

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 19 May 2012 12:29
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: elegance

i object to the licence. thanks

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 21 May 2012 11:46
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Sex establishments 'ELEGANCE' strip club

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to object to the renewal of a license for the 'ELEGANCE' strip club in Waverley Road, Southsea.

I object because granting this license both promotes and condones a sexual culture which has proven links to gender based violence and discrimination. By licensing such a business it gives rise to the normalisation of people taking their clothes off for money. I trust this is not part of the culture for our liberal democrat administration?

I further object because of the clubs' location in a residential area. As a resident I do not want these seedy outposts of the sex industry on my doorstep where residents have to endure the kind of anti-social behaviour and often illegal activities that a strip club attracts and makes many residents feel unsafe.

Regards

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 13:45
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: FW: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 1 Granada Road

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 09:52
To: 'Nickii.humphreys@portsmouthcc.gov.uk'
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

Dear Ms Humphreys

I wish to object to the above application as a local resident

The club is in an overwhelmingly residential area .
It looks seedy and is out of keeping with the area. There are very few licensed premises in that area of Southsea
It is adjacent to schools, nurseries and parks

I gather that 1300 or so messages of support have been received, filtered through Elegance.
Could I suggest that these are subject to scrutiny for duplications, or personation. A simple trial would be to put names and addresses into a spreadsheet and sort on names.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 11 May 2012 19:59
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: License application for Elegance strip club Waverley road Southsea

Under new government legislation the above club has to apply for a new Sex Establishment license. We would oppose the license on the grounds this is a conservation area with two schools and a church in close proximity. Since it was granted a license as a lap dancing club the building has deteriorated to the extent it is a complete eyesore to this area. We live within fifty yards of the club and are often woken 3am on Sunday morning when they close. I am not very confident that our request will be successful as you have in the past given out liquor licences willy nilly to all and sundry. However this is a opportunity for us to air are views.

Sent from my iPad

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 18 May 2012 16:16
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance strip club Waverley Road

To the Portsmouth Licensing Officer

My husband and I object to the City Council renewing the license of the Elegance Strip Club. We live across the road from it and it is a blot on our otherwise very pleasant area. It attracts voyeurs and is demeaning to women in general. Strip clubs have links with crime, prostitution and sex trafficking and are part of the culture which sees women as sex objects and at its worst leads to the kind of abuse reported in the papers recently where Asian men abused young children because they thought this was acceptable in this country.

Yours sincerely ;

 Portsmouth CITY COUNCIL	Licensing Section Legal, Licensing & Registrars
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Elegance hap dance club,
Clarendon / Granada Rd.
Strand.

I understand the above is up to
have to license renewed.

I would like to ^{say} it is a nuisance from
occasional punters walking past rowdily.
The rubbish left on the pavement outside
and should such a club be in a
built-up residential area.

Yours Sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 14 May 2012 09:31
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: LAPREM/5702 License Renewal - Objection

From:
Sent: 11 May 2012 23:19
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: LAPREM/5702 License Renewal - Objection

Dear License Application Office,
I understand that "Elegance" strip club with it's entrance located on Waverely Road, Southsea has applied to renew it's license.

I would like my objection to this license to be considered on the grounds of:

1. Strip clubs have proven links with the following;
 - a) crime
 - b) prostitution
 - c) sex trafficking
 - d) violence
 - e) drugs
2. Waverely Road and the surrounding area is family orientated which is not in keeping with a strip club "on the door step".
3. All clubs from the sea front have been colocated with other clubs in Guildhall Walk - this club should also be colocated with the others in Guildhall Walk where it can be properly policed.
4. There is always traffic problems near the round about when the club is open with cars illegally parked on double yellow lines oppisite the entrance to the club.
5. Strip clubs encourages anti social behaviour on the streets late at night with groups of youths often loitering on street corners with verbally abusive behaviour which is threatening (especially to women).

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 29 May 2012 08:07
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance - objection

Good morning,

I've seen a notice that Elegance wish to renew its sex establishment license. I would like to object. I come to Portsmouth for weekends with my grandparents and this type of establishment really let's Portsmouth down. Let's face it...it's not something to boast about, and it will unarguably attract the wrong kind of people. These kind of places are rather dirty, seedy and disgraceful. A 'woman' offering sexual favours to a 'man' for money. It's not respectful. It won't do anything to gain Portsmouth respect. Though if your aim is to attract this kind of publicity then I'm sure you'll go bounding ahead in agreeing to this sexual establishment.

