.1(c) The number of sex establishments
Reasons for objections:

1. In 2012 when the SEV policy was agreed by the Council, which adopted Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009), having considered all contributory factors, it was preliminary concluded that there is no place within the City of Portsmouth of which it could be said that it was situated in a locality in which it would be appropriate to licence a sex establishment.
2. By the Council's own policy, a nil cap policy on SEV was agreed and granted this licence would be directly contrary to the policy agreed in 2012.

Objection 2:

Grounds for objection – Discretionary ground – 7.1(d) Character of the relevant locality
Reasons for objections:

1. The general character of the area within which the proposed SEV is situated is a largely family residential area together with family leisure and educational area. This is contrary to the Council's policy on where any such SEV should be situated. Having brought up 2 children myself in this local area, I am very much aware of the good proximity to school, shops, pharmacies and other invaluable local resources.
2. The impact of the premises on the local area is such that it would have an adverse effect on the local businesses such as the adjacent wedding dress shop and other venues along Albert Road that would not wish to be associated with an SEV.

Objection 3:

Grounds for objection – Discretionary ground – 7.11 Gender Equality Issues
Reasons for objections:

1. By the Council's own policy adopted in 2012, it must be taken into consideration that the proposed use of the SEV would have a direct impact on deterring women from using the area comfortably or at all.

Objection 4:

Grounds for objection – Discretionary ground – 7.11 Effects upon regeneration and tourism in the area

Reasons for objections:

1. By agreeing to licence the use of the SEV in the current location, this could have a disastrous effect on any investment in regeneration of Albert Road – indeed it could be argued that this would have the opposite effect with businesses not willing to invest in an area within which an SEV operates.

2. Albert Road relies heavily on local tourism, such as the King's Theatre and other venues, such as the Wedgewood Rooms for live music. An SEV in this location would directly affect the benefits of tourism that are currently in place and could have an adverse effect on the income of these venues going forward.

Objection 5:

Grounds for objection – Discretionary ground – 7.15 Use of premises in the vicinity

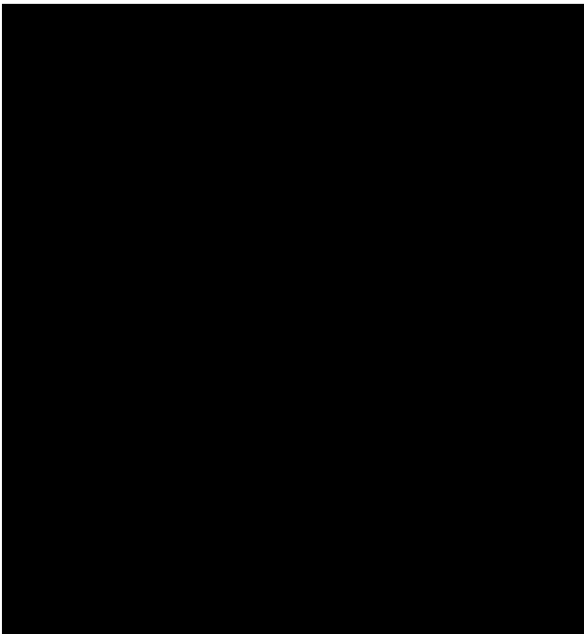
Reasons for objections:

1. It is the Council's own policy to normally refuse the application for an SEV when it is situated within the vicinity of dwellings, places of worship, schools, youth clubs, community centres etc.

2. The proposed SEV location is within the direct vicinity of large numbers of residential dwellings in and around the Albert Road area; both St. Swithuns Church and Trinity Methodist Church are within the vicinity of the proposed SEV location; both Craneswater Junior School and Southsea Infants School are within the vicinity of the proposed SEV location; Havelock Community Centre which often holds meetings into the proposed opening hours of the SEV is within the vicinity of the proposed SEV location.

3. The Wedgewood Rooms only 2 doors away from the proposed SEV location acts as a youth centre when hosting events for local schools and colleges as well as a live music venue for young people which would overlap with the operating hours of the SEV.

4. Places of tourism within the immediate vicinity of the proposed SEV location include the King's Theatre, which is in itself a historic building, and the Wedgewood Rooms which hosts events that attract custom from across the city and beyond. Both these existing venues would be adversely affected by the SEV licence in the proposed location.



Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 09 February 2018 08:16
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Elegance 149 Albert Road

[REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2018 22:46
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance 149 Albert Road

[REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2018 23:32
To: licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
Subject: Elegance, 149 Albert Road

Dear Licencing Committee,

Re: Licence Applications 18/00467/SEXEST, 18/00292/LAPREM

I would like to register my opposition to these applications as pertain to the establishment of Elegance, 149 Albert Road.

This business would adversely affect the character of the locality given it's near proximity to The Wedgewood Rooms being a venue that regularly hosts late evening showcases involving children. There would be potential for families with children to meet customers outside of Elegance during shared opening hours. This is inappropriate. The positive individual and community benefits derived from these activities for the young at TWR would be reversed. Although Elegance would be restricted in signage and promotion, the nature of it's business would soon be realised by the even the most mildly curious, including of course children. I declare a personal interest as my daughter has danced several times at TWR with Most Wanted Street Dance, I have seen the way that these performances promote self confidence, trust in others, a positive means of self expression and community cohesion, physical and mental wellbeing, and so on. To allow a sexual entertainment venue to operate next door and thereby confer a parity of status is wrong if this city is to promote civic pride and concern for the wellbeing of it's young.

This objection comes from myself after speaking with my family. My daughter aged 13 has a particular aversion to this club opening. She feels it is wrong that it could be in such close proximity to schools and on school routes. Her friend lives just across the road from 149 Albert Rd. The whole thought of this club opening makes her feel anxious. She walks past there to meet friends (albeit not when the club would be open) but even so it disturbs her.

Albert Road has a reputation locally as a diverse multi cultural area, full of independent retailers, salons and eateries. It also has schools and is a main route to other schools and into town and Palmerston Road shopping centre and the seafront. Elegance would have a detrimental effect on all those other appreciates aspects of Albert Road.

149 Albert Road has residents living nearby above businesses and in neighbouring streets. To allow a licence to open until 4am 7 days a week, would be to invite disturbance and nuisance outside these properties during unsociable hours beyond that which can normally be tolerated. A huge detriment to residents quality of life. Residents who run regular jobs who have to get up for regular work hours or shift workers who would have to suffer comings and goings at the same time as themselves leaving or arriving home from a shift.

I have always felt safe as a woman who has lived in Southsea for 20+ years walking home from an evening out in Southsea, however I would feel vulnerable having to walk home past 149 Albert Road if it turned into a lap dancing club. I am sure there'd be groups of men outside smoking at all times and I wouldn't feel comfortable that I would get past them even on the other side of the street without some comment being made. This would intimidate me, and that it is unreasonable for me to have to put up with that. I can not see how the club would be able to guard against that happening.

I understand that the number of police officers on duty after 2am has been lowered and am concerned that their ability to meet any additional workload would be limited or absent. This application would, in all probability, fail to meet the Licencing objectives of **the prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.**

Yours sincerely,

Robson, Debra

From: Robson, Debra
Sent: 12 February 2018 13:43
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: SEV licence application Albert Road- OBJECTION

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

Sent: 11 February 2018 16:28
To: Robson, Debra; Licensing Shared Email
Subject: SEV licence application Albert Road- OBJECTION

I would like to object to the application for a Sexual Entertainment Licence at 149 Albert Road Southsea PO4 0JW

1. First objection- on the application for a licence it states Sex Establishment- that says it clearly enough. We do not want a licenced Sex Establishment in Albert Road. Why would the council agree to a SEX ESTABLISHMENT ?- PLEASE ANSWER THIS.

In a climate where women are still fighting equality on a daily basis is the council really going to open a SEX ESTABLISHMENT where there are 2 schools, churches, clubs, community centre, many residential roads and a Theatre ?

Its PCC proposing to teach the many children frequenting this road & going to school in this road, or live near or in Albert Road that it is OK for a SEX ESTABLISHMENT where women dance on men's laps late at night ? Surely not ?

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So whilst stating it should be discreet it then says fees have to be displayed. It will be obvious thus as to the nature of the SEX ESTABLISHMENT.

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Lap Dancing is defined as "an erotic dance or striptease performed close to, or sitting on the lap of, a paying customer."

Prostitution is defined as "a person, in particular a woman, who engages in sexual activity for payment."

This equates as the same thing surely.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2018 17:55
To: Licensing Shared Email; Robson, Debra
Subject: Objections re: 149 Albert Road plans

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Sent: 11 February 2018 20:19
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Cc: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Licence Applications: 149 Albert Road

Dear Ms Robson

Re: Premises and Sexual Entertainment Venue Licences for 149 Albert Road Southsea PO4 0JW

I am writing to object to the applications that have been submitted for the above two licences. I understand that these applications are related to the plan by the applicant to open a lap dancing club at 149 Albert Road. Below I have set out my objections separately to both licence applications.

These objections are based on my being a local resident who regularly visits pubs, clubs and restaurants on Albert Road during the evening and who regularly passes 149 Albert Road during the day while taking my grandchildren - aged 8 and 9 - to and from their junior school. My full name and address are given at the end of this email.

Objections to Granting a Premises Licence

1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder. There is a well established link between the consumption of alcohol and violent crime. In 2015 the Office for National Statistics summarised the evidence for this link in a document entitled *Violent Crime and Sexual Offences - Alcohol-Related Violence*, which can be accessed at:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/compendium/focusonviolentcrimeandsexualoffences/2015-02-12/chapter5violentcrimeandsexualoffencesalcoholrelatedviolence>

I understand that the applicant is seeking a licence to serve alcohol at the lap dancing club until 0400, later than any other licensed premises on Albert Road. Given the large number of pubs, clubs and restaurants already serving alcohol on Albert Road and the likelihood that many of the club's customers will have already consumed alcohol prior to their visit, there must be a increased risk of crime and disorder in the area if an alcohol licence for the club is granted.

In order to address local residents' understandable concerns about the increased risk of crime and disorder, it would also be interesting to hear from the police of their plans to extend late night patrols in Albert Road on those evenings when the club proposes to remain open until at least 0400.

2. Public Safety. There have been a number of serious crimes associated with lap dancing clubs in recent years. For example in 2017 at least three of England's police forces had to take action

against lap dancing clubs as a result of serious crimes linked directly to clubs concerned. These were:

Avon and Somerset Police - see <https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/bristol-strip-club-closed-down-34716>

Greater Manchester Police -
see <https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/silks-lap-dance-club-manchester-12877276>

West Midlands Police -
see <https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/city-lap-dance-club-licence-13282405>

In view of this evidence, it would seem reasonable to conclude that the licensing of a lap dancing club on Albert Road would represent an risk to public safety

Objections to Granting a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence (SEV)

1. Number of Premises Already Licensed for Sexual Entertainment. Portsmouth already has two premises that have been licensed for lap dancing, Wiggle in Surrey Street and Elegance in Granada Road, both of which are run by the applicant who has submitted this licence. I understand that the applicant has suggested that his intention is to close the Granada Road premises and transfer the business to Albert Road, providing that the premises and SEV licences are granted. However, the application for an SEV licence for the Albert Road premises is for a new licence rather than for a transfer of an existing licence so, if approved, the number of premises licensed for lap dancing in Portsmouth will increase to three. At a time when there is increasing concern at all levels in society about the factors contributing to sexual harassment and violence against women in our society it would seem wrong for Portsmouth City Council to approve an SEV licence application which could lead to an increase in the number of lap dancing clubs in the City.

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quality of life for residents in Central Southsea. By day the wide range of shops run by small traders bring shoppers to the area, which in turn helps support cafes and bars where people can meet; in the evening the many restaurants and pubs complement the nationally renowned entertainment venues of the King's Theatre and the Wedgewood Rooms, making Albert Road an important engine of the night time economy in the City. Given the success of this unique blend of day/night activity, it is important that licence decisions do not lead to developments which might undermine this. Of course, Albert Road already has a licensed sex shop, Hidden Pleasures, although this does not open in the evenings and is severely restricted by its the terms of its licence over what it can display in its shop front in a way that makes it quite difficult to identify the premises as a sex shop. 149 Albert Road occupies a much more prominent location on the street, is right next to the Wedgewood Rooms and has a rather grand entrance which leads directly off the pavement. Even with restrictions on what can be displayed on the outside of the premises, it will be difficult to disguise the nature of the entertainment that is planned inside.

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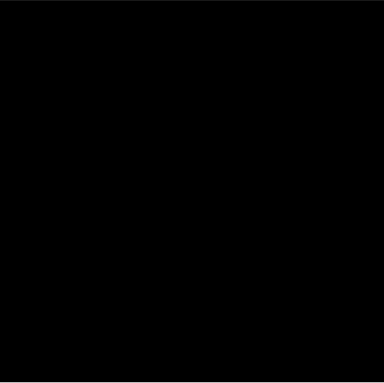
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The close proximity of this premises on Albert Road to two schools and a children's club provides very strong grounds for refusing to approve this SEV licence.

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Please will you ensure that my objections to the Premises and Sexual Entertainment Venue Licences are brought to the attention of the Licensing Committee when it meets to consider these licence applications for 149 Albert Road.



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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 06 February 2018 09:47
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
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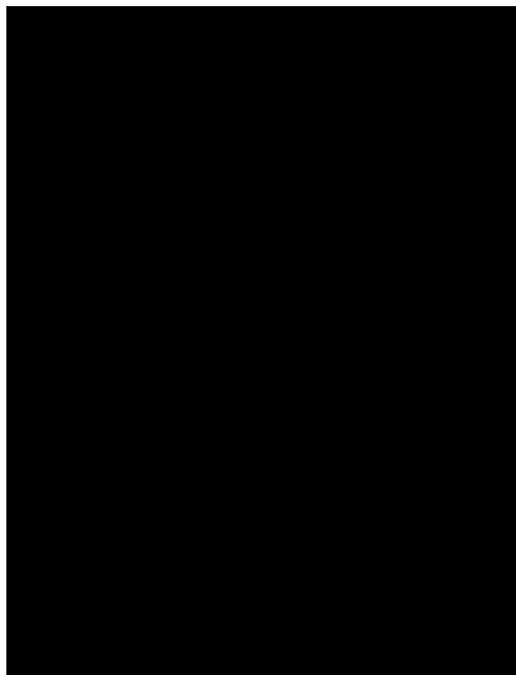
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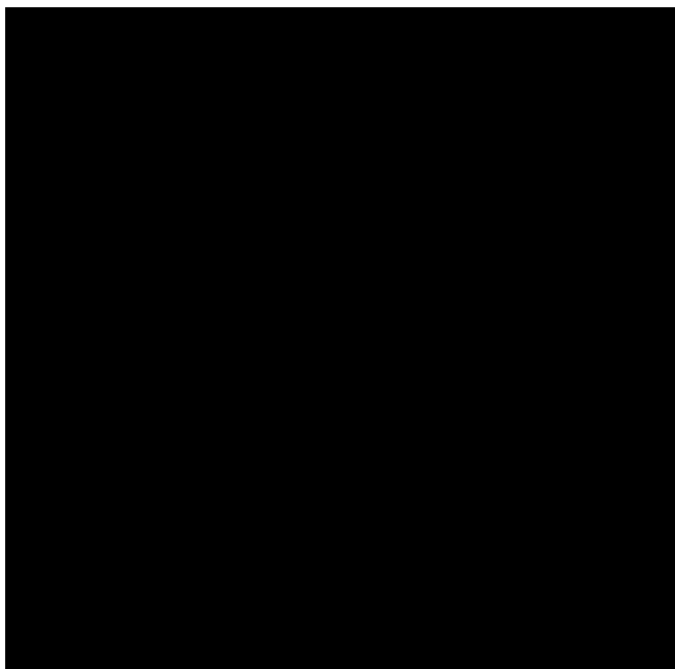
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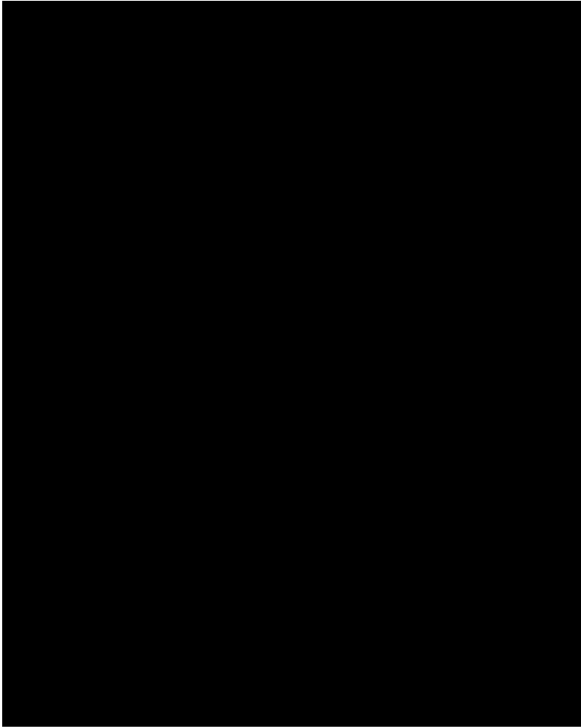
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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 14:40
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek; Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Lap dancing club 149 Albert Road, Southsea: Objections

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

[REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2018 14:36
To: Licensing Shared Email; steve_pitt@ntlworld.com
[REDACTED]
Subject: Lap dancing club 149 Albert Road, Southsea: Objections

Premises Licence Application number 18/00292/LAPREM Objection

Sexual Entertainment Licence Application Reference 18/00467/SEXEST Objection

Dear Sir/Madam,

I consider myself to be a broad minded person and accept that adults will seek adult entertainment. Despite this I am totally opposed to plans for a lap dancing club in Albert Road, which is a local shopping area, serving local needs with ancillary nighttime economy. I am a local resident and I shop and socialise along Albert Road.

Over the years Albert Road has developed into a popular and vibrant area, offering a wide range of eating and drinking establishments as well as numerous niche and specialist shops. At this time no premises exists to primarily provide sexual entertainment and I sincerely hope that this remains the case after this hearing. To allow this application would fundamentally change the character of the area.

As a campaigner I have had numerous conversations with local residents and can say that there is overwhelming objection to this application and in some cases outright hostility. Residents fear that an establishment of this nature, closing at 4am will lead to an increase in noise and rowdy behaviour with groups of men congregating in the street shouting and just talking in the quiet hours of the morning when people are asleep nearby ... and car doors being slammed slammed.