I think lap dancing is dirty and ultimately very sad. The 'men' who come here could have wives or girlfriends...some are about to get married and think nothing of having another 'woman's' vagina wagged arpund their face and rubbed all over their lap. The 'men' will get turned on and coupled with the copious amount of drink they are likely to consume, what effect do you think this will have on them and others when they depart the venue and continue with their night? What if they meet more girls later, or encounter a solitary woman walking down the street. I'm not saying untowardly behaviour is certain, but it's far more likely their actions, communication and general viewing of women will have been marred by their earlier experience. It could be a dangerous thing.

I think if you decline the sex establishment license you may experience negativity from the owners, the workers. But this venue will still be available for someone to turn it into a respectable bar/a shop/anything, thus enabling people to apply for jobs there. In the long term, Portsmouth could gain a lot of respect.

The more and more equal women become in society, the more venues like this one will fail. I think they will become a thing of the past because the concept is so sexist, it's almost unbelievable they exist.

Please consider carefully before renewing the license. Many of us see these places as harmful, sad, frustrating, objectifying, demeaning, old fashioned, dirty, disgusting, disgraceful, foul, unsexy, limiting and debilitating places.

Thank you for reading.

Kind regards,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 25 May 2012 13:57
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance, 1 Granada Road

Dear Mrs Humphreys,

I wish to object to the above application.

Although I currently live in Gosport, I am originally from Portsmouth and will return there in the not too distant future as I consider it my home.

Wiggle lap dancing club is in a completely unacceptable location. It is surrounded completely by residential properties, as well as being very close to the beach which is a family tourist area.

Lap dancing clubs also encourage a culture of objectification of women. It has been acknowledged on an international level that objectification is linked to violence against women. The licensing committee has heard previously from the Hidden Violence Team how these establishments affect the lives of women in the city, not only on streets outside these clubs, but in their homes. This is testimony from subject matter experts and I believe the council should take their previous objections very seriously.

I have myself witnessed women being harassed outside these types of establishment and believe this is a common occurrence which causes the locality of sex establishments to become 'no-go zones' for women as they do not feel safe. The council has a responsibility to ensure the city is safe for all it's female residents and visitors and I encourage you to take a stand against objectification and violence against women.

Yours sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 10:50
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Cc:
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to this application:

a) The character of the area is family residential, with a family leisure or educational area close by. A Church is also close by, St Simons.

These premises are completely surrounded by family residential properties making this site totally inappropriate for a sex establishment. There also many Hotels and B & Bs.

It is also on a principle walking route for families travelling to and from the Sea Front. I do not see such a seedy establishment as right for such a route. It will diminish the City's image, after much hard work improving that image by the City Council.

Mayville High School is close and the existence of this club nearby is not conducive to good schooling in my view.

b) The impact of the premises on the character of the area

The building is "scruffy" and besmirched with Graffiti at times, some of it very offensive. The exterior of the building needs to be put in good repair and painted in a more attractive and blended colour scheme, in my view.

c) Not everyone will be comfortable with this "laddish" sex club. In particular, ladies will avoid walking past this type of establishment when it is open. Also the presence of "bouncers" squeezed into suits is in some way "threatening". It is a visible sign there might be violent behaviour, not something we want on our streets, I think. Indeed there has been violence at this venue.

d) Applications for sex establishment licences will normally be refused if they are proposed to be located in the vicinity of places of worship, leisure centres, parks, educational premises, schools, nurseries, play areas

This location is within a few hundred yards of all of the above types of premises making it totally unacceptable for use as a sex establishment.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 25 May 2012 12:42
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance, 1 Granada Road

Dear Mrs Humphreys,

I wish to object to the above sex establishment licence application.

I fully agree with the councils draft policy which states that there is no place within the city of Portsmouth where it is appropriate to have a sex establishment. I believe the location of this club is completely inappropriate. It is completely surrounded by residential properties and is close to the beach which should be a family friendly area to support PCC's wish to promote the city as the 'Great Waterfront City'.

Lap dancing clubs encourage the objectification and exploitation of women. I have personally experienced harassment outside of these types of venue, as have some other women I know. This is a common place occurrence and I am sure does not only affect myself and people I know, but numerous women who work, live and visit the city.