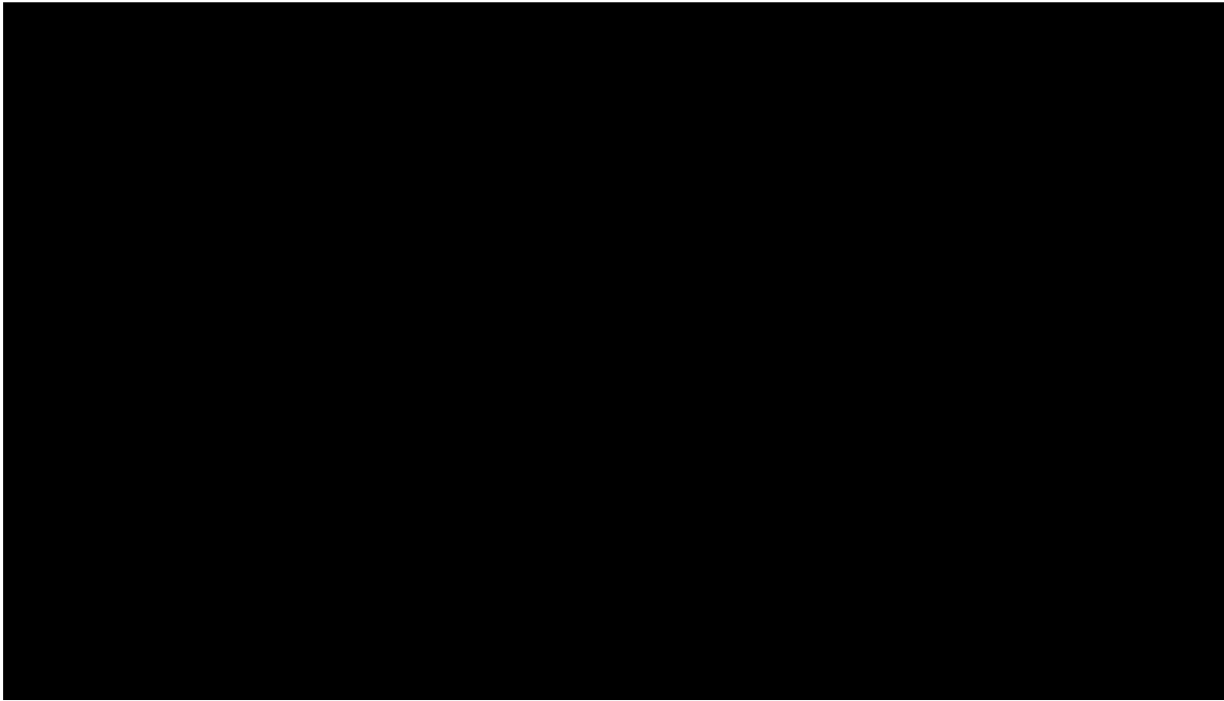
Many women have I have conversed with said that if the application were granted they would no longer feel safe in Albert Road and would actively avoid the area. Those who have children and teenagers say they would have serious concerns for their wellbeing knowing they were out in this area at night.

I note that The Wedgewood Rooms, a well established venue hosts teenage discos and feel that the safety of young persons would be compromised as the queues that form at the front of the building are one shop premises away from this application location. The Council has a duty to protect and ensure the safety of our young citizens.

The proposed location is situated in a densely residential area and what appears to be a side access/smoking area backs directly onto Harold Road. This application would undoubtedly lead to an increase in noise and disturbance and it is totally unacceptable to expect the residents to tolerate this loss in the quality of life.

In essence I believe that this application is wrong as it fundamentally alters the established character of the area. It creates of perception of fear and harm. It will be a nuisance to families and homes in the area causing unacceptable levels of noise and anti social behaviour to the many people who live in the vicinity if the license through to 4 am is given the go-ahead.

I wish to be put on the list to make representations to the licensing committee hearing this matter.



Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2018 15:22
To: Robson, Debra; Licensing Shared Email
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Subject: Personal Response to the Albert Road Lap Dancing Club Application

I would like to express my strong objection to the proposed opening of a Lap Dancing Club on Albert Road.

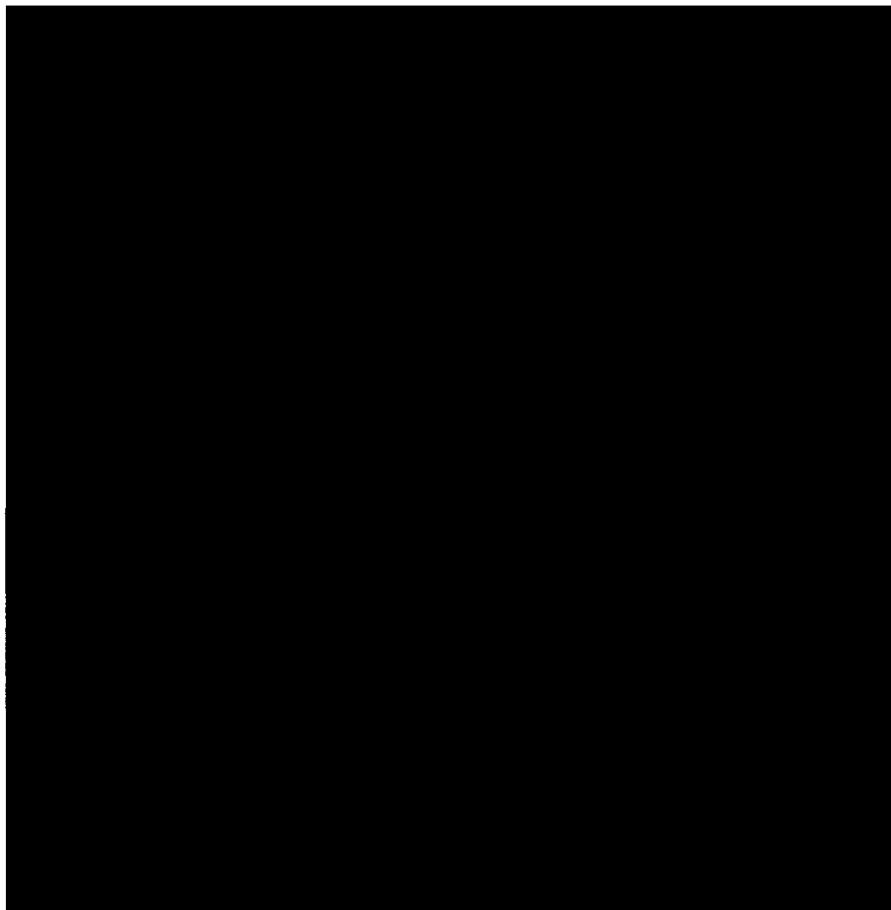
These are my reasons:

SEV Policy:

- 1) It would not fit with the character of the road, it being a popular family area during the day and early evening, with coffee, charity and grocery shops between two schools.
- 2) It is not appropriate nor inclusive to have such a club so close to two schools
- 3) It would not fit with the character of the road, it being a popular socialising area in the evenings for people of both sexes. A lap dancing club would make me (a female) feel unsafe and less likely to go out in the area or walk alone to meet friends.
- 4) I have two teenage daughters. When they are old enough to go out by themselves I do not want to have to advise them to move away from Albert Road because of my safety fears about the club. I would actually prefer they stayed in Albert Road close to home but my fear is that drunk men coming out of a lap dancing club will not be able to quickly make the transition from "consent" of voyeurism and objectification within the club and lack of consent from young female adults outside the club.
- 5) It is not inclusive or appropriate in 2018 to have a lap dancing club unless it also does an exactly equal number of voyeuristic shows for those who find men attractive -or opens a club in close proximity that does that.

Premises License (prevention of public nuisance)

- 6) A license until 4 am is simply too late for a club so close to a residential area. Often people park down our road or walk home via our road because it is close to Albert Road, it will get extremely noisy and keep us awake late at night or in the early hours. This may then lead us to having to move out of the city we love. We work outside Portsmouth but choose to live here because we totally love the city. Noise at night and safety fears are both strong factors likely to make us consider moving away.





Robson, Debra

Sent: 12 February 2018 18:29
To: Robson, Debra
Cc: office@portsmouthlibdems.co.uk
Subject: Objection to lap dancing club application

Dear Debra,

I'm writing to you after receiving a notice through my letterbox regarding the recent local lap dancing club applications within the area, specifically the application for the relocation of 'Elegance' Granada Road to Albert Road.

My objections relate to the following points outlined in 'The Sex Establishment Licencing Policy'

-7.1 (d) The grant would be inappropriate, having regard – i. To the character of the relevant locality;

Having recently bought property just off of Albert Road, one of the main reasons that attracted me to this area was the charm and character of the environment. Albert Road, to me and my friends is a safe space to socialise and is an easy place to integrate with a likeminded forward thinking community. By that I mean Albert Road attracts a certain type of crowd that share a common value of ethical principles. These principles share absolutely nothing in common or align with that of a strip club opening up a few doors down from the local yoga studio or the various independent coffee shops. It's both distasteful and inappropriate to the local businesses surrounding.

The impact it could have on these businesses could be detrimental as a result of Elegance being granted permission this licence. And the knock on affect over the years could take away all charm and character that has attracted myself and others to this community.

-7.9 In formulating this policy in relation to the number of sex establishments, the Licensing Authority has taken the following factors into account: • Portsmouth's Local Strategic Partnership vision for the city where, in particular, we want to: - Develop Portsmouth as a city of innovation and enterprise

Strip Clubs are archaic establishments that do not serve any kind of innovation or enterprise, they only serve to preserve an environment that is exclusive to mens objectification of women. This is completely misaligned with the spirit of the community where Elegance wishes to move to.

Make Portsmouth a city where everyone feels and is safe;

I would not feel safe if Elegance were to move to Albert Road. As a single female who's local amenities are within walking distance of the location I would feel uncomfortable being alone in this location. Especially after dark with the stereotypical characters that a strip club attracts. I've spent years being jibed at in the street with cat calls - I do not want another establishment in the area that facilitates men to behave in this way.

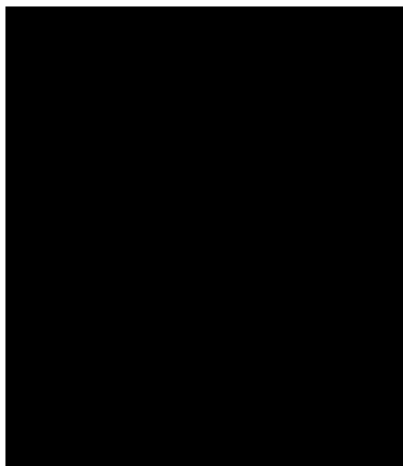
I bought property in this location mindful that my future children would go to school in this area, I do not think it is appropriate to have a strip club in a near proximity of schools.

Enhance Portsmouth's reputation as a city of culture, energy and passion, offering access for all to arts, sports and leisure;

This location would be put to much better use with a different business moving into the community that serves the purpose and spirit of Albert Road as it is currently.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email, I really do feel strongly that this business would be better suited elsewhere. Right now I feel so much pride in my heart as to where I live as it was of aspiration to me to move here for a long time from another area of the city that I could not connect to for the type of people it attracts. If my heart was a balloon full of helium bouncing on the ceiling , Elegance being granted permission would be the pin prick leaving me deflated and tired.

Heres to hoping and praying for a result in favour of this not going ahead.



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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 31 January 2018 08:15
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek; Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Objection to application 18/00292/LAPREM & 18/00467/SEXEST at 149 Albert Road

[REDACTED]
Sent: 30 January 2018 20:47

To: Licensing Shared Email

Subject: Objection to application 18/00292/LAPREM & 18/00467/SEXEST at 149 Albert Road

To whom it may concern,

I would like to register my objection to application 18/00292/LAPREM & 18/00467/SEXEST at 149 Albert Road.

I am a local resident with children and believe that the issue of a late license to this establishment would lead to further application by other venues, I believe this would be unwise considering the high number of residential properties and the rise in public disturbances it would bring with it.

I also strongly object to the application for a Sex Licence to be obtained for a lap dancing club in Albert Road. With my children also attending two schools minutes away from the proposed location I find it a wholly unbecoming kind of establishment to be introduced into a street that prides itself on small market and independent stores.

The council had made an effort some years ago to bring many night clubs and late night establishments into the city center to avoid residents disturbance so why would this now be changed?

With Albert Road having the wonderful Kings Theater as a cultural reference for Southsea this would only lead to a lowering of the tone for what is a vibrant independent street.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 31 January 2018 09:34
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Application numbers 18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST both at 149 Albert Road

Sent: 31 January 2018 09:14
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Application numbers 18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST both at 149 Albert Road

Sir/Madam,

I would like to register my objections to the Licence applications indicated above.

I believe that a sex establishment/lap dancing club is very inappropriate for Albert Road which is a busy pedestrian area day and night.

The close proximity of schools, shops and residential areas mean there are a lot of families and young children using the street.

It is bad enough having lots of vulnerable University students in the area who can be susceptible to bad influences of alcohol and sex establishments but explaining this to very young children who will be exposed to this on Albert Road is bad for society and specifically for our local community.

I am a single woman with no family of my own but I also so not want to be exposed to this establishment in my local community. I believe it to be sexist and sets a bad example to young men and women who may feel pressed to join in some 'harmless fun' which can have devastating effects on their future lives.

The City council will be setting a poor example to the community if it allows this simply for any perceived economic benefits to the area, which I do not accept, or if it treats it as a simple transfer from the similar club previously on Granada Road which was an area not so busy with pedestrians and children as Albert Road is.

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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 06 February 2018 09:46
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: 18/00292/LAPREM (18/00467/SEXEST)

[REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2018 19:15
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 18/00292/LAPREM (18/00467/SEXEST)

I would like to object to the Alcohol Licensing Application:

18/00292/LAPREM (18/00467/SEXEST)

I would like to object for the following reasons:

[REDACTED] my street already suffers with a lack of parking due to people parking when going into pubs, clubs and restaurants locally. This application will make things worse by increasing demand.

2) The Wedgerooms often has events aimed at teenagers including under 18's. I think this new application is too close to the Wedgwood Rooms. We already have lots of drinking establishments in the area and another one will make residents feel more vulnerable when walking past. A high concentration of drinking establishments makes local residents feel unsafe.

3) Locally, there are three churches, two schools and the Havelock Community Centre which is aimed at both young and old. These often operate late into the evening. People visiting these community facilities have a right of feeling safe at night. A higher concentration of drinking establishment will only make things worse.

[REDACTED]

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 05 February 2018 10:56
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: 18/00292/LAPREM & 18/00467/SEXIST

[REDACTED]
Sent: 04 February 2018 19:22
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 18/00292/LAPREM & 18/00467/SEXIST

Deat Sir,

Regarding the prospect of an establishment entertaining lap dancing and extended licensing hours for the sale of alcohol I am in absolute opposition. I live locally and i have two young children. The thought of a sleazy sex club attracting a dubious crowd of no doubt drunken individuals to q gawp at scantily dressed women has no place in Albert Road where there are several schools. No doubt the women employed will be foreign and exploited paid a pittance and no doubt will be expected to offer sexual favours. The traffic is bad enough as is the parking and clientele will park despite it being permit only and create further problems for local residents. The there is the prospect of when drunken clientele leaving in the early hour making a racket, slamming car doors etc.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 05 February 2018 10:47
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: objection to 149 Albert Road licensing application

[REDACTED]
Sent: 02 February 2018 20:44
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: objection to 149 Albert Road licensing application

Dear Portsmouth City Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the licensing applications (18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST) for 149 Albert Road. I do not believe that Albert Road is an acceptable or appropriate location for a lap-dancing club. Local businesses and residents have worked hard to make Albert Road a family-friendly and culturally vibrant location. A sex establishment is at considerable odds with this positive and inclusive ethos - an ethos that should be encouraged and nurtured by the Council rather than sold-out and compromised by such a questionable business opportunity.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 05 February 2018 10:51
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek; Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Proposed lap dancing club in Albert Road

[REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2018 10:10
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Proposed lap dancing club in Albert Road

Dear Licensing

I am emailing you to give my objection to the above mentioned proposal, my objections are as follows

The fact that the club will be between two local schools and parents and children will have to walk past this place - what sort of message does it give out to children and the local population.

That it is proposed to be open until 4am - there are lots of domestic dwellings located on Albert Rd above shops and in the roads immediately leading off Albert road the noise generated by cars/people arriving and leaving this place.

The police have enough to deal with without having another venue to police in case of possible trouble

In todays society the denigration of woman by places such as this should not be tolerated.

Please can you note my objections and acknowledge my email.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2018 08:49
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: Re: Albert Road Lapdancing club

To Debra, I would like to officially register my concern and a complaint against the proposed lap-dancing club in Albert Road, Southsea. I feel it contravenes all that Albert Road stands for as a family environment. The nature of the venue is not in keeping with anything in this area and as such, I believe is detrimental to the wellbeing of women and children that use this area. I as a female do not want to be subjected to the sight of people attending the club, with a view to voyeurism and subjectification of women, with the possibility of higher sexual crimes, the late night emptying out of the club and potential alcohol-fuelled crime, which while people may be supervised within sight of the club, how is it proposed to keep the surrounding area safe? This venue will also contribute to late traffic issues as people leave the club and either use taxis or their own cars, leading to further noise issues for residents at ridiculous times.

[REDACTED]

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2018 22:51
To: Robson, Debra
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Licence app no. 18/00292/LAPREM Objection to SEV

I object to this totally inappropriate application given that the council agreed a zero policy for any new applications after 2012 for a sex entertainment venue licence.

Also as this is for 7 days a week from 9pm - 4am severely denigrates the character of this residential area in Albert rd which is close to 2 churches St Swithuns and Trinity church. 2 local primary schools southsea infants and Craneswater school where both my and my friends children under 11 and 16 years who live south and north of Albert Rd would have to walk past on their way to these schools and on their way to Priory school seeing the sign for a lap dancing club.

Albert Rd has always been a residential area where mainly cafes restaurants and shops provided have given the area a positive character especially this part of Albert Rd so I understand that these local businesses would be denigrated and have their business affected by such a SEV.

I have just tried to submit an objection for both this and the premises licence application on the pcc website and was timed out which is very frustrating so would appreciate a response please.

[REDACTED]

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2018 21:18
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: 18/00292/LAPREM

Good Morning Debra,

I am writing to you regarding the above application. I am deeply concerned at the possibility of a Sexual Entertainment Venue operating on Albert Road.

Whilst there are independent businesses operating successfully along the street, there are also flats and the surrounding area is residential. If the licence was to be granted, I believe it would encourage those who wish to indulge in potentially criminal and undesirable practices; to carry out their activities in the area. Allowing a Sexual Entertainment Venue to operate in what is essentially a residential area with a few independent businesses, is worrying. I think it would dramatically impact on public safety and would encourage inappropriate and unwanted behaviour towards local residents and would discourage those persons currently enjoying the area.

There are 2 schools as well as a church and a theatre amongst the various businesses operating along Albert Road. These premises provide activities for children, in the evening as well as the daytime. It is concerning that children could be less safe in the area, should the Sexual Entertainment Venue be given the go ahead, and the anticipated clientele frequent Albert Road. There is additionally the potential of public nuisance. We have the possibility of police presence until 2 am, I believe. If the premises were to operate until 4 am, we would be unable to prevent public disorder or vandalism to local properties or the noise from the increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic. There is nothing to recommend such a business operating along Albert Road. The possible rise in assaults, as a result of the consumption of drugs or alcohol or merely a presumption of permission, must surely show that the licence should not be granted.

Please take these points in to consideration when deciding whether or not to grant the licence.

Many Thanks.

Kind Regards,

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:20
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Objection to sex entertainment venue licence - 18/00467/SEXEST

Sent: 11 February 2018 10:17
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to sex entertainment venue licence - 18/00467/SEXEST

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the Sex Establishment licence application ref: 18/00467/SEXEST

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

I object to the application on the following grounds:

Objection 1: Grounds for objection – This conflicts with Council's sex establishment policy of having no sexual entertainment venues in the city. Reasons for objections: this is at odds with policy, I feel it will adversely affect development of the city.

Objection 2: Grounds for objection – This is not a suitable area for this type of establishment. Reasons for objections: there are schools, places of worship and other tourist attractions in the local area which this venue will adversely affect.

Objection 3: Grounds for objection – Wider concerns about impact on local area and its future development, gender equality impact.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 08 February 2018 08:28
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Elegance, 149 Albert Road

[REDACTED]

Sent: 07 February 2018 23:33
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance, 149 Albert Road

Dear Licencing Committees,

Re: Licence Applications 18/00467/SEXEST, 18/00292/LAPREM

I would like to register my opposition to these applications as pertain to the establishment of Elegance, 149 Albert Road.

This business would adversely the character of the locality given it's near proximity to The Wedgewood Rooms being a venue that regularly hosts late evening showcases involving children. There would be potential for families' with children to meet customers outside of Elegance during shared opening hours. This is inappropriate. The positive individual and community benefits derived from these activities for the young at TWR would be reversed. Although Elegance would be restricted in signage and promotion, the nature of it's business would soon be realised by the even the most mildly curious, including of course children. I declare a personal interest as my daughter has danced several times at TWR with Most Wanted Street Dance, I have seen the way that these performances promote self confidence, trust in others, a positive means of self expression and community cohesion, physical and mental wellbeing, and so on. To allow a sexual entertainment venue to operate next door and thereby confer a parity of status is wrong if this city is to promote civic pride and concern for the wellbeing of it's young.

149 Albert Road has residents living nearby above businesses and in neighbouring streets. To allow a licence to open until 4am 7 days a week, would be to invite disturbance and nuisance outside these properties during unsociable hours beyond that which can normally be tolerated. A detriment to residents quality of life. I understand that the number of police officers on duty after 2am has been lowered and am concerned that their ability to meet any additional workload would be limited or absent. This application would, in all probability, fail to meet the Licencing objectives of **the prevention of crime and disorder** and **prevention of public nuisance** and **the protection of children from harm**.

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From: Robson, Debra
Sent: 06 February 2018 12:17
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Objection to SEV at 149 Albert Road

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[REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2018 12:17
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.

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 05 February 2018 10:56
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Comments for Licensing Application 18/00467/SEXEST

From: noreply@portsmouthcc.gov.uk [mailto:noreply@portsmouthcc.gov.uk]
Sent: 04 February 2018 16:26
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 18/00467/SEXEST

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

Comments for Licensing Application 18/00467/SEXEST - 04 Feb 2018 6:00 PM - Mrs Nickii Humphreys

Application Summary

Address: 149 Albert Road Southsea PO4 0JW
Proposal: Sex Establishment
Case Officer: Mrs NICKII HUMPHREYS
[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name: M
Email:
Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour
Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 4:25 PM on 04 Feb 2018 I object to the above application on the following grounds:- The premises are in a predominantly family residential area close to two schools and three established Churches and the surrounding businesses are of a family nature. A sex Establishment would have a negative impact on the area. I would feel intimidated using Albert Road (close to this Establishment) at night. These premises would have a totally negative impact on the character of this area and a likely decline of regeneration and tourism in the area.

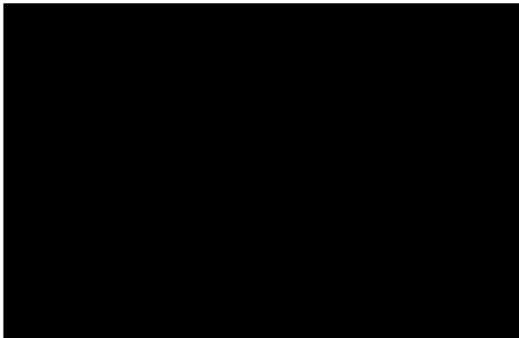
8th February 2018

Portsmouth City Council

Licensing Committee

Guildhall Square

Portsmouth



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Licensing application for Alcohol License until 4am Application number – 18/00292/LAPREM and Sex Establishment Application number – 18/00467/SEXEST both at 149 Albert Road, Southsea, Portsmouth.

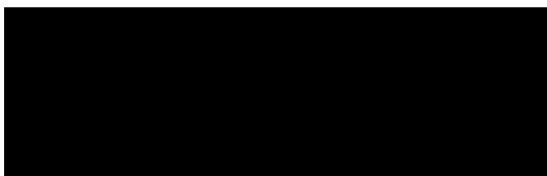
I am writing to let you know that as a resident of Southsea I object to the above application on the ground that this proposed sex establishment does not fit in with the council's vision for Portsmouth 2012 when it was decided that sex establishment licenses should not be granted (section 7.10 sex establishment licensing policy) and it certainly does not fit in with my personal vision for the city. I do not agree that a license to allow drinking until 4 am will enhance the area indeed it is possible that it will lead to more work for our already over-stretched police force dealing with drunken behaviour.

Albert Road is a vibrant and diverse area of the city. At present it is a safe area for families and students but I feel that this proposed sex establishment with a 4am alcohol license will change the whole character of Albert Road. A 4am closing time will also lead to an increase in noise and disturb residents.

It isn't clear what benefits this proposal will bring to Southsea in fact I can only see problems for the area and the city if these proposals are allowed. I urge the committee to reject the licensing application until 4am and the Sex Establishment Application for Albert Road.

Thank you.

Kind regards,



Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: Albert Road Lap Dancing Club

Dear Ms Robson

Firstly, I cannot believe that this has even been given any consideration at all for Albert Road, where we have small quirky shops, antique and small businesses! I think this club would be detrimental to this area.

I am a single mum, living of Albert Road (Leopold Street) and often walk home late evenings-I personally would feel uneasy of this-who wants sexually aroused men walking our roads late at night, into the early hours? I live alone with my 13yr old son.

From Albert Road there are small roads leading off, a lot of families living and the elderly. There are primary schools and churches running between. Ok, the hours aren't of when the children come out, but I'm sure many mums and kids will feel uncomfortable with walking past. Summers, lighter evenings - I know I like to go for a walk with my son in the summer evenings, even going to a show at the Kings Theatre with him which finish later in the evening.

The Wedgewood Rooms also hold functions for teens....as I'm aware they are held until 11/11.30pm - so who in their right mind is going to feel comfortable having a teen come out to a queue of people visiting, basically, a sex club!

A massive safety issue is a concern to me. What with more drunks, fights possibly, we all know the policing has been cut, so crime could increase. And I'm sure I don't need to bring out figures and statistics to prove this! From what I gather, his hours of wanting to dare I say it, "trade", are from 9pm-4am - how totally ridiculous!

As a resident, I strongly am AGAINST this being given licensing/SEV permission! I thought we were living in 2018, equal rights and so forth, the year of the woman and yet they exploit women in these clubs!

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 09 February 2018 08:16
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: 149 Albert Road Southsea

[REDACTED]

Sent: 09 February 2018 07:38
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 149 Albert Road Southsea

Application for late alcohol/ SEV licence.....149,ALBERT ROAD SOUTHSEA.

Dear Sirs

We strongly object to a licence being permitted for alcohol/SEV until 4am,in an area which is mostly retail/residential.

Our concern is the Police after 2am,are considerably stretched.

It would be very difficult to expect them to be on hand,and taken away from the main areas of late night clubs,which are in the centre of Portsmouth.

We don't believe it will promote the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder.

SEV licence.

We are concerned that another SEV establishment in Granada road (Elegance) is to continue in business,therefor having two with in such a close proximity is not ENHANCING PORTSMOUTH'S REPUTATION AS A CITY OF CULTURE.

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2018 09:29
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: The proposed lap dancing club in Albert Road

As a local resident living in Leopold Street, off Albert Road, I object to the opening of this type of club for the following reasons:

1. The 4am licensing proposal which in my opinion would lead to a lot more late night drunkenness in the area.
2. Potential parking problems.
3. The nature of this type of club, in my opinion, is not appropriate to the character of Albert Road, which is one of friendly local pubs, restaurants, and quirky shops.
4. If this club is permitted to open it may lead to a flood of applications for other similar establishments to be allowed to open in the area, which could, at worst, turn this area into some sort of red light district.
5. It is also worth remembering that there are a lot of residential streets leading off Albert Road, and we do not need drunken behaviour going on until 4am not to mention the noise. Also worth noting that a lot of the residents of this area are families, so I would also question the suitability of this club on that basis.

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2018 14:12
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: objection -lap dancing club at 149 albert road

[REDACTED]

objection to the sex entertainment application at 149 albert road -southsea

i object in the strongest terms to this licence . i live very near and have traded in Albert road for 22 years . Myself and others from Albert road traders association have worked hard over the years to make this road an arty, bohemian coffee shop area that is family friendly .We are a proud area with 2 schools ,The Kings Theatre whos clientele are generally children and a community centre in the vicinity . The sex club would also be between a yoga retreat and a bridal shop - so inappropriate !also, situated next door to the Wedgewood rooms which is an all ages venue that my family attend regularly ,that closes at 11pm . 1.30-2pm on a Saturday .I have always felt safe walking home from the Wedgewood ,my daughter and her friends too ,however my family would no longer feel safe doing so as i have had personal experience of obscene catcalling by groups of drunken "lads" at mr olja other sex club ,while walking past . It was scary and threatening ! I strongly believe that the locality of 149 Albert road is not at all appropriate for a sex club as is it highly residential ,not in keeping with the roads image and find it hard to believe there would not be public nuisance and public safety issues , especially as Albert road has no police presence after 2pm and no cctv there ,just 1 camera at the other end of the road ! Only a couple of miles away in Guildhall Square , there is a large area with a number of clubs operating that have 4am licencing , including 2 lapdancing clubs already , one of which mr Olja , the applicant, already owns ! He has also renewed the sex licence at the sex club in the next road to Albert road , Waverley Road !Why does Portsmouth need another !? it seems obvious to me that there is no place for another late licence sex establishment so near which would disrupt and upset residents and business owners , (apart from the greed of the applicant !) I believe under the police and crime act 2009,the local authority has power to determine the number of late licences and sexual entertainment venues , this is the wrong location , please do the right thing to maintain Albert roads quirky and arty reputation -turn this down please -thank you .

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 09 February 2018 14:54
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: objection -lap dancing club at 149 albert road

[REDACTED]
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objection to the late licence application at 149 albert road -southsea

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I believe under the police and crime act 2009,the local authority has power to determine the number of late licences and sexual entertainment venues , this is the wrong location , please do the right thing to maintain Albert roads quirky and arty reputation -turn this down please -thank you .

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 09 February 2018 14:53
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: objection -lap dancing club at 149 albert road

Sent: 09 February 2018 14:46
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: FW: objection -lap dancing club at 149 albert road

objection to the late licence application at 149 albert road -southsea

i object in the strongest terms to this licence . i live a couple of roads away and feel like the noise ,the no parking that would bring a constant flow of taxis and general nuisance and the extra trade to the road is unacceptable ! No other establishment has a 4am licence and this would be situated next door to the Wedgewood rooms which is an all ages venue ,that closes at 11pm . 1.30-2pm on a Saturday . I strongly believe that the locality of 149 Albert road is not at all appropriate for such a late licence as is it highly residential ,not in keeping with the roads image and find it hard to believe there would not be public nuisance and public safety issues , especially as Albert road has no police presence after 2pm and no cctv there ,just 1 camera at the other end of the road ! I also feel that a 4am licence would set a precedent for the area , while only a couple of miles away in Guildhall Square , there is a large area with a number of clubs operating that have 4am licencing , including 2 lapdancing clubs already , one of which mr Olja , the applicant already owns ! There is no place for another late licence so near which would disrupt and upset residents and business owners , I believe under the police and crime act 2009,the local authority has power to determine the number of late licences and sexual entertainment venues , this is the wrong location !!

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2018 14:27
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: objection -lap dancing club at 149 albert road

[REDACTED]

objection to the sex entertainment application at 149 albert road -southsea

i object to this licence . i live very near and have frequented the Wedgewood Rooms ,with my parents since i was 5 and with friends from 14 -i would no longer feel safe attending with a sex club next door ! I and my friends would certainly not feel safe walking home with groups of drunken men in the vacinity either ! Albert road is a family entertainment arty area which should be treasured for it , it is wholly inappropriate to have a sex club where children attend ! it is also in the vicinity of 2 schools a church a family friendly theatre! There is no need for another sex club surely when there are 2 in the Guildhall area and 1 in the next road -so inappropriate !
i understand there is an issue with no police or cctv in the area so there must be a public safety issue !
noise for the residents will be a big issue too , please reject this application , Portsmouth does not need it .

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2018 23:28
To: Robson, Debra
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Licence app no. 18/00292/LAPREM Objection to Licenced Premises

> I object to this application given it is for 7 days a week from 9pm - 4am which would increase crime and disorder in The residential area of Albert Rd when groups of men leave the premises after 12am having drunk alcohol for several hours and in an area where police have had to reduce their presence at night time especially after 2am. This was my experience when working for Street Pastors in Albert Rd until 1-2am as most police are in city centre and Palmerston Rd and even more recently with currently reduced police numbers due to cutbacks.

> The fear of crime affecting public safety would be increased by this licence especially for women walking home at night time who could be more vulnerable to sexual assault or harassment. There may also be an increase in noise levels causing public nuisance after 12am 7 days a week as I am a resident in Lawrence rd which already suffers from noise levels with more people and possibly groups of men walking home until 4am.

> I am very concerned for children / young people under 18 years attending music gigs at Wedgewood rooms who could be affected by men coming out of this premises which could cause safeguarding issues if they are walking home on their own at night time. My own daughter, the language students we host, our neighbours and friends children all attend the Wedgewood rooms which currently has a good reputation and are concerned about these increased risks of sexual assault from men who have attended such a premises.

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> I have just tried to submit an objection for both this and the SEV licence application on the pcc website and was timed out which is very frustrating as I could not login again so would appreciate a response please.

> Eily Mulvaney

[REDACTED]

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 30 January 2018 14:08
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek; Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: 18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST

[REDACTED]
Sent: 30 January 2018 14:07
To: Licensing Shared Email

[REDACTED]
Subject: 18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST

We have been very disappointed to hear that the former Conservative club at 149 Albert Rd has applied to turn the premises into a lap dancing club with alcohol license until 4.am.

Surely this does not fit in with Portsmouth Council's vision for our wonderful city.?

It has been a joy to see the gradual regeneration of the seafront, with excellent sports facilities, and new buildings--we want to encourage people to live here , and Albert Rd is a buzzy and interesting place.

it seems a particularly bad time to be allowing this, with all the current publicity about men's clubs .

[REDACTED]



9 February 2018

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

Dear Sir or Madam

Ref: Licensing application for Alcohol License Application Number 18/00292/LAPREM

My road is virtually opposite this proposed establishment so it is more likely going to be used for taxi pickups or meeting place for people visiting or leaving.

Some of these establishments have security on the doors and CCTV. There is no mention of such security being used for this establishment. We already have the problem of student noise when they arrive home at all hours, why should we have more public nuisance?

Our depleted police force has enough to do with existing problems trying to prevent crime and disorder. We will have people from further afield visiting that have no concern for the residents. We have been told that the Police are not active on the street after 2.00 am.

Portsmouth has a vision for the city where everyone feels and is safe. I for one am very concerned about safety around this establishment with regard to myself, daughter and granddaughter.

The opening hours requested are 9.00 pm until 4.00 am with drinking until 3.30 am, WHY? The latest license in Albert Road is 2.00 am and there is enough noise and disturbance at this time. I am concerned that if Mr Ojla is given permission to open until this time it will set a precedent and other establishments will have to be given this permission, the residents will then have to put up with disturbance virtually all night, it is totally unnecessary. He is also under the impression that it will be a transfer of license.

As you know next door to this establishment is the Wedgewood Rooms and there are nights when events for under 18s are arranged. This venue caters for men, women and all age groups.

I am asking you politely to consider the hundreds of residents that live in this area, it will not only be the roads adjacent to this establishment but from both ends of Albert Road.

Yours faithfully



Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:22
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW:

[REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2018 22:55
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc: PITT STEPHEN; Horton, Suzy (Member)
Subject:

Dear Licensing Team,

RE: Lap Dancing Club Application for 149 Albert Road (former Conservative Club).

Premises Licence Application reference: 18/00292/LAPREM

Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence Application reference: 18/00467/SEXEST

For the Premises Licence, the 4 licensing objectives:

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Promotion of public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

As a Central Southsea Ward Councillor I am opposing both applications above.

Albert Road is a pleasant shopping area - mix of niche retailers, creative and cultural venues, independent cafes and bars and national chains. Albert Road Traders Association have worked with Portsmouth City Council and other partners to improve the streetscene and environment with Art and creativity. The western end with its new art installation near to Tango Tea begins a route of well-established niche independent retailers, cafes and bars serving local needs.

Tango Tea at the western end of Albert Road is a shop trading retro goods, decorative arts and picture framing; just along the street is historic Matham-built Kings Theatre with its significant capital investment by the City Council and surrounding streetscene pavement and street furniture improvements. Between is Parmiters Antiques - again a niche retail shop trading curios and retro goods. There is a long-established bookshop nearby, Langford Antiques, niche clothes retailer 'Bored Of Southsea', picture shop, shops selling games plus other antique and decorative arts sales and shops delivering local services. Interspersed are well-established cafes and bars with new independent eateries like Home Coffee, Aurora all the way along to the start of Highland Road at the eastern end of Albert Road with newly established independent eatery 'Tea and Thistle' with another bookshop opposite, plus photography shop and soon to open 'The Merchants' creating and selling craft beers.

In between these ends of Albert Road are other niche, independent retailers and venues like Creatiques wedding specialists and music venue Wedgewood Rooms plus popular bars and pubs - all of these serving a local need. The character of this local shopping centre is creative and cultural serving local homes with

local goods and services plus a local school, community centre, Salvation Army Citadel, Methodist Church and 'Lifehouse' offering homeless support locally.

There is no doubt that any SEV granted as above will be out-of-character with Albert Road. The location is inappropriate for any SEV.

Central Southsea Ward is arguably one of the most densely populated areas in Portsmouth, which is one of the most densely populated places outside of London. Residents live all around and opposite these premises, which seek a premises license to open until 4am. I oppose this. Residents will be disturbed and annoyed by people and employees leaving and entering the venue until the early hours of the morning. Taxis will pull up, doors will slam - just ordinary speaking, let alone loud voices and shouting will cause a public nuisance.

Hampshire Police have been cut and cut with 1000 police officers gone over recent years and recently another 100 announced to go. Policing across Portsmouth and Southsea is stretched to the limit and at 3am is when there are the fewest on duty. To grant a license to 4am increases an unacceptable risk to public safety.

Young people queue at the Wedgewood Rooms alongside the application site. The City Licensing Authority must protect these young people from exposure to queuing in the immediate vicinity of a SEV thereby mixing with people going in and out paying to be sexually entertained.

Since this application has become public knowledge I have spoken with 100s of local residents on their doors and only one person has said they support the venue but 'not until 4am'. There is huge concern about the 4am closure time and local residents don't want it. I also called into many shops, pubs and cafes along Albert Road - most do not want it, some were indifferent, but none said they do want it.

For all the above reasons I respectfully urge the panel considering this matter to reject the applications.

I wish to make representations to the panel at the hearing.

Best wishes,

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2018 21:18
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: 18/00292/LAPREM

Good Morning Debra,

I am writing to you with reference to the above application.

There is already a variety of food and drink establishments situated along Albert Road. I do not think allowing another such establishment to operate here would add to the area's appeal. Albert Road contains schools, a church, and a theatre as well as independent businesses. The church and theatre both cater for the children as well as adults, during the evening as well as the daytime. Inevitably another food and drink establishment will increase the vehicular and pedestrian footfall in to what is already a congested area. Albert Road is surrounded by residential properties and also has flats situated along the actual street. Persons arriving at and leaving from the premises, in the early hours of the morning, will inevitably cause a disturbance as well as there being the possibility of a public nuisance. I believe we have the possibility of police presence until 2 am. Should the licence to operate until 4 am be granted, we will have no way of protecting local citizens and preventing potential vandalism to local properties.

Please strongly consider not granting this licence or at least restricting the hours of operation.