Although I currently do not live in Portsmouth, it is where I grew up and I plan to return in the not too distant future. Portsmouth City Council has a responsibility to ensure the safety and welfare of all its residents and visitors.

Yours sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 23:49
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Fwd: Elegance, 1 Granada Road - application for sex establishment licence

Dear Ms Humphreys

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a resident living close to this establishment.

The City Council draft sex establishment policy specifically mentions the following factors:

a) The general character of the area (eg family residential, family leisure or educational area)

These premises are completely surrounded by family residential properties making this site totally inappropriate for a sex establishment.

b) The impact of the premises on the character of the area

The existing premises are run-down and look seedy. The way in which the property is so badly maintained indicates a complete lack of consideration for the character of the area. Even a supporter of the club has described it on the News' website as looking like a "scruffy third world night club venue". The Council have had to remove sexually offensive graffiti from the walls of the building. This sort of graffiti discourages women from walking near the premises at night.

c) Gender equality issues, including whether the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably or at all

In response to the draft policy and relating to this establishment in particular, women have stated that they avoid the area and when walking home at night find other routes to take rather than walk by these premises. The club's Staff Welfare policy states that "Dancers are escorted to their vehicles at the end of their shifts" which would indicate a clear awareness by the owners that unaccompanied women in the vicinity of the premises are in danger of attack or abuse.

d) Effects upon regeneration and tourism in the area

The existence of this venue in an area where many visitors stay in the surrounding hotels and guest houses does nothing to promote the city as an attractive place to visit.

e) Applications for sex establishment licences will normally be refused if they are proposed to be located in the vicinity of places of worship, leisure centres, parks, educational premises, schools, nurseries, play areas

This location is within a few hundred yards of all of the above types of premises making it totally unacceptable for use as a sex establishment.

Yours sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 22:08
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Cc:
Subject: Objection to Elegance 1 Granada Road

Dear Ms Humphries

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

We wish to object to the above application as a resident living just round the corner from this establishment.

I fully support the City Council draft sex establishment policy which has a 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 licence a sex establishment.

The draft policy specifically mentions the following factors:

a) The general character of the area (eg family residential, family leisure or educational area)

These premises are completely surrounded by family residential properties making this site totally inappropriate for a sex establishment.

b) The impact of the premises on the character of the area

The existing premises are run-down and look seedy. The way in which the property is so badly maintained indicates a complete lack of consideration for the character of the area. Even a supporter of the club has described it on the News' website as looking like a "scruffy third world night club venue". The Council have had to remove sexually offensive graffiti from the walls of the building. This sort of graffiti discourages women from walking near the premises at night.

c) Gender equality issues, including whether the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably or at all

In response to the draft policy and relating to this establishment in particular, women have stated that they avoid the area and I personally, when walking home at night find other routes to take rather than walk by these premises. I note that the club's Staff Welfare policy states that "Dancers are escorted to their vehicles at the end of their shifts" which would indicate a clear awareness by the owners that unaccompanied women in the vicinity of the premises are in danger of attack or abuse.

d) Effects upon regeneration and tourism in the area

The existence of this venue in an area where many visitors stay in the surrounding hotels and guest houses does nothing to promote the city as an attractive place to visit.

e) Applications for sex establishment licences will normally be refused if they are proposed to be located in the vicinity of places of worship, leisure centres, parks, educational premises, schools, nurseries, play areas

This location is within a few hundred yards of all of the above types of premises making it totally unacceptable for use as a sex establishment.

We are surprised that the Chief Officer of Police has no objections to the application bearing in mind the incident which occurred in my road in January 2006 when a doorman finishing his work at Elegance

nightclub was shot and severely injured. Ever since then people in this area have been concerned for their safety.

A News journalist wrote in her column on March 5th 2012 that “there’s no place for these clubs in an enlightened society – there can be little doubt that they are damaging to society”. I wholeheartedly agree.

Please note that I wish to make a deputation at the meeting when the matter is considered.

Yours sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 13 May 2012 08:31
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Eleganc Strip Club

I am a local resident and live in Granada Road. I strongly object to the renewing of the license for the above establishment. In this age of human Rights I, as, an older lady, should have the right to walk Waverley Road at night and not have to see young women entering the establishment for the purposes of pandering to men who take delight in this acts.