Robson, Debra

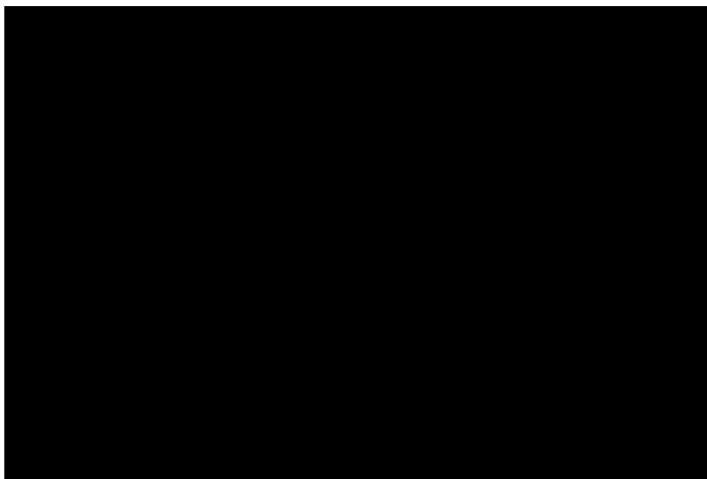
From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:22
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Objection to Lap dancing club licence

Sent: 11 February 2018 22:01
To: Robson, Debra
Cc: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to Lap dancing club licence

Dear Ms Robson,

I'm writing to object to the application for a licence for a lap dancing club in Albert Road. I object on two counts:

1. Prevention of public nuisance. I understand that the application has been made for this establishment to remain open until 4am and, as a local resident living in nearby [REDACTED] I find this totally unacceptable. There are already many pubs in Albert Road and people who visit these all tend to park in the nearby residential streets including Napier Road. This means we are constantly subjected to noise from groups, doors slamming, engines revving etc. However, all this thankfully happens much earlier - the idea of a possible continuation until 4am in a residential area is, I repeat, totally unacceptable.
2. Prevention of children from harm. The proposed establishment is next door but one from The Wedgewood Rooms, a music club often frequented by young college and school students. It is not unusual to see them queuing or sitting outside waiting to be let in and I therefore feel that the siting of a sexual entertainment venue so close-by would be totally inappropriate.



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

[REDACTED]

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.

[REDACTED]

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:26
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: In reference to Premises Licence Application - 18/00292/LAPREM

Sent: 11 February 2018 19:03
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: In reference to Premises Licence Application - 18/00292/LAPREM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in reference to the application for premises licence ref: 18/00292/LAPREM.

I have a particular interest in this application as I spend much of my time, including overnight stays, with my partner who resides in nearby Gains Road.

I would like to object as I believe the granting of this licence would be contrary to the licensing objectives set out by Portsmouth City Council and my reasons for this are as follows:

1. There is a high probability of an increase in crime and disorder and a negative impact on public safety. There will be significant numbers of individuals and groups arriving at a time when other local venues are closing and then dispersing at 4am. I am aware that there are minimal numbers of policing staff available through out the City of Portsmouth and this number is further reduced after 2am so it is likely they will be unable to attend any potential incidents.
2. It will cause an increase in public nuisance. There are a number of residential properties along Albert Road itself and the immediate area surrounding Albert Road is predominantly residential. These residents will be negatively impacted with noise created by additional traffic picking up and dropping off customers at the premises at unsociable hours every day of the week. There will also be an increase in disruption from groups standing outside the premises smoking in the early hours of the morning, and also leaving the premises when it closes at 4am, again every day of the week.
3. The granting of the licence is not consistent with the requirement to protect children from harm. The Wedgewood Rooms, a popular and established local venue, is situated adjacent to the proposed venue and regularly hosts events for young persons. These persons would be leaving those events at a time when groups or individuals are arriving at the proposed venue.

Robson, Debra

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

[REDACTED]

Sent: 11 February 2018 20:00
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Premises License application 18/00292/LAPREM Objection

I wish to object to the above premises license as a resident of Southsea that has lived, worked and spent leisure time in central Southsea for 30 years. I object to this premises license as it has an impact on all four of the licensing objectives;

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public Safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

The club has applied for a license to operate until 4am, selling alcohol until shortly before this. With cuts to funding for police, and other troublesome areas in the city taking away police resources, I am extremely concerned that the inevitable impact of this club on crime in the area, particularly the risk to women from sexually charged groups of males and individual lone males fuelled up on alcohol leaving the premises between 11 and 4am. There is very little, if any, police presence in Albert Road currently. The club will put members of the public, particularly women but not exclusively, at risk due to the very nature of the sexual entertainment and sexually charged men using the club, and the late night/early morning opening hours. The residential areas nearby will be further affected by men leaving this club in the early hours.

There will be a direct conflict with the use of the Wedgewood Rooms next door who may have to change their operating policies to protect minors from harm. There are also 2 schools and a community centre used for family and children's activities very close, and although the club says it will have one discreet sign, the owner of this club is notorious for sending scantily clad women out into the surrounding area of his existing club to tout for business, even during the day. This will be a public nuisance for visitors to Albert Road. I have also witnessed children on their way to school in the morning picking up littered flyers outside his existing 'Elegance' club and giggling. Children will not be protected from the existence of this club and it should therefore not be given an alcohol/premises license.

My address is

[REDACTED]

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:26
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Albert Road alcohol and premises licences- OBJECTION

Sent: 11 February 2018 17:11
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Albert Road alcohol and premises licences- OBJECTION

Dear Licensing Officer

I understand that an application for a sex establishment licence (SEV) for the Lap Dancing club at 149 Albert Road, has been submitted with proposed operating hours until 4am.

I object to a both the lap Dancing Club and PCC issuing alcohol and premises licences.

As a local resident , I believe this will have a detrimental effect on the area, and have the potential for increased crime and disorder. I am extremely concerned of increasing activity in the area until 4am when the rest of the street is closing up, this will encourage anti social behaviour. There will be increased public nuisance not only at night but also to be found in the morning, with debris, and potentially people still in the area, when waling the dog around 5.30 and for children walking to school later.

I am also concerned for my teenaged child who walks home alone around that time in the morning, as I believe there there will be an increased risk to his safety. This is a public safety issue.

The impact of the club, its presence, and any signage, business and reputation is damaging to children, girls and women.

In 2018 I think any presence of Lap Dancing clubs is detrimental to equality of women and I request to know the gender balance of the people making the decision.

Please pass my comments on to the relevant bodies.

Kind Regards

Laura D


Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:28
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Comments for Licensing Application 18/00292/LAPREM

From: noreply@portsmouthcc.gov.uk [mailto:noreply@portsmouthcc.gov.uk]
Sent: 11 February 2018 13:50
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: Mr Robert Meeley
Email: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]

Comments

Commenter Type: Neighbour
Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

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

From: noreply@portsmouthcc.gov.uk [mailto:noreply@portsmouthcc.gov.uk]
Sent: 11 February 2018 14:09
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: 2:08 PM on 11 Feb 2018 Dear Sir/ Madam, Apologies if I am using the wrong form for entry, but I would also like to object to the issuing of an SEV licence, which I believe that you are considering alongside the drinks licence. A quick internet search yields very many results that describe Albert Road as an eclectic place to shop. Moreover the council's own website describes Albert road as "highly diverse and unique to Portsmouth". I firmly believe that the opening of a Lap Dancing club on Albert Road will denude its nature. Furthermore with its proximity to churches, schools and a busy residential neighbourhood I find it to be a 'poor fit' for the area. My final comment would be based around a concern that it may become a draw for the worst elements in surrounding districts and could ultimately provide an

increase in drug dealing and prostitution in the area.

~~What is the impact of this increase?~~



Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:28
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: 18/00292/ laprem

Sent: 12 February 2018 08:26
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 18/00292/ laprem

Dear Sir/ Madam

I wish to object to the sex establishment licence application 198/00467/SEXEST

I have an interest in the application because I live in Leopold Street less than half a mile from the establishment.

I object to the application on the following grounds

Objection 1: House Prices

After much research I believe that a sex establishment so close to my house will have a negative effect on my house price and the ones surrounding me. This is of great concern to me as I have my life savings invested in my property.

Objection 2 : Negative effect on the area

This area of Southsea is a really diverse area with lots of thriving independent business. One of the reasons we chose to live here is because of that, We really enjoy living here and feel a strip club is completely unnecessary and will have nothing but a negative effect on this area of Southsea. This area has already lost some really good local business because of excessive council rent prices which is detrimental to the area so the last thing we need is this sort of place coming to the area with all the baggage that comes with it.

Objection 3: Morals

I and my family find strip clubs in the year 2018 morally wrong. Following some research I believe there is every chance this strip club could well employ girls trafficked into the UK to work in this sort of establishment. As a father of a young girl I find it abhorrent that this sort of establishment exists just to

satisfy groups of drunken men and also undoubtedly make some business man lots of money. This sits very uneasy with me and I didn't move to Southsea to live so close to one!

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:29
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Objection to - premises licence 18/00292/LAPREM

[REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2018 10:24
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to - premises licence 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 local resident.

I object to the application on the following grounds:

Objection 1: Opening hours

Reasons for objections: Most other premises on Albert Road are not licensed until 4am and so there is likely to be a noise impact on the local area of customers leaving at that time.

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:31
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: objection -lap dancing club at 149 albert road

objection to the late licence application at 149 albert road -southsea

i the strongest terms to this licence . i live a couple of roads away and feel like the noise ,the no parking that would bring a constant flow of taxis and general nuisance and the extra trade to the road is unacceptable ! No other establishment has a 4am licence and this would be situated next door to the Wedgewood rooms which is an all ages venue ,that closes at 11pm . 1.30-2pm on a Saturday . I strongly believe that the locality of 149 Albert road is not at all appropriate for such a late licence as is it highly residential ,not in keeping with the roads image and find it hard to believe there would not be public nuisance and public safety issues ,it would be inevitable with the extra hours and extra clientele ! At a meeting held by residents , very upset by this proposal we were informed by local councillors that Albert road has no police presence after 2pm and no cctv there ,just 1 camera at the other end of the road ! I also feel that a 4am licence would set a precedent for the area , A few miles away in Guildhall Square , there is a large area with a number of clubs operating that have 4am licencing , including 2 lapdancing clubs already , one of which mr Olja , the applicant already owns ! He has also renewed a licence for his other sex club ,one road away in Waverley Road! There is no place for another late licence/sex club so near, when people can go to the Guildhall for a few pounds in a taxi , an area already set up for this !I believe this inappropriate licence would disrupt and upset residents and business owners , I understand that under the police and crime act 2009,the local authority has power to determine the number of late licences and sexual entertainment venues , this is the wrong location !! Please help us keep Albert Road as the unique jewel in Portsmouths crown ,not be ruined by

one greedy mans plans ! -Thank you

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:26
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: PROPOSED LICENCES - 149 ALBERT ROAD, PO4 0JW

[REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2018 19:32
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Fwd: PROPOSED LICENCES - 149 ALBERT ROAD, PO4 0JW

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[REDACTED]
Date: Sun, Feb 11, 2018 at 7:24 PM
Subject: PROPOSED LICENCES - 149 ALBERT ROAD, PO4 0JW
To: licencing@portsmouth.gov.uk

Dear Licensing Officer

I wish to object to the licence applications for **1) premises licence (for the sale of alcohol) and 2) licence for a sexual entertainment venue** at the above premises for the reasons listed below:

1. I consider the granting of granting of these licences is likely to result in increased crime and disorder and would be detrimental to the whole area ie persons frequenting the establishment being under the influence of alcohol and conducting themselves aggressively, causing harassment to local residents ie the likelihood of public disorder.
2. Thus this is also public safety issue causing local residents to be vulnerable to anti social behaviour including violence and the risk of damage to property and parked cars. Residents returning home in the area after a night out and especially those workers who have completed late shifts returning home would be at risk, especially young people.
3. There is also likely to be considerable disturbance to local residents by reason of noise generated by the above premises and additionally littering - broken bottles etc. causing children going to school the following morning being vulnerable to injury, (as the closing time proposed is as late as 4am).

I would request that the above points be taken into consideration when these applications are considered.

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Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:30
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Licencing Applications 18/00467/SEXEST and 18/00292/LAPREM

Importance: High

Sent: 10 February 2018 15:49
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Licencing Applications 18/00467/SEXEST and 18/00292/LAPREM
Importance: High

I believe that a lap dancing venue open at this site in Albert Road will fail to promote 3 of the Licensing Objectives.

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 closing for the night. Manpower for policing is increasingly restricted, and I am concerned that the local police force does not have the resource to police the area through the hours of opening. Female members of my family and the general public often need to look hard for parking spaces late at night, and I believe their safety and sense of security would be diminished given the type of clientele that would be attracted to the venue. I am told that academic studies have shown an increase in crimes against women in the areas where similar establishments exist.
2. There will be additional public nuisance, with cars arriving and picking people up in the early hours of the morning, after all other venues in the vicinity have closed, people outside smoking and the possibility of large groups of individuals leaving at 4am. I believe that the clientele will include groups of men involved in stag parties who will be in the area prior to and after visiting the premises, and there is potential for a depressing effect on the neighbourhood. Despite all the claims that this is a commercial area, the licencing committee should also bear in mind that it is a heavily populated residential area.
3. There is a requirement to protect children from harm. The adjacent Wedgewood Rooms (which does not open late on weekday nights), regularly hosts events with local colleges and young people will be leaving these events at a time when customers will be arriving at the lap dancing club next door. Also, although the club will be open outside of school hours, the premises is directly between two local schools, and will have signage of some kind in place, and questions are bound to be asked by naturally inquisitive children travelling between the two, and I believe that this type of club has no place in modern society, let alone in a residential neighbourhood.

I believe that for these reasons, the application to open a Sexual Entertainment Venue at 149 Albert Road should be refused.

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:31
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Application for Licences: 149 Albert Road, Southsea

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Sent: 10 February 2018 14:35
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Fw: Application for Licences: 149 Albert Road, Southsea

I did write on 23rd January (see below), but my original e-mail appears to have been rejected by your filters, so I am re-sending with a slightly different title!

[REDACTED]

Sent: 23 January 2018 17:34
To: licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
Subject: Application for Sex Establishment Licence: 149 Albert Road, Southsea

To the Licensing Dept. Portsmouth City Council

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23rd January 2018

Application for Sex Establishment Licence: 149 Albert Road, Southsea

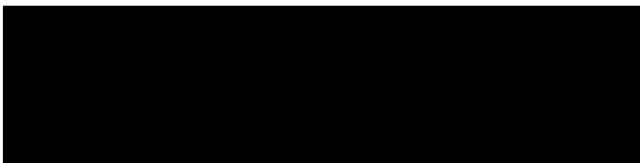
We are writing to object to the granting of an alcohol and premises licence for a "Lap Dancing club" at 149 Albert Road, Southsea.

Albert Road is a mixed commercial and residential road, but most of the retail premises close in the evening, and the other licensed premises, take aways etc. mostly close before midnight. All the roads off Albert on either side are predominantly residential. To licence a premises with a closing time of 04:00 am in an area like this has the potential to increase crime and disorder, not to mention public nuisance.

People will be arriving at this club at a time when other premises on Albert Road are closing for the night. Cars will be arriving to drop off and collect people late at night, and in the early hours, so there will continue nuisance from running car engines, people banging car doors, shouting to each other etc. We also face the prospect of having large groups of the club's customers gathering on the pavement outside smoking, and talking loudly. Those living in neighbouring streets (like Trevor Road) will also suffer nuisance from cars 'cruising' our narrow streets at night in the search for a parking place.

The premises is next door to the Wedgewood Rooms. This is an established music venue which is well run and does not cause a nuisance. However it is regularly used by local colleges etc. for events, and young people attending these events will be leaving the venue whilst people are arriving at this proposed club. The Licensing act 2003 talks about seeking to protect young people from harm, and we fail to see how this application will do this.

To conclude, we feel this application for a premises licence should be refused because of the public nuisance likely to be caused to a large number of residents in this densely populated area of Southsea.



Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:31
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Re Licence application 18/00292/LAPREM (149 Albert Road, Southsea)

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

Sent: 10 February 2018 13:46
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Re Licence application 18/00292/LAPREM (149 Albert Road, Southsea)

Dear Sir/Madam

Re Licence application 18/00292/LAPREM (149 Albert Road, Southsea)

I am writing to register my objections to the granting of the Premises License for the above property. I am led to believe that the club owner proposes to host events at the address and to serve from 21.00 hours until 04.00 hours, up to seven night per week. I think that the granting of this license would have a detrimental effect on the locality and that it will not be possible for the proprietor to uphold the objectives in the licensing policy of Portsmouth City Council. I have set out my objections below, I do hope that they are considered fully;

- The premises (147 Albert Road) is directly adjacent to the Wedgewood Rooms where regular events are held for younger people. Most of these popular events take place whilst it is proposed the new club will also be open and so we will be experiencing a real risk of children being negatively affected by what they see and hear.

This club, if given the go-ahead to serve alcohol for as long as proposed, will clearly make it impossible for the proprietor to support the Council's policy requirement for them to 'protect children from harm'.

- The proposed club will attract large numbers of – almost exclusively - male revelers, 'stag' parties and the like who will spend time on Albert Road where they wouldn't have been if the club wasn't there. There are already numerous clubs and bars in the area, as well as then large music venue next door, where patrons have to congregate outside to await entering the venue, gather to smoke and/or to await taxis/transportation home at the end of their evening out.

The additional revellers in this already busy environment will inevitably lead to more (perhaps unintended) alcohol-fuelled intimidation and possibly violence. For example, I am a 52-year old, partially-sighted man who already finds Albert Road a challenging place to negotiate on my way home late in the evening or at the weekend. It can often be a frightening experience for me (despite the presence of security staff along the street) and it will consequently become a no-go area for me if there are even more young men (under the influence of alcohol) present. I believe it will be even more intimidating for women needing to negotiate the street late at night and certainly would not want my wife or daughter to be confronted by such an experience.

Moreover, those frequenting the club will add to the numbers of noisy revellers already walking around the area on their way home in the small hours. None of the other premises in the area open as late as the proposed club will, thereby the noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour already being experienced by many local residents, will be made significantly worse as it will potentially last an additional few hours. When one considers the reduction in police officer numbers in recent months – with no promise of a change in this policy – it is clear that it won't be possible for our over-stretched police force to manage.

Additionally, the parking situation in central Southsea is already beyond difficult. We live at the far end of Albert Road/Highland Road and WE struggle to park my wife's car after 6pm in the evening or at weekends. The residents who live closer to this proposed club will find parking impossible if this application is granted, thereby having a knock-on/ripple effect towards us.

Therefore it will be impossible for the licensee, as per the Council's licensing guidelines, to support the objectives of 'preventing crime and disorder', 'guarantee public safety' and 'prevent public nuisance'.

- The character of Albert Road really needs to be protected too. For most of the week it is a quirky, friendly and unique area in our city. Whereas many areas of too many towns and cities are almost an 'identi-kit' version of each other, with the same shops, bars, restaurant and pub chains visible. Albert Road is a shining example of a place where one can visit independent traders with young family and friends and all feel safe and welcome. A club of this nature will have a significant and detrimental effect on this environment. Local pride in the "Independent Republic of Albert Road" has been slowly eroding with the granting of planning consent for large chains such as Costa Coffee and Subway (also affecting local traders' ability to earn a living by allowing unfair competition) and this trend needs to be reversed by allowing local residents to have their concerns listened to and the unique character of Albert Road protected.

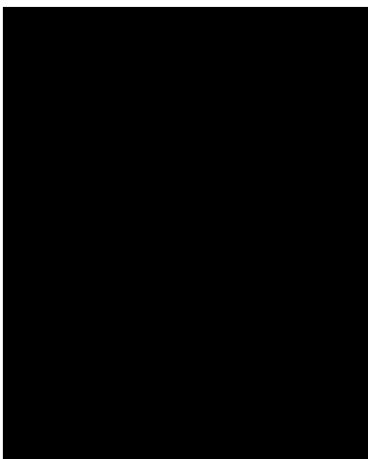
And further, when one reflects upon the additional hours of drinking alcohol proposed by this club's proprietor, it will clearly result in a rise in the amount of alcohol being consumed by large numbers of those frequenting the club.

My opinion is that the granting of this license will adversely affect public health as the club proprietor will not be able to promote this as the Council's guidelines demand.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns, I hope that they can be used to assist you in making your decision in this application.

I am also opposed to the granting of a Sex Entertainment Venue license for the above premises. A number of my objections are similar to those above so I will set them out in a separate document to assist you in ensuring my feedback on BOTH applications is fully noted.

Yours sincerely



Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 08:31
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: objection -lap dancing club at 149 albert road

Sent: 10 February 2018 13:03
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: FW: objection -lap dancing club at 149 albert road

Subject: FW: objection -lap dancing club at 149 albert road

objection to the sex entertainment application at 149 albert road -southsea

i object in the strongest terms to this licence . i live very near to the proposed venue and my wife and i have traded in Albert road for 22 years . The residents and traders in Albert Road are very proud of our area have worked hard over the years to make this road an arty, bohemian coffee shop area that is family friendly .This is an area with 2 schools ,a Theatre and a community centre , a yoga retreat and a bridal shop in the vicinity .The Wedgewood rooms which is an all ages venue that my family attend regularly is next door . it seems inevitable that the sex club customers would be mingling ,whether they liked it or not with the Wedgewood clientele, as there is no smoking area , but adjacent to each other ! Highly Inappropriate for a venue used by teenagers ! It is obvious that that the locality of 149 Albert road is not at all appropriate for a sex club as is it highly residential and not in keeping with the roads image. We have also been told by local councillors that Albert road has no police presence after 2pm and no cctv there ,just 1 camera at the other end of the road! Again common sense would say that public safety and noise nuisance would be inevitable ! There is no place for another late licence sex establishment which would disrupt and upset residents and business owners , I believe under the police and crime act 2009,the local authority has power to determine the number of late licences and sexual entertainment venues , this is the wrong location! thank you .

Robson, Debra

From: Robson, Debra
Sent: 12 February 2018 10:45
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Objection to License Application: 18/00467/SEXEST | Sex Establishment

Sent: 11 February 2018 19:55
To: Robson, Debra; Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to License Application: 18/00467/SEXEST | Sex Establishment

18/00467/SEXEST | Sex Establishment

I object to the granting of a license for this to be a Sexual Entertainment Venue.

7.1.d.i Character of the locality. This locality has a mix of commercial and residential but the majority of the surrounding buildings are residential. Flats above the shops on Albert Road but roads coming off it are entirely residential and densely populated.

7.1.d.ii The use of the premises in the vicinity. This will put sexual entertainment between an Infant and Junior school and within sight of a church. There is a community centre round the corner which has children's events and the Wedgewood Rooms next door has young people events. The prices for entrance and any compulsory purchases will be displayed outside the premises which children will view on their way home from school. Taxis will be coming at an unreasonable hour of night disturbing the residential neighbours and people who have driven will be returning to cars parked in the surrounding streets.

7.6 The time this establishment will close will be at a time when there are less police on duty to deal with any disturbance and when the number of local police is being reduced.

7.8.c There are already two sex establishments in Portsmouth, there is no need for a third to be placed in a highly residential area.

7.9 The use of these premises would affect the use of the neighbouring shop, a bridal wear shop and also the use of the Wedgewood Rooms for events for younger people.

7.9 The Promotion of gender equality, reducing fear of crime amongst women etc. As a woman living alone I am safety conscious when out alone at night. I fear that this type of sexual establishment will make all women feel much more vulnerable in walking along Albert Road, it certainly will for me. Doormen (if outside) they will only have sight of the immediate vicinity and as soon as I turn down a side road I will be vulnerable. I have in the past been approached by drunks but this establishment will have served alcohol and sexual entertainment which I fear will lead to cases of rape as it has in other areas of the country near this type of sexual entertainment venue. Also the danger of cruising cars in the area will be increased and will make me feel very uncomfortable. All this will severely curtail my use of the area in which I live. I will not use the car in the evening as I sometimes have to park several streets away and walk past this to get home. I attend evening events on Albert Road but will stop if it involves me having to pass this building.

7.10 The island is densely populated with residential property and as such I believe that this is no place in Portsmouth City which would be suitable for a sex establishment. Homes, schools, community centres and churches are throughout the city.

7.11.d Character of the relevant locality. This locality is predominantly residential with schools, church and community centre all within very close proximity. The use of this building for sexual entertainment will change the character of the area from family and local social interaction to making local people feel reluctant to use Albert Road. Women will certainly be deterred from walking along the road at night which will affect the use of the other local businesses, restaurants, bars, Wedgewood Rooms. The danger of cruising cars in the area will be increased and will make me feel vulnerable. As there is already two sexual entertainment venues in Portsmouth a third is unnecessary and unwelcome in a residential area.

Robson, Debra

From: Robson, Debra
Sent: 12 February 2018 11:11
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Objection to change of use for 149, Albert Road

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Sent: 11 February 2018 12:46
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: Objection to change of use for 149, Albert Road

Dear Ms Robson

I am writing to you to set out my objections to the change of use from Conservative Club to a Lap Dancing Venue at number 149, Albert Road.

The planning application reference is 18/00467/SEXEST

Due to the impact on the character of the locality there will be an impact on local businesses, for instance the bridal wear shop at 151 Albert Road, 'Creatiques' - customers have approached the owner to say that if the sex establishment is approved, they will no longer visit the shop. In addition to this, young teenagers queue outside the nearby Wedgewood Rooms and would be subjected to the possible lack of role model behaviour of customers of the lap dancing club.

There are many dwellings above the shops in Albert Road whose residents would be disturbed by men leaving the venue in the early hours of every night. The licence application is for trading until 4 a.m. I have heard from local councillors that there is no Police presence in the city after 2 a.m. This would reduce the perceived and actual safety of women who might be walking in the area.

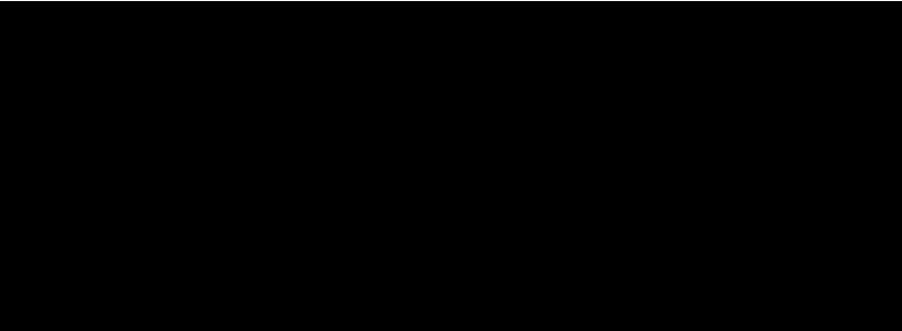
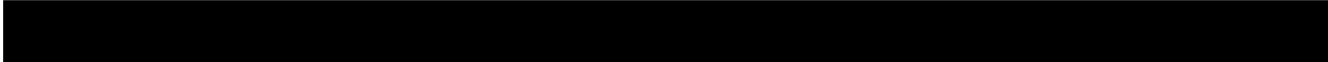
There is a bad track record for this sort of establishment. For instance, a study by the Lilith Project, run by the Eaves Housing charity, which looked at lap-dancing in Camden, found that in the three years after the opening of four large clubs in the area, incidents of rape rose by 50% and sexual assault by 57%.

In 2012, Cornish Police Chief Ian Drummond-Smith objected to the opening of a lap-dancing club in Newquay. He quoted Police figures which show that there were 69 reported sex crimes within a mile radius of the club, between January 2010 and February 2012, which included 15 cases of indecent exposure and 6 'other' sexual offences.

The Police Chief also said 'It is of concern that sexual entertainment would take place in such proximity to dwellings and vulnerable persons; those leaving the premises, having been subject to highly sexualised performances, may be at greater risk of committing sexual offences'.....According to Amnesty International 2006, 'There is an unbroken spectrum of violence that women face at the hands of people who exert control over them. States have the obligation to prevent, protect against, and punish violence against women whether perpetrated by private or public actors. States have a responsibility to protect individuals from human rights abuses.'

The area around University Street and Tottenham Court Road has now been designated a 'no go' area for female shoppers and male passers by who are often accosted by pimps and strip club staff offering sexual services...' Police report on Spearmint Rhino (Director's report 2002).

At present Albert Road is one of the best tourist venues in Southsea with a historic theatre, Salvation Army Church, Schools and a myriad of independent shops and restaurants. It is diverse and safe. If this establishment is allowed to open all this would be compromised.





Ref: 18/00292/LAPREM
Licensing application for Elegance, Albert Road.

Dear sir/madam

I am writing to object to the above application on the grounds of prevention of crime and disorder, securing public safety, preventing public nuisance and protecting children from harm.

The Lilith Project report Inappropriate Behaviour: Adult venues and licensing in London (2007) found that when a lap dance club opened in Camden, reports of both female rape and reports of sexual assaults against women increased by 50%. As a woman living very close to the club, often walking alone at night, I feel threatened by this and don't feel my public safety is being secured.

The club has asked for a 4am license seven days a week – unlike any other drinking establishment in the road. This will cause a public nuisance when it empties, with car doors slamming on private vehicles and taxis. Once the main bars close, Albert Road is actually very quiet and the peace of a largely residential area will be shattered. I understand police stop patrolling at 2am – who will protect us residents if there is trouble after that?

On the final point, the Wedgewood Rooms next door often plays host to under 18s. It is used by local colleges for family-friendly events as well as charities for young people such as UVG. By the very nature of its music policy, a number of touring bands are also attractive to under 18s. I don't feel at all comfortable with these youngsters having to mingle with lap dancing customers as they wait for a lift home.

I have no doubt the club will be well-run and its staff will be safe, but this is entirely the wrong place for it.

Thank you for your consideration,



Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 15:35
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Lap dancing club

Sent: 12 February 2018 14:59

To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Lap dancing club

I would like to register my objections to these proposals as follows:

Premises licence ref 18/00292/LAPREM

Whilst I understand that other premises on Albert Road have late licences, this application is for a very late option - 4.00 am. Since this is in a residential area, if approved, this would add considerably to noise and possible disturbances very late at night and is likely to cause objections from residents who have to endure this impact. It is difficult to see why such a late extension needs to be granted.

Sex Entertainment Venue licence ref 18/00467/SEXEST

As I understand it, Portsmouth City Council has a policy dating from 2012, that there is no location in the city where such an establishment would be appropriate. On these grounds alone, this application should be rejected. More specifically, it seems normal to reject this kind of application should the proposed venue be near schools, places of worship or tourist attractions. Clearly, there are schools (junior schools) and churches very close to the location and the King's Theatre attracts visitors from outside the locality. Albert Road has a particular characteristic of small traders and residents, as well as the many pubs and restaurants. I think that a lap dancing club in this area would have a deleterious effect upon this ambience. It may well discourage visitors from the area and, in Particular, given the nature of lap dancing per se, women might feel uncomfortable in the area, particularly at night.

I write as someone who lives near to Albert Road and uses various venues probably once a week. I find it one of the less intimidating night time locations and would not wish to see anything which would change the nature of this popular site. I have grandchildren who also live locally and would not want to have to explain to them what this new venue is promoting. It seems to me that Albert Road has just about the right balance of entertainment, retail and housing and feel that this proposal could change the balance of this.

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 15:34
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Sex Establishment licence application

Sent: 12 February 2018 15:31
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Sex Establishment licence application

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the Sex Establishmnet licence application ref: 18/00467/SEXEST

As a prior member of the Portsmouth Green Party, I attended a council meeting some two years ago to discuss an application for a licence to establish a Lap Dancing Club in Albert Road. It was agreed at the meeting that it would be inappropriate to grant a licence to such an establishment as it would be very near to two primary schools. I am now a member of the Portsmouth Labour Party and still feel strongly that such an establishment gives out the wrong message to young people growing up in Portsmouth. In addition, I feel that Portsmouth City Council should not condone the presence of such establishments at all if it wishes to be seen by visitors as a modern and forward-looking City, not one which condones businesses with unfashionable values.

I also wish to object to the Premises licence ref: 18/00292/LAPREM

Albert Road has a number of pubs and restaurants, but none which have licences which allow them to stay open until 4am. I feel that this is an unsuitable location for such an establishment as it is surrounded by residential streets and people leaving at this time would cause noise and disruption to the area. Albert Road is a vibrant street, popular with local people, and I feel there is no need to grant a late-night licence to this kind of establishment as it will not be a positive addition and, indeed, may well deter people from visiting.

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: M

Address

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 2:08 PM on 11 Feb 2018 Dear Sir/ Madam,

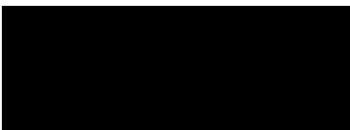
Apologies if I am using the wrong form for entry, but I would also like to object to the issuing of an SEV licence, which I believe that you are considering alongside the drinks licence.

A quick internet search yields very many results that describe Albert Road as an eclectic place to shop. Moreover the council's own website describes Albert road as "highly diverse and unique to Portsmouth". I firmly believe that the opening of a Lap Dancing club on Albert Road will denude its nature.

Furthermore with its proximity to churches, schools and a busy residential neighbourhood I find it to be a 'poor fit' for the area.

My final comment would be based around a concern that it may become a draw for the worst elements in surrounding districts and could ultimately provide an increase in drug dealing and prostitution in the area.

Kind Regards,



Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2018 16:13
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc: Robson, Debra
Subject: 18/00292/LAPREM | Premises Licence | 149 Albert Road Southsea PO4 0JW

18/00292/LAPREM | Premises Licence | 149 Albert Road Southsea PO4 0JW

Dear Licensing Officers,

I wish to object to the above premises license as I believe it does not, and will not, meet or promote the four licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public Safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

The proposed opening hours stated in the premises license application for the Sexual Entertainment Venue is until 4am every day. Local police teams have already told community and residents groups that their resources are stretched and therefore need to be strictly prioritized to those areas of the city experiencing the highest reported serious crime incidents. This deficiency is further exacerbated by the daily shift rotas of the neighbourhood police teams which end at midnight. Without a police presence in the vicinity of this Venue, in the same manner as at Guildhall Walk, I fail to see how crime and disorder will be prevented with groups or individual males consuming alcohol until 4am.

It is often intimidating walking through Guildhall Walk at night despite the presence of police and in this respect there is an impact on public safety in both a real and perceived sense - women walking alone or waiting for taxis/buses will feel at risk. The added anti-social behavior and noise nuisance from both customers and taxis/cars until 4am in a residential area will impact negatively on surrounding residents.

The applicant has implied that there will be no advertising and therefore children will not be aware of the Venue's presence. However I frequently see families at the theatre, gigs, and dining out much later than 9pm when the proposed Sexual Entertainment Venue opens. My family and another recently attended an early evening music performance at the Guildhall. We came out at 10pm and as we walked through Guildhall Walk, near to the New Theatre Royal, a scantily clad woman in the freezing cold, approached us with leaflets promoting Wiggle, telling us it was "only £35 entry charge". This proposed SEV on Albert Road is owned by the same applicant as Wiggle. Its mode of operation will not protect children from harm and therefore should not be granted a premises license.

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 17:12
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Objections to Lap Dancing Club on Albert Road

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

Sent: 12 February 2018 16:39
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objections to Lap Dancing Club on Albert Road

I object to both the premises licence and the Sexual Entertainment Licence for this proposed establishment. I object to the Premises Licence on the grounds of:- Protection of children from harm: this proposed Lap Dancing establishment would be next door to the Wedgwood Rooms, a music venue with an established programme of entertainment for young teenagers who both queue to get in and wait outside for taxis or lifts from parents. As the mother of a 15 year old daughter who goes with her friends to the Wedgwood Rooms, I would be entirely unhappy for her and her friends to be in such close proximity to customers of a Lap Dancing club where the aim is the sexual entertainment and (inevitably) arousal of adult men. I also think it is entirely unfair that the Wedgwood Rooms would suffer a loss of business and reputation when it is clearly operated as a very responsible venue. As an adult woman I would not feel comfortable walking in the vicinity of a Lap Dancing club late at night and therefore also object on the grounds that such an establishment does the opposite to promoting public safety - it undermines a sense of public safety.

Yours sincerely,



Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 12 February 2018 16:20

To: Licensing Shared Email

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: ref 18/00292/LAPREM and ref 18/00467/SEXEST

This is in regards to :

Sex Entertainment Venue licence ref 18/00467/SEXEST

Premises licence ref 18/00292/LAPREM

Firstly I would like to express my gratitude to Luke, for bringing this to my attention. I have lived off Albert road for 20 years and with sadness, I have witnessed it's continual demise over the years, with small local businesses being either out out by global businesses (Costa, Subway) or strangled by market saturation e.g Hairdressers/ pubs/ curry houses etc.). This is further exacerbated by intoxicated inconsiderate people spilling out onto streets outside drinking venues in the evenings and allowed to block pedestrian access on pavements - thus creating volatile confrontations. Now there is a proposal to licence another venue, allowing them to serve alcohol, play loud music and provide sex entertainment, till 4am, 7 days a week. None of this 'adds' to the character of Albert Road or facilitates a healthy living environment for the local residents.

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 16:01
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: objection to licence for 149 Albert Road, 18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST

Sent: 12 February 2018 15:55
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: objection to licence for 149 Albert Road, 18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST

I wish to formally lodge my objection to be above applications. Albert Road is residential in nature and this has been recognised in other licensing decisions with the result that the latest opening venue in the area is the Wedgewood Rooms and that closes at 2am; the proposed licence for 149 Albert Road is for 4am opening.

Residents deserve protection from potential noise and disturbance and the hours sought in this licence are excessive.

The clientele will come from a wide area and this will mean taxi movements and further disturbance. It is also unclear what provision will be made for smokers and whether this will cause further problems.

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 12 February 2018 16:00
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Application for a Lap Dancing Club at 149 Albert Road

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Sent: 12 February 2018 15:47
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Application for a Lap Dancing Club at 149 Albert Road

Dear Sir/ Madam

Re : 18/00292/LAPREM. 18/00467/SEXTET

I would like to object to the licence as it breaches the licencing objectives ,prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance.

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 13 February 2018 08:22
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Reference: 18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST

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

Sent: 12 February 2018 22:44
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Reference: 18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to put forward my views regarding the proposed licensing application for 149 Albert Road.

The primary objection would be that 149 Albert Road is close to a school and nursery as well as the Salvation Army where youngsters frequent and although opening times at the proposed venue are not normally during school times - there will be a knock in effect in terms of affecting the businesses that are run specifically for young people. Not only that but Albert Road since 'love Albert Road' day has seen a marked regeneration in small businesses for example it has attracted some big names like costa/Wetherspoons and Subway plus some unique independent shops that make Albert Road a prime tourist attraction - let alone a prime location for coffee shops and restaurants.

With the opening of the 'sex club' this would make it a less desirable area for new businesses and therefore all the hard work would be undone.