A local resident. If you want me name and address I should be happy to supply it provided it is not passed on to anyone else.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 21 May 2012 13:44
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Letter re: Sex Establishment Licence, specifically pertaining to Elegance, Granada Road, Southsea

Dear Sirs,

I received a call to action leaflet asking residents who believe that Elegance lap dance club has no place in the local vicinity to make their objections heard by our City Council.

I am one such resident who strongly believes that the license for Elegance ought to be revoked and that there is no place for this nature of establishment in the local vicinity. Taking out the emotive opinions around the subject of women working in the sex industry and the place of sex businesses in our society, I fervently believe that it is complete wrong to have any sex related business in such a residential area; one which is close to several junior schools, parks, community halls, leisure facilities and in an area that we as a city are trying portray as cultural tourist destination.

I live a short distance from Elegance and walk my children to school past Elegance, it is simply not an appropriate place for this club. The club itself is hardly conspicuous and its name hardly synonymous with its exterior which is grubby, seedy and run down. I walk my children to school; there have been a number of occasions where we've had to slalom past discarded bottles, takeaway trays and piles of vomit. There are no other night clubs or pubs in the immediate neighbourhood which are aimed at the same target market and so it is wholly out of place. In fact, this particular site would be far better served by being transformed into homes for local families; it would suit the locale far better.

Looking at Portsmouth as a whole I cannot see that there is an appropriate place for these sex businesses; the city is densely populated, there are numerous nurseries, infant/junior and senior schools throughout the city. We are fortunate to have a good number of parks, swimming pools, libraries and other leisure facilities across the city, there would always be something aimed at children which would be a stone's throw from a sex business.

As adults we have a responsibility to protect our children and the youth of the city from overtly sexual images, businesses or industries, and as a parent I try to protect my children from this by using parental locks on the internet and the tv so they can't stumble across porn, but as step out of my front door there is a black castle of the lap dancing world with a neon blue pole dancer to furthermore highlight its presence, this is some I alone cannot shield my children from.

Additionally, on the few occurrences that I do go out in the evening to Osbourne Road or Albert Road I never feel comfortable walking home as I have to walk past Elegance; it is intimidating and slightly threatening having to walk past the queue outside the building.

I simply believe that these businesses shouldn't be in built up residential areas.

Best regards,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 09 May 2012 21:41
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to Elegance application to renew sex establishment license

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the 'Elegance' application to renew its sex establishment license. I feel that granting such a license will lead to an atmosphere which is intimidating, possibly even threatening, to female residents during the hours at which the nightclub operates.

I am also extremely unhappy about the fact that I walk past the building every day with my toddler and preschooler, with the club's sexist logo highly visible. It will not be long before I have to explain to my young daughter that she will one day grow up to be seen by a section of society as akin to a piece of meat. I believe that the gradual absorption of the sex trade into 'mainstream' society is an extremely worrying scenario for men and women alike, and I would like to see Portsmouth take a stance against the large businesses that profit from it.

Please let me know if there is anything further needed in order for this objection to be officially recognised.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 15 May 2012 11:02
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance strip club

I object to the renewal of its license.

It is totally out of place in this residential area, causing a lot of disturbance in the early hours.
Also it is morally wrong.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 20 May 2012 09:23
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: sex establishments

I would like to object to the applications for licences of Wiggle and Elegance. What would it say about gender equality in Portsmouth if they were allowed? How would they enhance our communities? What about the levels of violence and abuse against women if they can be objectified in this way?

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 11 May 2012 08:40
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Ref: License application for Elegance Strip Club Waverley Road

Dear Sir,

We wish to register our strong objection to a new license being issued to the Elegance strip club in Waverley Road. We live just around the corner from this venue and I have two children. On occasion we have to walk past this venue to take the children to the doctors and on returning home in the evening we have had to walk passed the girls outside having a break dressed in G strings. Try explaining this to a child. This is totally unacceptable. Even is we pop out to the corner shop of a evening we can see these girls. We also feels it is appalling that this venue can be allowed to open so close to two schools who have children from the age of 4-16 years. Mayville High School is so close that if they stood outside the school they can see the club. There is also a church almost backing onto this club and I am sure they are "over the moon" that this place is so close. On one occasion it was reported in the news that a bouncer from the club was shot in the knee caps yards from Mayville High School. we feel it was unbelievable that such a place should have ever been allowed to open in such a residential area.