Next door to the proposed site is the Wedgwood Rooms where they do a lot of events for colleges and schools and I myself have attended some fun raising events that involve under 18 and the evenings do not end until after 9 pm when the proposed 'sex club' doors will open.

Another huge concern to me is the safety threat when walking home late at night. I would feel very threatened if I had to walk past a group of men who maybe smoking outside the club.

The application of a licence until 4 am would create a precedent for the rest of Albert Road - this would be undesirable to residence in the area as noise levels would increase to the early hours. All the flats on Albert Road plus every road off Albert would be affected. I live in Boulton road and can hear noise until the early hours and it panics me to feel that I could be disturbed up until about 4 am.

As a local resident I'm really concerned as the New premises with the licensing possibly being extended until the early hours would have a detrimental effect - shops would suffer and close and generally the whole area would go into decline.

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2018 20:25
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: 18/00467/SEXEST

Good Morning Debra,

I am writing to you regarding the above application. I am deeply concerned at the possibility of a Sexual Entertainment Venue operating on Albert Road.

Whilst there are independent businesses operating successfully along the street, there are also flats and the surrounding area is residential. If the licence was to be granted, I believe it would encourage those who wish to indulge in potentially criminal and undesirable practices; to carry out their activities in the area. Allowing a Sexual Entertainment Venue to operate in what is essentially a residential area with a few independent businesses, is worrying. I think it would dramatically impact on public safety and would encourage inappropriate and unwanted behaviour towards local residents and would discourage those persons currently enjoying the area.

There are 2 schools as well as a church and a theatre amongst the various businesses operating along Albert Road. These premises provide activities for children, in the evening as well as the daytime. It is concerning that children could be less safe in the area, should the Sexual Entertainment Venue be given the go ahead, and the anticipated clientele frequent Albert Road. There is additionally the potential of public nuisance. We have the possibility of police presence until 2 am, I believe. If the premises were to operate until 4 am, we would be unable to prevent public disorder or vandalism to local properties or the noise from the increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic. There is nothing to recommend such a business operating along Albert Road. The possible rise in assaults, as a result of the consumption of drugs or alcohol or merely a presumption of permission, must surely show that the licence should not be granted.

Please take these points in to consideration when deciding whether or not to grant the licence.

Many Thanks.

Kind Regards,

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 13 February 2018 08:21
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Comments for Licensing Application 18/00467/SEXEST

From: noreply@portsmouthcc.gov.uk [mailto:noreply@portsmouthcc.gov.uk]
Sent: 12 February 2018 20:34
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 18/00467/SEXEST

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

Comments were submitted at 8:33 PM on 12 Feb 2018 [REDACTED]

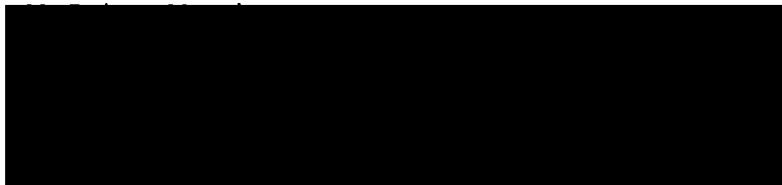
Application Summary

Address: 149 Albert Road Southsea PO4 0JW
Proposal: Sex Establishment
Case Officer: Mrs NICKII HUMPHREYS

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Customer Details

Name:
Email:
Address:



Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour
Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 8:33 PM on 12 Feb 2018 Dear Sir/ Madam, I would also like to object to the issuing of an SEV licence. A quick internet search yields very many results that describe Albert Road as an eclectic place to shop. Moreover the council's own website describes Albert road as "highly diverse and unique to Portsmouth". I firmly believe that the opening of a Lap Dancing club on Albert Road will denude its nature. Furthermore with its proximity to churches, schools and a busy residential neighbourhood I find it to be a 'poor fit' for the area. My final comment would be based around a concern that it may become a draw for the worst elements in surrounding districts and could ultimately lead to an increase in drug dealing and prostitution in the area. Yours Faithfully, [REDACTED]

Robson, Debra

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 13 February 2018 08:22
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Lap Dancing Club - Albert Road - Licence Application.

Sent: 12 February 2018 23:01
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Lap Dancing Club - Albert Road - Licence Application.

I wish to object against the Licence Application for the lap dancing club in Albert Road.

The primary reason would be the 4.00am closing time. This would create a dangerous precedent for the rest of the pub and restaurants in Albert Road, and would have a harmful effect on the quality of life for residents in the area.

Also the establishment of such a club would have a negative impact on new business's investing in the area. In recent time Costa and Subway have opened premises.

Finally such a venue would be less than desirable being so close to a school and a church.

Thank you.

Robson, Debra

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2018 21:39
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: MY HAIR SALON AND THE PROPOSED LICENSE

Dear Ms. Robson,

This email comes to your regarding the proposal of the proposed license next to my HAIR SALON The Hairdressir on Albert Road/Harold Road

The proposal is for an alcohol license and a SEV license of the Lapdancing Club that is planned on the site of 149 Albert road, Southsea

I would like to register my objection to such a proposed application.

1. As a well-respected multi award winning business owner in Albert Road I feel it would have a disrespectful resounding effect on the area, but will also have a cheapening consequence on the area, the boutique offers the brides late night appointments and also fittings, we open until after 9 on these evenings, to have a Lapdancing club next to my business will have an effect on my business hours. I also offer late night appointments in the store where my staff would be left to run these appointments, they have declared that they would feel incredibly uncomfortable closing the store with this venue next door to my business. I feel that our business offers the most incredible customer services having been awarded for this on many national and local business awards, I have asked our clients whether this type of club opening next to my store would have changed their decision in coming to us to have their hair done, the answers were "yes they would be wary of bringing themselves in to my business and would not wish to see graphic signage right next door to my shop window .my salon has appeared in many national magazines showcasing Albert Road and Southsea as a place to visit. I feel this would impact on my standing in the hair industry as a multi-national awarded luxury business that would now be viewed as a business in a no-go area as Albert Road will become.

Why should I change my business hours to accommodate such a venue opening? Where he already has the option to have his two venues in the city of Portsmouth!

I feel that with the late-night opening will result in activities that I wish not to see. The general disturbance and crime will be inflated with the lack of police support that there is in this area.

I walk to work every day down through the albert road, and the street cleaning is undesirable at the best of time but it would need to be increased due to the amount of litter, empty bottles and sick on the streets. I pay my rates for this not be seen, and I feel that having a late-night venue opening until 4 am the level of disturbance for our neighborhood and the littering of the area would be amplified

I also have to have shutters on my store for security, who would be responsible when there is hostile behavior that could result in my shutters being damaged? I have been told that I am not able to place cameras outside my store to help with my security

The other thing that it will increase, which comes with an establishment like this, is the increase of drugs. I have seen this happening more in out of hours drinking establishments.

I have also viewed online social media from the evening news coverage and have been applaud by the lewd comments in regarding the connection between my business and the lap dancing club

2. The parking is and will always be an issue in the local vicinity and the opening of a late-night club until 4am will increase the lack of parking and disturbances when cars are started at 4 am onwards. ON many evenings when I return home from business meetings, and events, I have to park my car many streets away from the house. I have always felt safe on returning to my home during late evenings, but with the current level of nightlife; however, I have had to deal with intoxicated people walking back from the pubs, with these late licenses the resources in albert road would be stretched even further than it is now would have deal with. I feel would bring an undesirable element associated with such a club to the area and I would no longer feel safe.

3. The general nuisance of this club opening in a residential and independent road, I feel it would have a very detrimental effect on the surrounding businesses

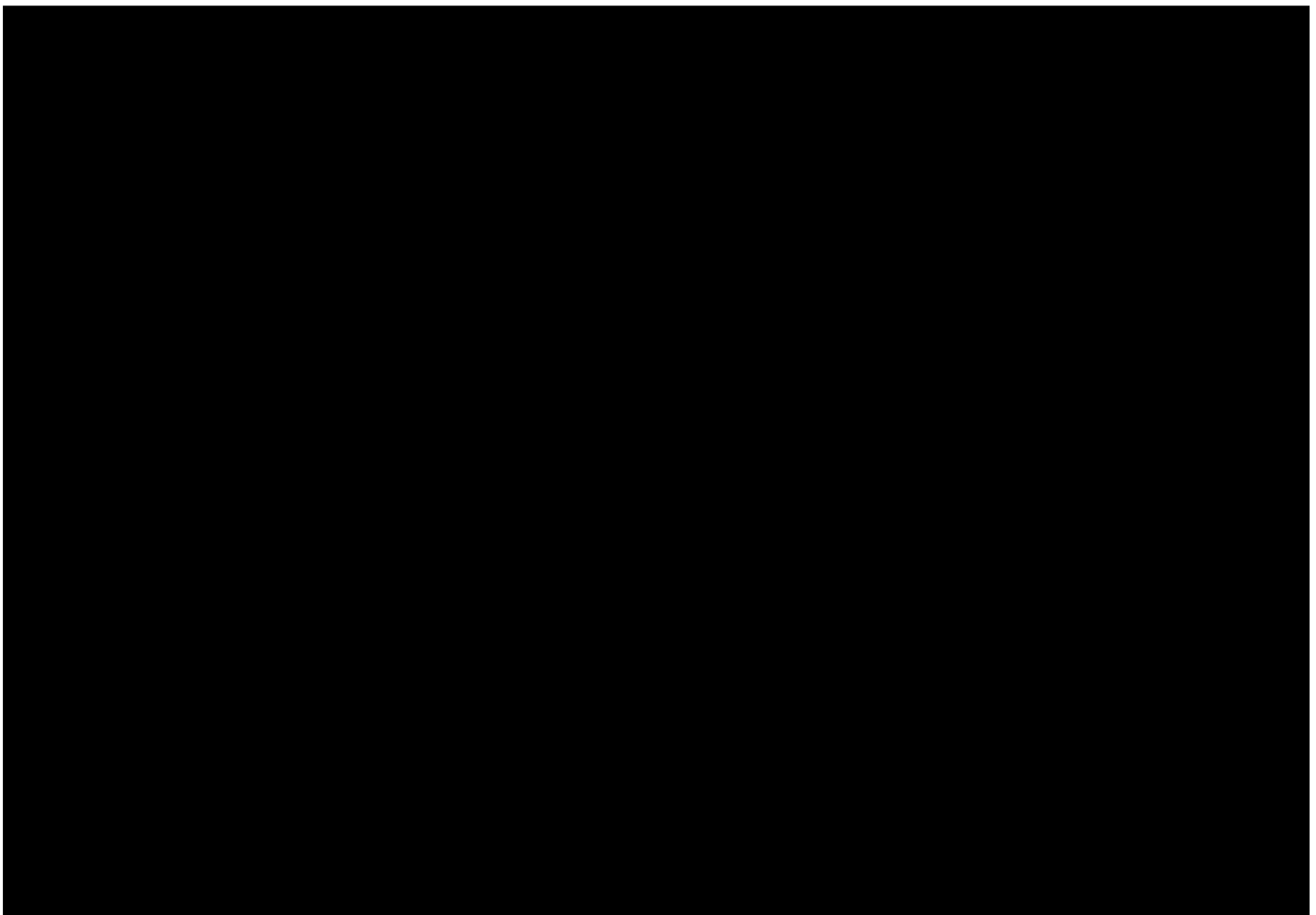
I would like to bring to this email an understanding of what level of safeguarding that the club would put in place to curb the possibility of unruly behavior that could descend from this establishment?

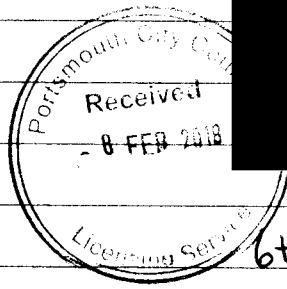
There is private land also behind this back of my store. Has the landlord been contacted as this is a fire exit! There is a major issue with fly tipping also on this land, how will the club deal with this?

4. The documentation that is in place states that this sort of venue should not be permissible with the infant and junior schools within very close proximity to the proposed licensed venue, plus there are churches, community centers and also youth events at the venue next door to the proposed site at the Wedgewood Rooms

Concerning this matter can you please tell me what form of advertising will be for the venue? I feel that the venue will degrade the local area and the businesses in this well-loved area Albert Road.

My belief that granting both an alcohol license and an SEV license to such a venue will be damaging and unfavorable to the local community.





6th February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: application 18/00467/SEXEST/149, Albert Rd,
Southsea. PO4 0JW.

We are residents & business owners and are objecting to the above application.

- The premises for this application is sited next to a venue which regularly has events from 14 years of age. (under 18's) The entrance to this venue, The Wedgewood Rooms, is only approx 12 feet away from the entrance to 149, Albert Road, so it will be inevitable under 18's are going to mingle and be subject to patrons of 149, Albert Road throughout the night.
- There are also 3 places of worship, Trinity Church, St. Swithins Church & The Salvation Army Citadel. There are 2 schools, Southsea Infant School & Craneswater Middle School & a Community Centre. All of which are in very close proximity to the proposed venue. Although schools maybe closed when this premises is open the very many school children going to and from school will be aware & questions from enquiring children will also be inevitable.
- Albert Road is also a big residential area with flats occupied above businesses & purpose built multi residential flats. There are also numerous side roads with houses many of which have young families.
- The opening hours of this application is also of a great concern for safety. At the ~~4pm. time~~ 4am proposed closing

time there will not be appropriate police on duty if there were any ~~at~~ altercations either inside or outside the premises or along Albert Road. This is because there are less, police on shift in the very early hours. As much as 50% less.



Continuation/ Re: Application 18/00292 /LAPREM
149, Albert Road, Southsea, PO4 0JW.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is an ~~alcohol license~~ objection to the alcohol licensing application of the above application.

- As previously said we are residents & business owners in Albert Road.
- Due to the very many premises in Albert Road which have alcohol licenses this application, if granted, will further exacerbate the level of anti social behaviour that residents & business owners have to endure on a nightly basis and very often having to pay for damage caused to premises i.e broken windows etc.
- Apart from violent behaviour there is the aftermath of drinkers, with vomit, urinating, defecation, & food & take away containers in door ways, pavements & gardens. Apart from the filthy mess it is also a health hazard attracting rats.
- Once again more licensed premises add to the alcohol fueled behaviour (there has to be a saturation point) which need a police presence & response to an already over stretched police force. Particularly in the early hours of the morning when

police personal on duty are at it's lowest.

With Many Thanks

Yours Sincerely



Licensing
Portsmouth City Council
Guildhall Square
Portsmouth
PO1 2BG



Dear Sirs,

18/00292/LAPREM

We have noticed that there is a current licensing application for a Lap Dancing Club at 149 Albert Road. Whilst on the grounds of our Christian beliefs we would prefer not to have such a club anywhere let alone in such close proximity to our building we do have a number of specific concerns and questions regarding this specific application.

Section 13: The application appears to be incomplete as the applicant has not listed the types of activity to be authorised.

Section 15: There are ample sources of alcohol sales on Albert Road already and we do not see any reason why there is further requirement for the sale of alcohol off the premises. We already have to clear the aftermath of alcohol use from the frontage of our buildings on a regular basis on a Sunday morning prior to our morning service.

Section 14: We note that the timings for the sale of refreshments are different from all other timings in the application. Is this an error or is there a reason for this.

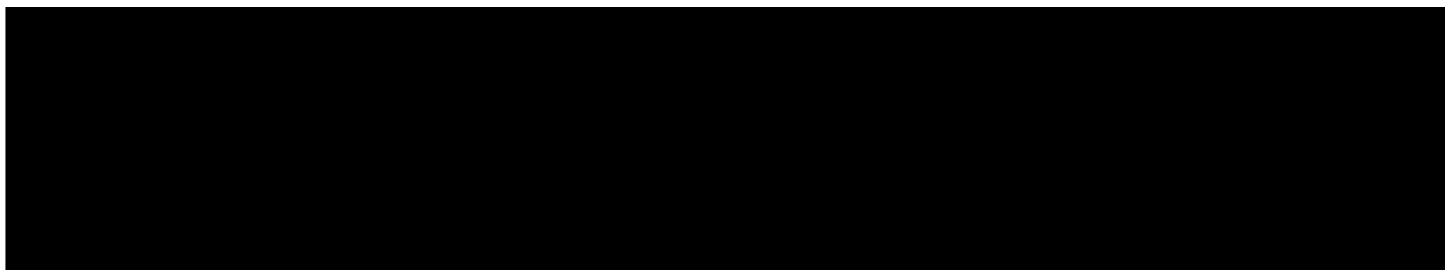
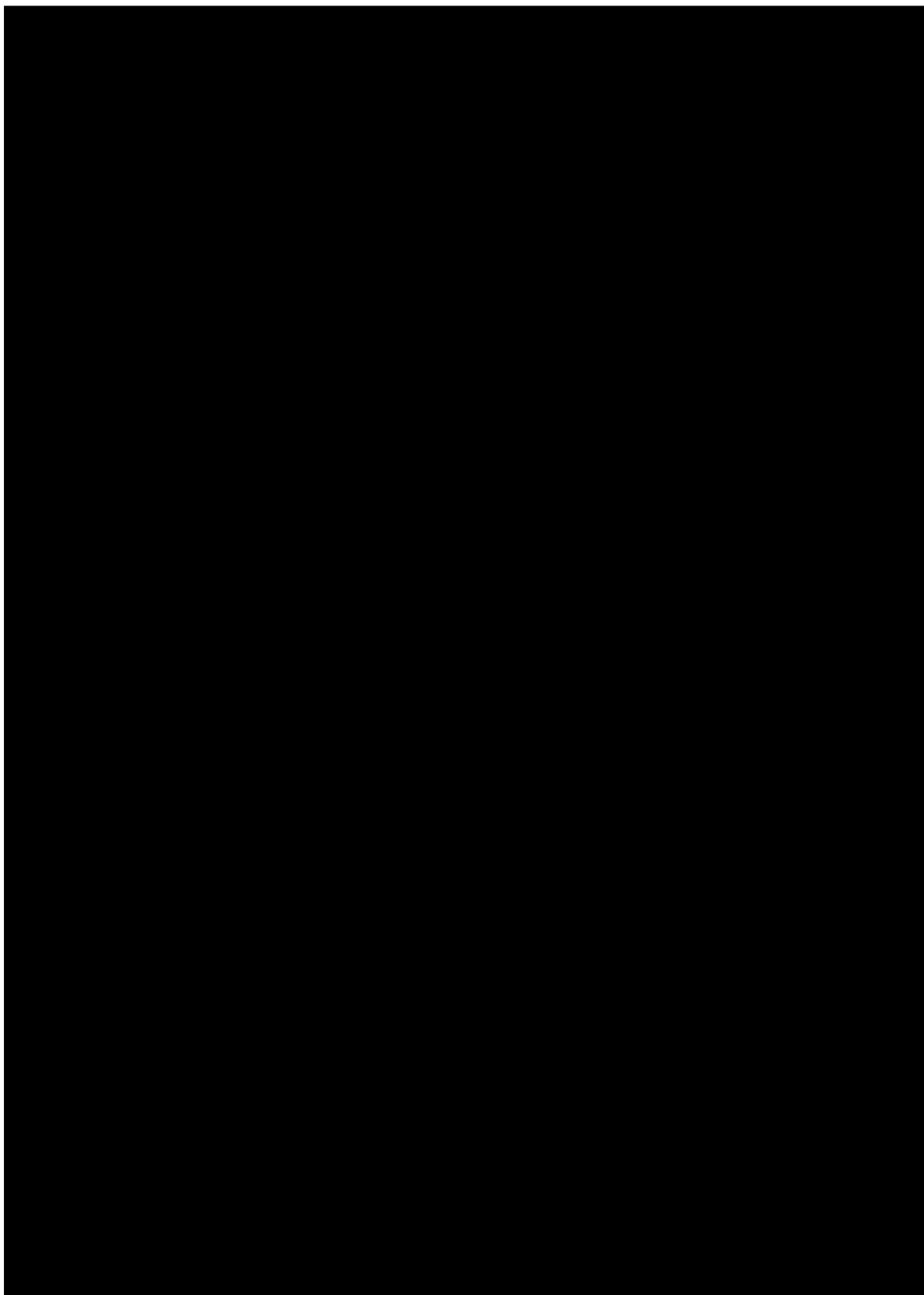
Section 18d: Parking on Albert Road is already limited especially when there is a performance at the local theatre. As there are a large number of housing properties in the area what plans are in place to prevent public nuisance from parking issues by customers?

Added to this is that we at The Salvation Army sometimes require parking at unsocial hours should our building become one of the city's designated rest centres. This now includes being used as a centre for unaccompanied children.

Section 18e: The area around 149 Albert Road includes 2 primary schools for child protection grounds we would not expect to see any external advertising on the building or in the surrounding area.

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We trust that these areas of concern and general questions are taken in to account when the council discuss this application in due course.



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

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.

From: Robson, Debra
Sent: 06 February 2018 14:39
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Licence application ref: 18/00467/SEXEST

Sent: 30 January 2018 18:21
To: Planning CHD Referrals (CPL)
Subject: Licence application ref: 18/00467/SEXEST

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing in objection to the Sex Establishment Licence Application Ref: 18/00467/SEXEST.
I live just off the Albert Road and pass the location every day, and most evenings.

Objection 1:

It is entirely inappropriate to have a 'sex establishment' between two schools. Even though the club may not be open during school hours, there would presumably be advertising outside, as there is at the current Elegance club, and I feel that this is a very negative portrayal of women for children to see.

Objection 2:

Safety.

The Wedgewood Rooms is a long established music venue that I visit regularly, and often with my sixteen year old nephew. Leaving the Wedgewood Rooms whilst men are visiting a lap dancing club immediately next door is not something I relish. There would definitely be an overlap of the visitors to each venue, which is disturbing. It would also make me feel unsafe on my walk home, which I usually do alone.

Objection 3:

Policing.

Lap dancing clubs attract Stag Do's, and that is accompanied by excessive drinking, which inevitably boils over into noise, and potential fighting. This would put local residents at risk, people visiting restaurants, and of course the Wedgewood Rooms. This would have an impact on local policing, which as we know is under massive pressure already, especially with the latest cuts to police numbers.

Objection 4:

This is a residential area. There are very many local people whose home life this would impact. It is also known that having a sex club nearby can affect house valuations.

Objection 5:

Waverley Road is still recovering from serious problems related to alcohol abuse, drug abuse, and the sad issue of vulnerable girls in prostitution. Unfortunately this is recent history, and it still carries that reputation, so it is dangerous to have this club located so closely.

Objection 6:

Tourism and visitors to Albert Road.

Albert Road is such a vibrant fun place to visit in the evenings, with it's many bars, restaurants, the Kings Theatre, and the Wedgewood Rooms, but already I have spoken to people who would not come here if the Sex Licence is awarded. This would have a direct impact on local businesses through loss of customers, and loss of revenue.

We should preserve the unique nature of the Albert Road.

Objection 7:

Safety of the girls working at the club.

>
> -----Original Message-----



> Sent: 20 January 2018 15:58
> To: Licensing Shared Email
> Subject: Sexual Entertainment venue

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> To whom it may concern
> We want to express our strong opposition to the proposal that 149 Albert road should become a Sexual Entertainment venue.

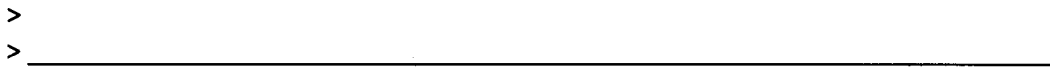
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> It is an entirely inappropriate area for this type of entertainment being a shopping and residential area and within a few hundred yards of two schools. Why can't Mr Oijla open the club to everyone, not to just those seeking sexual thrills, as a dance and drink venue. We understand the upper room has a sprung dance floor.

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> We already have major problems parking in Harold Road, adjacent to the proposed premises. There are large vans frequently parked in the road bringing musical entertainment to the Wedge and the multi occupancy of many houses in the road means that parking in the road is often impossible. This proposal is likely to bring people in cars from out of the area.

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> It is difficult to understand why this licence is up for application again when we already expressed our opposition to it not very long ago.



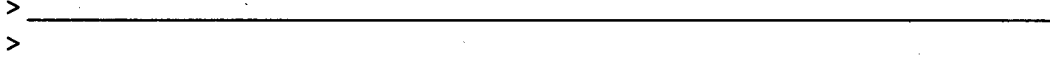
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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 23 January 2018 09:29
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Lap Dancing club at 149 Albert Road - Objection

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

Sent: 23 January 2018 09:20
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Lap Dancing club at 149 Albert Road - Objection

Dear Sir / Madam

Please accept my objection to the proposed licencing of this establishment.

I live very locally to this proposed development with a young family. The idea of 'stag do' or general clientele of such an establishment leaving the premises quietly at any point up to 4am is extraordinarily naive. I can only see this generating upset, and thus ultimately a draw on already stretched policing.

The Albert Road area is a close-knit local community and typified by sole traders offering a pleasant face-to-face approach to local retailing. It would not take much to upset this fine balance and bring the area down to the seedy unpleasant and unsavoury level enjoyed by many geographically similar areas nationally. Albert Road simply isn't that kind of area. The presence of a sex club in this area could not be more detrimental. However, the planning permission for this seems to be going ahead regardless of this very obvious local uniqueness. This rocks my faith in sensible, human-centred and thoughtful planning.

The idea of licencing such an establishment until 4 o'clock in the morning is nothing short of dangerous. The area has a high student population and is surrounded by small dark and narrow streets leading to Albert Road. It simply would no longer feel safe, nor is it likely to be safe, having drink-fueled sexually-heightened adults from outside the area, bouyed up by a sense of anonimity, populating these areas after dark.

The likely knock-on effects of clientele from the long-standing and well respected Wedgewood Rooms mingling with the clientele of any neighbouring sex club is almost certainly going to cause distress and thus a greater call on our police services and I literally cannot think of anything more inappropriate.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 24 January 2018 08:17
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Lap dancing club - 149 Albert Road

[REDACTED]

Sent: 23 January 2018 20:23
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Lap dancing club - 149 Albert Road

Dear sirs

I am a resident in Chelsea Road and 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 anti-social behaviour.

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 licenses 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 area are at a risk of being further exposed to harm by allowing this application.

[REDACTED]

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From: Humphreys, Nickii
Sent: 24 January 2018 12:08
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Sexual Entertainment venue

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

Sent: 23 January 2018 09:52
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: Re: Sexual Entertainment venue

gov.uk> wrote:

> I acknowledge receipt of your objection to the grant of a sexual
> entertainment venue licence in respect of 149 Albert Road Southsea
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> Please can I request details of your address for my records. I can confirm that your details will not be published
publically nor divulged to the applicant in respect of the application for a sex establishment licence but this is not
the same in respect of publication of your details in respect of the concurrent alcohol licence application.
>
> To clarify, there has not been a previous application for either a sexual entertainment venue or alcohol licence for
this venue. You may be thinking of the planning application which is a completely different regulatory regime to the
current licensing applications.
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> I look forward to hearing from you in due course.
>
> Yours sincerely
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>
> Nickii Humphreys
> Licensing Manager
>
> Portsmouth City Council
> Directorate of Culture and City Development Licensing Service Civic
> Offices Guildhall Square Portsmouth Hants
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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 09:33
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Objection

Sent: 29 January 2018 09:21
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection

To whom it may concern,

I would like to formally object to the licensing application for 149 Albert Road (alcohol licence 18/00292/LAPREM and Sex Establishment Application Number 18/00467/SEXEST).

I am deeply concerned about the impact this establishment will have on this residential area for the following reasons.

1)
Instances of sexual assaults are far more frequent in the areas around establishments of this kind. There is plenty of data and evidence to support this fact.

2)
The proposal includes opening hours until 4am. This is totally unacceptable in this residential area.

3)
In 2012, Portsmouth City Council adopted a policy stating that it would not allow any sex establishment licences to be granted in this city. Why is a new licence being granted when it clearly contradicts this policy?

As a local resident, woman and mother I urge you to reject this licence.

Many thanks for your consideration.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent:

02 February 2018 12:59

To:

Licensing Shared Email

Subject:

Re the lap dancing club on Albert Road

I email in support of this application. I think there is a lot of hysteria surrounding this proposal with stuff and nonsense being spread about prostitutes, trafficking and drug taking. I don't think people realise how strictly monitored these establishments are. I feel that the accusations levelled by some of the residents are an implied criticism of the licensing process and the sanctions it imposes. If faith is lost in the licensing process then all businesses locally that have licensing at their core will be the losers. [REDACTED]

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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 10:25
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Objection to Licensing Application 18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST

Sent: 29 January 2018 10:20
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to Licensing Application 18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST

Dear Council Licensing Committee,

[REDACTED] has brought the licensing application for an alcohol license till 4am and sex establishment application on Albert Road to our attention. As parents of two small children (10 months and 5 years old), we have strong objections to these applications in our neighborhood.

We don't see what benefits an establishment of this kind and/or the extended hours for serving alcohol would bring to our neighborhood, while on the other hand we see numerous disadvantages and concerns, especially since this is a family neighborhood which can be testified by the number of schools in our area.

-we already have problems in Portsmouth with homelessness due to addictions, alcoholism, and mental illness. Increased availability of alcohol would only encourage drunkenness and alcoholism.

-potential safety concerns. What kinds of people would this attract to our neighborhood? Also, the influence of alcohol decreases people's judgment and can lead to violence and aggressive behavior. The longer alcohol is served the more likely drunkenness is to appear.

-potential noise from people going to and leaving the establishment, especially if they are drunk, would disturb the neighborhood (and children trying to sleep)

-areas with these kinds of establishments tend to be the least desirable, and therefore would decrease the value of our properties. On the flip side, could we rather seek establishments which would lift the neighborhood and increase the value?

-do we really want our children to walk by such an establishment on their way to and from school?

-sex establishments exploit people. do we really want to promote that in our neighborhood?

Therefore, we kindly ask the council to deny these applications. Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 10:47
To: Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Lap dancing club 149 Albert Road proposal

[REDACTED]

Sent: 29 January 2018 10:41
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Lap dancing club 149 Albert Road proposal

I would like to make objection to the alcohol licence application number 18/00292/LAPREM and sex establishment application number 18/00467/SEXEST.

The reasons are:-

The generation of noise until 04:00 in what is in and around a residential area.

The proven relationship between sex attacks on women and the proximity to such clubs as documented in Lilith Project, run by the charity Eaves Housing.

We are local residents who live two roads away and I feel the safety of my wife and daughter would be compromised walking in the area of such an establishment at night.

In 2012, Portsmouth City Council adopted a policy stating that it would not allow any sex establishment licences to be granted in this city. This was based in the council's view that such establishments did not fit in with the council's vision for the city (see section 7.10 of the council sex establishment licensing policy).

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 10:52
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: lap dancing club.

Original Message

To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: lap dancing club.

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I am deeply concerned about the impact this establishment will have on this residential area for the following reasons.

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As a woman living in an area where a lap dancing club had been and experienced the effects mentioned above, and close to and frequently uses the Albert Road facilities, I feel deeply concerned that this could compromise my safety

and the safety of other women living in this residential area. The problem is not an issue of affronted morality but an issue of women's human rights to live and work without fear or degradation.

I have always felt safe on Albert Road but if this establishment opens up then my safety will be compromised: "...the area around the University Street and Tottenham Court [Road] has now denigrated into a 'no go' area for female shoppers and male passers-by who are often accosted by pimps and other strip clubs offering sexual services and favours...." - Police report on Spearmint Rhino, (Director's Report, 2002) Please consider this. Albert Road is one of the best things about Southsea. It is fun, diverse and safe. If this establishment opens all of this will be compromised.

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My second objection is that the proposal includes opening hours until 4am. This is totally unacceptable and without precedent in this residential area. Have you consulted the residents who will be affected by this?

I strongly object to the impact that this will have on my standard of life.

Many people live in flats above shops on Albert Road. Even more live in flats and houses in the surrounding streets. Allowing drunk, sexually charged people to use this service until 4am will affect the safety and noise levels for local residents. It is also likely to increase the crime rates in the surrounding areas even beyond sexual violence.

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As a resident, woman, mother and great grandmother, urge you to reject this licence.



From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 11:07
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: 149 Albert Road, licensing application

Sent: 29 January 2018 11:03
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 149 Albert Road, licensing application

I would like to raise the following objections to the proposal for a Sex Establishment Application 18/00467/SEXEST and an Alcohol License 18/00292/LAPREM.

I have lived in Wimbledon Park Road for many years and as a woman have always felt very safe to walk in Albert Road and the surrounding area at night. It has been shown that instances of sexual assault are far more frequent in the areas around establishments of this kind. If this establishment was to go ahead I feel that mine and that of other women's safety would be compromised.

This premises is very close to residential houses and an alcohol license until 4am would cause unacceptable noise late at night which would have a detrimental impact on the people who live there.

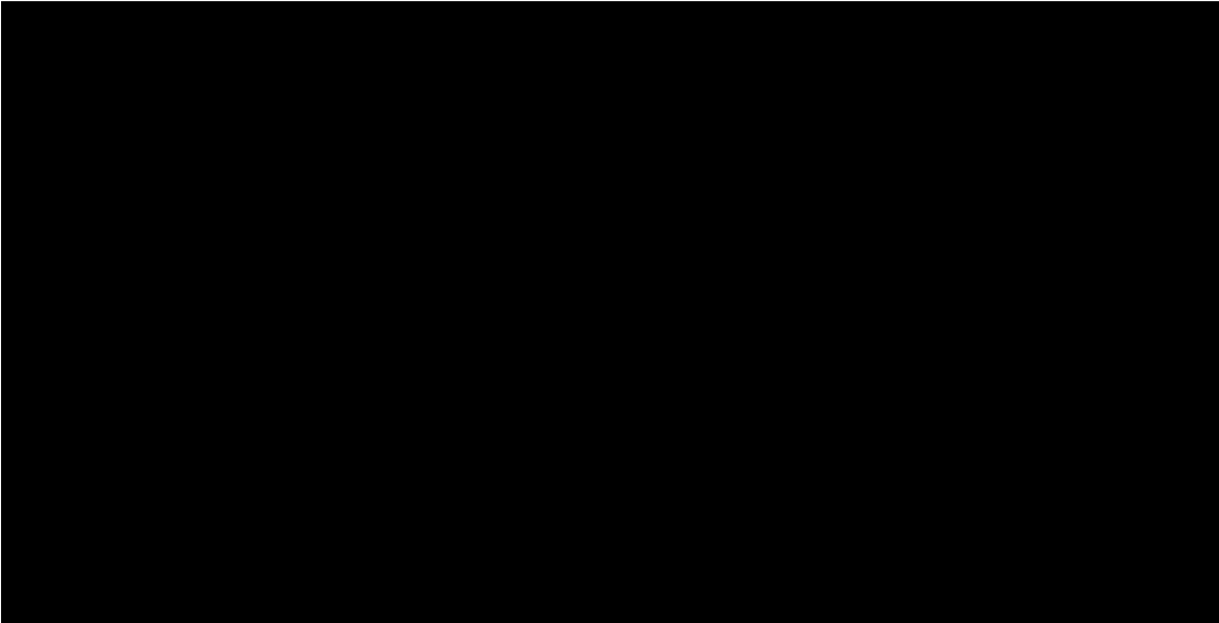
I feel along with the council that such establishments do not fit in with our vision for the city and urge you to refuse these applications.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 08:10
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Objection

Sent: 28 January 2018 18:52
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection

I would like to formally object to the proposed lapdancing club on Albert Road - 149 Albert Road (alcohol licence 18/00292/LAPREM and Sex Establishment Application Number 18/00467/SEXEST).
On the grounds that it reduces locally amenity and means that our ability to enjoy Southsea and surrounding area is reduced due to the safety particularly of females in the vicinity of the lapdancing club.

The licence should not be granted until 4am – it's a densely populated area and mainly residential in nature.



From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 08:10
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Licensing Application number 18/00292/LAPREM, Sex Establishment Application number 18/00467/SEXEST at 149 Albert Road

Sent: 28 January 2018 17:48

To: Licensing Shared Email

Subject: Licensing Application number 18/00292/LAPREM, Sex Establishment Application number 18/00467/SEXEST at 149 Albert Road

Dear Councillors

We wish to OBJECT to 18/00292/SEXEST Application on the following grounds:

1. The establishment of a Lap Dancing Club is contrary to Section 7.10 of Portsmouth City Council's sex establishment policy.
2. The fact that the applicant has previously operated a similar club in Granada Road should not be regarded as any precedent for another club at 149 Albert Road. This is a NEW application and should be judged purely on the circumstances of the new application.
3. Whilst Albert Road is a commercial road, it should not be forgotten that it is a mainly RESIDENTIAL area. Many of the shops also have residential units above. A Lap Dancing Club is unsuitable for a residential area.
4. The proposed club is likely to result in an increase in late night traffic, noise, and anti-social behaviour from patrons entering and leaving the premises.
5. A successful application would likely result in a heavier demand for parking in residential roads adjacent and near to 149 Albert Road. This area already has a high use by late night Theatre goers and the increased demand would be further detrimental to local residents.

We wish to OBJECT to Licensing Application No 18/00292/LAPREM on the following grounds:

1. The grant of an Alcohol License is likely to result in an increase in late night traffic, noise, and anti-social behaviour outside the club, and in nearby roads, as patrons enter and leave the premises.
2. The grant of an Alcohol License is likely to result in increased demand for parking in local residential roads already under heavy pressure from Theatre goers.
3. A late night License would necessarily extend the problems detailed in 1 and 2 above into the early mornings, and this can only be further detrimental to local residents.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 08:25
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: reference 18/00292/LAREM and 18/00467/SEXEST

[REDACTED]
Sent: 27 January 2018 11:48
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: reference 18/00292/LAREM and 18/00467/SEXEST

I want to ask, how would you feel if a sex working establishment was opening on the street where you live or on the same street as your children's school.

I have lived happily on the very charming Albert Road with my children for some time now and it concerns me greatly (makes me want to cry) that this proposal is being considered at all.

Firstly 4am is too late for a residential area, the current pubs and their patrons are, on the whole respectful of residents and the noise at the weekend is on its way to bed by 1am but 4am is too late.

There are plenty of places already in Portsmouth and surrounding areas where 'sleezy gentlemen' can go to top up their sex lives get drunk until 4am so there is no gap in the market creating a 'need' to put this club here.

I moved to Southsea because it had a reputation for being a funky, family friendly residential area with independent shops and nice schools, opening a sleezey business will make it a sleezey area and personally I'd have to consider renting my property out to students or even selling and moving out of Southsea before property prices fall in line with the falling standards.

I know that hundreds of fellow Southsea residents are equally disgusted by this.

Thank you for you time.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 26 January 2018 14:33
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Elegance application to move to Albert Road

Sent: 26 January 2018 14:32
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Re: Elegance application to move to Albert Road

Dear Council,

I wish to express my objection to 'Elegance's request to move its business to 149 Albert Road. Firstly I'd like to say that I'm sure the dancers working for the club are all respectable professional dancers. However, I think that the concept of such a 'business' is unhealthy on many levels. It not only perpetuates unacceptable attitudes to women's role and place in society but it also encourages it. And the same can be said about similar 'business' with male dancers.