We urge you to take our strong objection into consideration in this matter.

Regards

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 17 May 2012 19:26
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance - application for a sex establishment license

I wish to object to the above application.

The premises are situated in a residential area of Southsea close to two schools, one of which is a girls school, a place of worship, and on the main thoroughfare from Albert Road to our attractive seafront destination. A number of my friends and my sister, while walking between her old residency in Clarence Rd and my parent's house in Waverley Rd at night, have been sexually harassed outside this club by customers. Last weekend, a friend was walking past 'Elegance' and noticed that some of the lap dancers were touting for business outside the club, while wearing very little. They were also entering The Lounge club next door and trying to persuade customers to visit the lap dancing club. I do not believe that women in particular, including young students, waiting for public transport at the strand, living nearby, or using the fast food outlets should have to encounter sexually charged males exiting this club in the late hours.

The exterior of this building is a disgrace. It was painted black and signs attached to the exterior without any permission sought. There is evidence of graffiti of the word 'cun*s' still visible on the front of the building. There is also dangerous illegal parking every night that the club is open on the double yellow lines opposite the entrance, and a history of violent crime, including a shooting, associated with this club. I have also been made aware that at least 4 of the women that work in this club are also working as prostitutes (my source does not wish to be revealed).

The Council is obliged to promote equality between men and women under the general gender equality duties. By licensing establishments where men go to buy young women to perform sex acts for them, and while numerous women are harassed by punters of these clubs, and young female students are harassed by operators of these clubs to work in them, while at the same time young male students are harassed to attend these clubs to buy women, the Council is in breach of its gender equality duty.

Yours,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 11 May 2012 14:13
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: FW: Elegance sex club license renewal

mailto:nickii@hampshires.gov.uk
Subject: Elegance sex club license renewal
Date: Fri, 11 May 2012 13:09:06 +0000

Dear Members of the Licensing Committee

I am writing to place my objection to the proposed relicensing of Elegance strip club in Waverley Road, Southsea, which I understand is up for renewal. I am strongly against this proposal for the following reasons.

1. Waverley Road is a mainly residential area with family houses, single person flats and student accomodation. It is not appropriate to allow a sexual encounter establishment to function in such an area. Because of the type of people that such a club attracts, it is intimidating to walk past it in the late evenings, especially so for women.
2. These clubs attract prostitution, drug and other crime to the area. Elegance is no exception to this.
3. These clubs are degrading for the girls who work in them and also for the customers. Both groups are being exploited by the pimps who run these clubs.
4. The male customers upon leaving the clubs are often drunk and sexually aroused. They tend to engage in yobbish and intimidating behaviour which is very apparent in Waverley Road late at night.
5. Up to ten cars are regualrly parked on the double yellow lines opposite Elegance in the evenings when the club is open. I presume that these belong to either staff or customers. This is on a narrow part of the road and cars turning from Clarendon Road into Waverley Road are forced onto the wrong side into the face of uncoming traffic. Thi is an extemely dangerous situation and I have complained to the police on several occassions but they fail to take action for whatever reason I do not know! Following my latest complaint I was informed that it is the repsonsibility of the council to enforce parking reulations. Therefore I wish you to treat this as a formal complaint and put a stop to this illegal parking.

For these reasons I asked that the relicensing application by Elegance be rejected and I hope that my local councillors to whom I have copied this objection will also give support to this. This objection extends to the putative relicensing of any similar establishments in the Portsmouth area.

Yours faithfully

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 12 May 2012 15:31
To:
Subject: Licensing Shared Email
RE: Elegance sex club license renewal

Dear Luke

Thanks for your speedy response to my email.

In answer to the points you raise, I understand that Elegance have applied for a new sex establishment license under the new legislation and that objections must be received by 23rd May 2012. Therefore I don't think that the club will be able to argue that the original license was granted in perpetuity and as you say the council would probably not now grant a license for a late night venue in that location.

My understanding is that 'The Lounge' and 'Elegance' are part of the same establishment, run by the same man. I am also aware that a shooting relating to a bouncer at Elegance took place just a few yards away from the club a few years ago.