Albert Road is frequented by many people including families with young children, tourists, and locals like myself.

Ideally this kind of establishment will not exist at all, but as it does I think that moving it to Albert Road gives a message that it's acceptable and ok to have such a 'business'.

It's bad enough that every weekend Albert Road is afflicted by drunken people who often vomit, urinate, litter, shout, fight etc. without adding 'Elegance' to it.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 26 January 2018 13:43
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Ref 18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST

[REDACTED]
Sent: 26 January 2018 13:21
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Ref 18/00292/LAPREM and 18/00467/SEXEST

I do not think that a late night sexual entertainment venue on Albert Road is appropriate, no other establishment has permission to sell alcohol until 3.30 AM.

This is a residential area and not the right place for such an establishment !!

D. [REDACTED] Mans Street

[REDACTED]

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 23 January 2018 09:00
To: Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Objection to SEV at 149 Albert Albert Rd

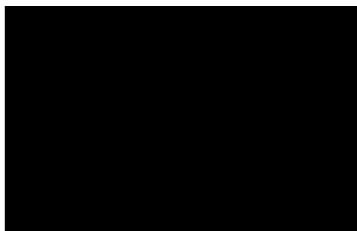
Sent: 23 January 2018 08:48
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to SEV at 149 Albert Albert Rd

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.



Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 26 January 2018 08:29
To: Stone, Derek; Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: the application for a lap dancing club at 149 albert road should be declined

Sent: 26 January 2018 08:29

To: Licensing Shared Email

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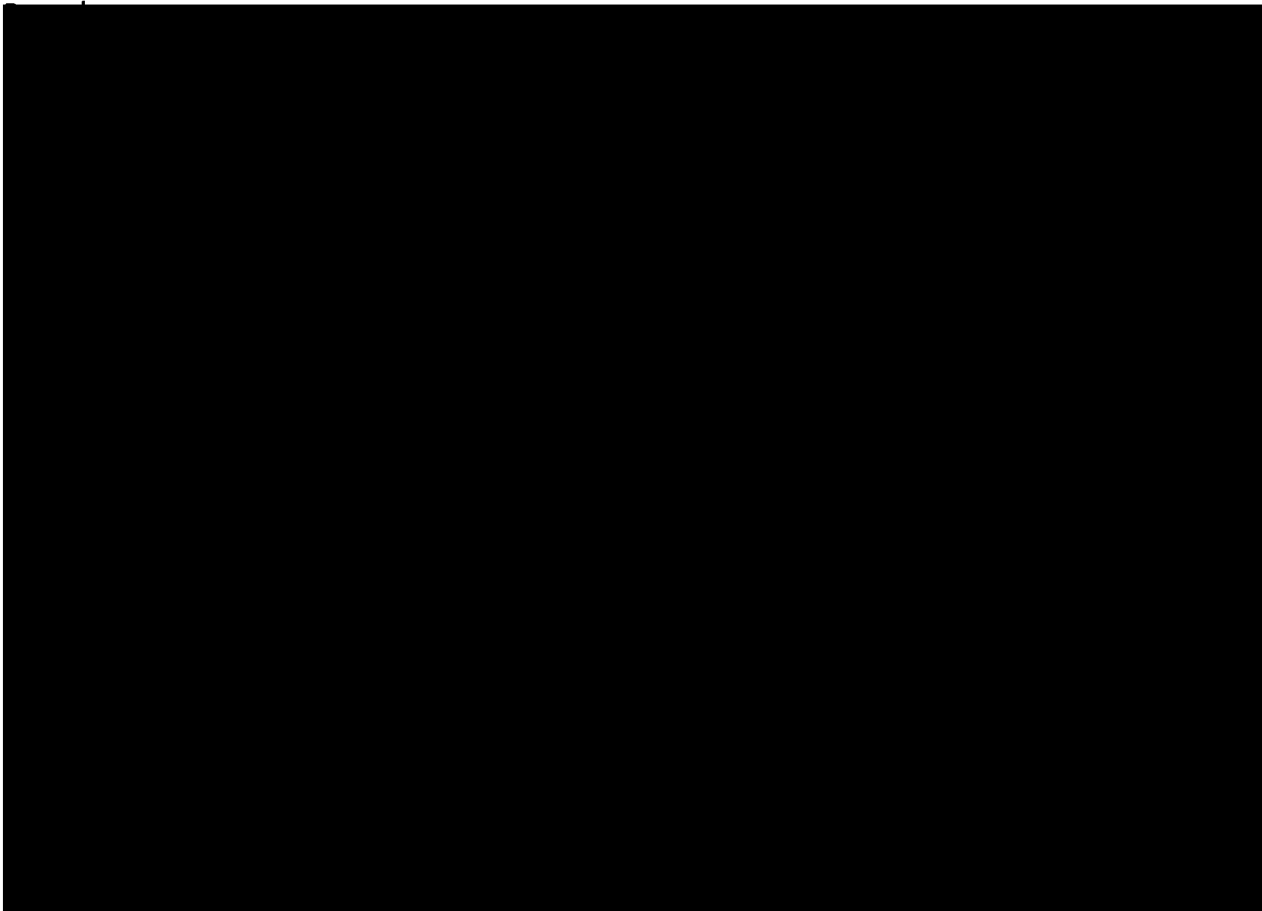
Good morning,

I would like to express my absolute opposition to the application for a lap dancing club at 149 albert road.

The policy of locating night clubs within the city centre should be considered. This is less residential and easier for the police to focus their efforts. Opening within a residential area is totally inappropriate and the proposal to open till 4am is just absurd.

Putting a club of this kind within close proximity to schools is utterly thoughtless leaving parents having to explain the disrespectful nature of this establishment on the school run.

Why is this matter getting referred to Bristol two hours away when already declined by local council? Hampshire County Council would at least be more understandable. If this is the way it's going refer it to the PM and get her opinion on granting a license for such a degrading club.



From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 26 January 2018 08:18
To: Stone, Derek; Robson, Debra
Subject: FW: Objection to SEV Albert Road

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Sent: 25 January 2018 21:42
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to SEV Albert Road

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

There are already more than enough licensed premises in the area and there is a significant amount of crime and antisocial behaviour linked to these locations. Any additional premises will only serve to increase crime and these behaviours.

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Last and by no means least, this is a residential area with families and schools in the vicinity. Children are at risk of being further exposed to harm by allowing this application.

Regards

[Redacted signature]

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 25 January 2018 20:45
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Robson, Debra
Subject: RE: 18/00292/LAPREM & 17/00467/SEXEST

Sent: 25 January 2018 18:42
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 18/00292/LAPREM & 17/00467/SEXEST

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing as a resident to express concerns about the application to open a strip club on Albert road. There are a number of issues with the proposal. Albert road is already a busy location, most venues close at 11pm during the week and between 12pm-1am on weekends. Meaning that a majority of punters wishing to drink past this period will vacate the area in preference for Guildhall Walk. Where a majority of nightclubs are situated, along with ambulance and police provisions. There is also a strip club which is located in a commercial area and is open until 5am, I believe. As it is a commercial area there is limited impact to residents, which is ideal for a late licensed premises.

While Albert road has a number of pubs and bars a majority of them serve food and are family establishments up until 8-9pm. There is also the significant amount of restaurants and eatery's along this stretch, where a majority of people will chose to end their evening.

Regardless of the type of entertainment that is on offer in the proposed established, I firmly believed that giving an extend license to any venue past 2am would not help or benefit any of the surrounding business. Past 3am on weekends all of the business alcoholic and food related are closed. The taxi rank is empty and the street is silent. Which is ideal due to the number of residents in this area.

There is the other issue that existing business may request extended licenses and the eatery's will aim to extend there operating hours. This will create unwanted and additional noise for the residents.

It should be noted that the upper level of the conservative club has no balcony or garden access. So like all established on Albert road, smoking is conducted on the main road pavement. The Wedgwood Room can section off an area for smokers, I do not believe this will be possible outside the conservative club. Also if the ground level is due to be a retail unit, I am sure that the renter of the space will be unhappy with the mess left by smokers outside their premises.

The proposed location being so close to a residential area, there will be an increase in noise complaints. It will likely stretch the police force as there will be two areas that will require policing until the early hours of the morning. Which was one of the reasons for closing all of the nightclubs on the seafront to reduce the area covered by the police. As well as an increase in drunken and disorderly behaviour in a residential area.

I do not believe this proposal would be beneficial to the area in any way.

Sincerely

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 09:32
To: Stone, Derek; Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Lap Dancing Club OBJECTION

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As a woman living within a short walk of this venue I feel deeply concerned that this could compromise my safety and the safety of other women living in this residential area. The problem is not an issue of affronted morality but an issue of women's human rights to live and work without fear or degradation.

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Sent: 29 January 2018 14:03
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Lap dancing venue: Albert Rd

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To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Lap dancing venue: Albert Rd

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Robson, Debra, Stone, Derek, Humphreys, Nick
FW: application for 149 Albert Road (alcohol licence 18/00292/LAPREM and Sex Establishment Application Number 18/00467/SEXEST).

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Sent: 29 January 2018 07:38

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As a resident, woman and mother I urge you to reject this licence



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Sent: 29 January 2018 08:14
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Objection

Sent: 28 January 2018 11:55
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection

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As someone with two young children I strongly object to the impact that this will have on our standard of life. Many people live in flats above shops on Albert Road. Even more live in flats and houses in the surrounding streets. Allowing drunk, sexually charged people to use this service until 4am will affect the safety and noise levels for local residents. It is also likely to increase the crime rates in the surrounding areas even beyond sexual violence.

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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 08:20
To: Stone, Derek; Robson, Debra; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Ref 18/00292/laprem and 18/00467/sexiest

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[REDACTED]
Sent: 27 January 2018 12:03
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Ref 18/00292/laprem and 18/00467/sexiest

I want to state my strong objection to the allowing of the above planning application to proceed. As a resident of Leopold Street, therefore very local to this proposed club, I am very against this proposal, due to the likelihood of late night drunkenness and to the potential sleaziness that an establishment such as this could engender. Albert Road has many good restaurants, and a great music venue such as the Wedgewood Rooms, which are patronised by families and students alike so the introduction of a club such as this could definitely lower the tone, and put people off coming to the area. I just think it isn't appropriate and could destroy the character of Albert Road.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 January 2018 09:32
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Objection to licence for 18/00467/SEXEST

Sent: 29 January 2018 09:10
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To whom it may concern,

I would like to formally object to the licensing application for 149 Albert Road (alcohol licence 18/00292/LAPREM and Sex Establishment Application Number 18/00467/SEXEST).

I am deeply concerned about the impact this establishment will have on this residential area for the following reasons.

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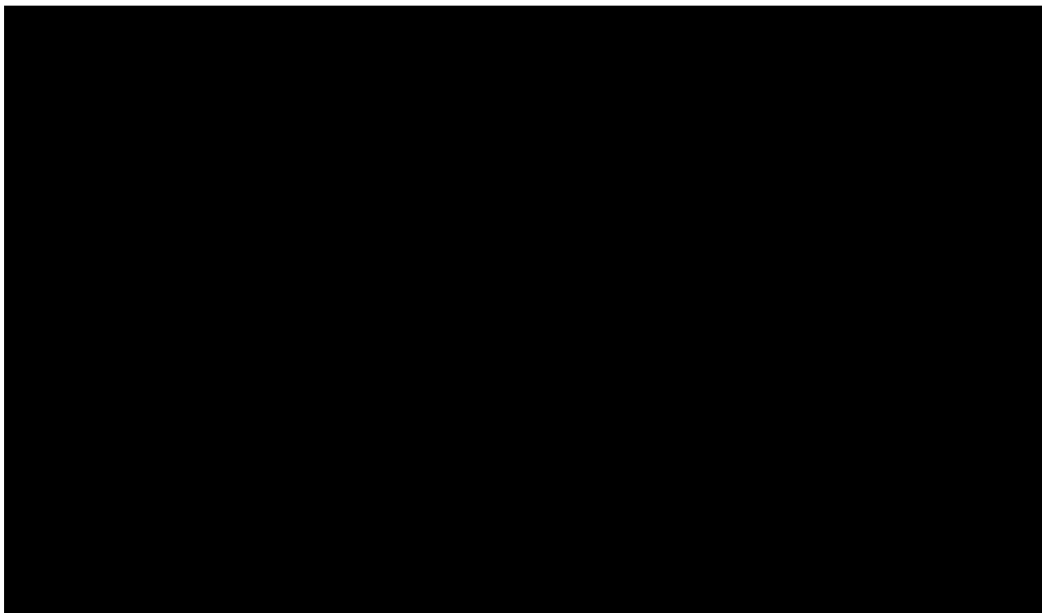
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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 02 February 2018 08:22
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: lapdancing club in Albert road

[REDACTED]
Sent: 01 February 2018 17:41
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: lapdancing club in Albert road

Reference 18/00292/LAPREM
18/00467/SEXEST

Albert Road is entirely fringed by residential streets and is totally the wrong environment for this kind of entertainment. I really oppose the granting of an alcohol licence especially one open until 4am. The disturbance to local residents and the ensuing parking problems in what is already an area where parking is a huge problem would be intolerable.

The inevitable drunkenness arising from such late licencing hours and the pent-up levels of testosterone would lead to aggressive behaviour, littering and vomiting and ,worst of all, problems for women in the area. In order to control this it would require increased levels of policing and the probable necessity of ambulance attendance when both services are desperately understaffed.

Think again, Portsmouth. Why downgrade the city with this unnecessary addition ? Residents want to feel proud of their city, not ashamed because of yet another sleazy venue licenced by a city council that thinks more of money than moral standards.

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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 01 February 2018 13:03
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: application for alcohol license until 4am 18/00292/LAPREM and sex establishment application number 18/00467/SEXEST

Sent: 01 February 2018 12:57
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Fw: application for alcohol license until 4am 18/00292/LAPREM and sex establishment application number 18/00467/SEXEST

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To: "licencing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk" <licencing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, 1 February 2018, 12:52
Subject: application for alcohol license until 4am 18/00292/LAPREM and sex establishment application number 18/00467/SEXEST

Dear Sirs,

I am writing about the proposal to turn the former Conservative Club 149, Albert Road, Southsea into a lap dancing club, and the extension of the opening hours.

I understand that Portsmouth City Council adopted a policy in 2012, stating that it would not allow any sex establishment licences to be granted in the city as it felt that such places did not fit in with the council's vision for Portsmouth. If permission were granted then Portsmouth CC would be contravening its own agreed policies.

I believe there are several objections regarding this Premises Licence application, all of which are contrary to the sex establishment venue policy objectives which Portsmouth CC adopted in 2012.

The policy states that licenses will normally be refused if they are to be located in the vicinity of places of worship, tourist attractions and schools. St Swithuns Church and Trinity Methodist Church are both in the close vicinity.

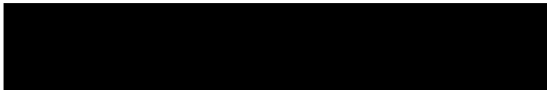
The proposed club is sited between two popular local schools - Southsea Infant School and Craneswater Junior School.

It is close to popular tourist attractions - namely The Kings Theatre. It is next door to a very popular music venue -The Wedgewood Rooms, where young people often congregate, their leisure pursuits could be seriously impacted, as many young people, particularly women would feel unsafe in such close proximity to a lap dancing club. It is evident from these factors alone that the location is totally inappropriate.

I understand that a further application has been made to extend the opening hours until 4 a.m. As a local resident I believe that would lead to disturbance to local residents when the clients leave. Many of the residents have young children and work and college commitments, which would be affected by disturbed nights.

Recent events at The Presidents Club in London have highlighted the anti-social nature of lap dancing venues; the buying and selling of women for gratification is against gender equality rules and certainly not the sort of establishment needed in the Albert Road area - which is trying to improve its image rather than degrade it.

Please take into consideration my objections. I look forward to hearing from you.



From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 30 January 2018 10:14
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: 149 Albert Road alcohol and sex establishment applications 18/00292/LAPREM 18/00467/SEXEST



Sent: 30 January 2018 10:11
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 149 Albert Road alcohol and sex establishment applications 18/00292/LAPREM 18/00467/SEXEST

To whom it may concern

As a local resident living just off Albert Road, with children both attending Southsea Infants and Craneswater schools, I am registering my objection to the late night alcohol license and sex establishment applications. Albert Road is a little gem in Southsea, with its range of independent and quirky shops. It is full of character, set against the backdrop of the wonderful Kings Theatre. A late license until 4am within a sex establishment simply does not have a place on this road. It will create noise well into the night and attract all sorts of undesirables to the area. If this is allowed, more similar applications will follow and Albert Road will become unrecognisable, which will be a great loss to the local community.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 30 January 2018 12:49
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: Objection to the licence application for alcohol license application number 18/00292/LAPREM and sex establishment application number 18/00467/SEXEST at 149 Albert Road

[REDACTED]
Sent: 30 January 2018 12:41

To: Licensing Shared Email

Subject: Objection to the licence application for alcohol license application number 18/00292/LAPREM and sex establishment application number 18/00467/SEXEST at 149 Albert Road

Dear Council Licencing Committee,

Portsmouth City Council adopted a policy in 2012 stating that it would not allow any sex establishment licenses to be granted in the city as it was felt it does not fit in with the councils vision for Portsmouth.

I am writing to object to the licensing application for Alcohol License until 4am application number - 18/00292/LAPREM and Sex establishment Application number 18/00467/SEXEST both at 149 Albert road Southsea, Portsmouth.

Concerns are

Inappropriate location for a sex establishment, schools situated nearby.

Parking is already an issue in the area.

House prices in the local and surrounding areas of Albert Rd will be affected by the setting up of a sex establishment.

Too many alcohol licensed bars, pubs and restaurants situated in the area already.

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 30 January 2018 12:57
To: Robson, Debra; Stone, Derek; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Objections to Licensing applications

[REDACTED]
Sent: 30 January 2018 12:55
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Re: Objections to Licensing applications

Dear licensing manager,
re 18/00292/LAPREM AND 18/00467/SEXEST

I'd like to object to the 4am alcohol license.

I have difficulty parking my car near my home. It is stressful enough, driving around and around but am now fearful that I'll meet someone heavily intoxicated aswell. Please reassure. There's enough alcohol related crimes and far-from-perfect alcohol-caused situations in life as it is.

I'd like to object to the lap-dancing club license application. Please see the following quote from PCC policy October 2012.

"That the Licensing Manager prepares a draft policy together with standard conditions applicable to sexual entertainment venues for consideration and adoption by the Licensing Committee and that the Licensing Manager should include in that draft policy his/her consideration of whether applications should be refused if they are within three miles of any place of worship, swimming pool, leisure centre, park, youth centre, historic building, tourist attraction, educational premises, school, play area, nursery, children's centre or similar premises."

Does it need spelling-out that Portsmouth is one of the most densely populated cities and has all of the above and closer too.

I'm not sure how this sort of establishment can add one iota of positivity to an individual's or a whole communities quality of life.

Short-lived, degrading, harmful in the long-term regarding mental health and social consciousness. Surely in the best interests of the women (I assume) who work there, it would be more useful channelling their efforts into more productive, joyful, and useful skills. eg care-work which is woefully under-resourced. Anything but being **used**, (whether or not they choose this line of work) .

There has never been a little girl who dreamt of becoming a lap-dancer when she's older.