May I also respectfully remind you that the Council is obliged to take action to promote gender equality under the Gender Equality Duty (Equalities Act 2010) and by licensing clubs where men go to buy young women to perform sex acts for them and where women get harassed on the street and at home and work by men that have attended these clubs, the Council is in breach of its duty.

Regarding the parking problem, I have not checked car license plates but I suspect that the same cars are regularly parked opposite on the double yellow lines on club nights. These are therefore more than likely to belong to staff and/ or strippers. On at least two occasions when returning home at around 11.00 pm, I have been forced onto the wrong side of the road directly into the oncoming path of fast moving vehicles. Sooner or later this will be the cause of a serious accident. The police and/or council have consistently drawn a blind eye to this illegal parking.

I do hope that you will support the campaign to get Elegance and similar establishments in Portsmouth closed down.

With regards

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Elegance sex club license renewal
Date: Fri, 11 May 2012 18:37:13 +0100

Thanks for the e-mail.

I am not aware that this club has to seek a new licence at this point. As you may well know, historically licences for lap dancing clubs have been granted in perpetuity with the potential for review if public order problems occur. The

government has changed the rules in this regard, so perhaps the licence for this premises is now up for renewal – I will check.

Were it not already there, the council would not licence a late night venue in that location. However that it has been trading for many years is a material factor, as is that it is difficult to separate out which problems may be occurring at Elegance and which at The Lounge. I will take advice from licensing officers before the application is heard.

The parking problem has been a persistent issue and one I have never quite figured out – as both Elegance and the Lounge are end-of-night venues, I doubt many customers drive to them. My guess is they're staff, but I have never been sure. I will also ask parking to look into the matter. Do you know if they are routinely the same cars?

Regards



Humphreys, Nickii

From:

Sent:

24 May 2012 18:20

To:

Subject:

Objection to the renewal of the licence of 'Elegance'

I am objecting to the renewal of the licence of the lap dancing establishment at the end of Waverley Road for the following reasons:

This road is a main thoroughfare for families making their way to the seafront.

It has some very interesting buildings and could be a desirable road to live, but has been allowed to deteriorate because of multiple occupancy; absentee landlords who have no interest in maintaining their properties or awareness of amenity; problems with drug users; theft and violence.

The owner of the club, the building itself and its occupants cast a sinister shadow over the neighbourhood. Not so long ago there was even a sizeable notice advertising fully nude dances. For these reasons I strongly object to its continuance.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 22 May 2012 20:13
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Cc:
Subject: LICENSING APPLICATION 12/03425/SEXEST - 1 Granada Road Southsea

Dear Mrs Humphreys

The e-mail app on the Portsmouth City Council Website for “Comments on Licensing Applications” appears not to be working so we are sending you this e-mail direct in relation to the above.

As residents and neighbours in the Craneswater area we object most strongly to the proposal for all the reasons clearly stated by Cllr Terry Hall in her comments to you of today’s date. The application is offensive and highly inappropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 11:14
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: Aurora - Objection to Licensing application - Elegance
Attachments: SEV license objection - Elegance.doc

Please find attached our objection to the SEV Elegance Licensing application.

Please inform us of the time and venue of the meeting as we would like to attend.

23/05/12

RE:- SEV license application - Elegance 1 Granada Road

wishes to object to the above application.

We fully support the City Council draft sex establishment policy which has a 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 licence a sex establishment.

The draft policy specifically mentions the following factors:

a) *The general character of the area (eg family residential, family leisure or educational area)*

This area is largely residential and is a thorough fair to the sea front being used by families in their leisure time. It is within a two minute walking distance of two schools. The granting of this license is also in direct contradiction to the council's regeneration attempts for "the Great Waterfront City".

b) *The impact of the premises on the character of the area*

The building is completely inadequate and very unattractive. The existing premises are run-down and look seedy, in essence it "sticks out like a sore thumb" as the rest of the area is well maintained by residents, landlords and shop owners. The way in which the property is so badly maintained indicates a complete lack of consideration for the character of the area. Even a supporter of the club has described it on the News' website as looking like a "scruffy third world night club venue". The Council have had to remove sexually offensive graffiti from the walls of the building.

c) *Gender equality issues, including whether the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably or at all*

We note that the club's Staff Welfare policy states that "Dancers are escorted to their vehicles at the end of their shifts" which would indicate a clear awareness by the owners that unaccompanied women in the vicinity of the premises are in danger of attack or abuse. Aurora New Dawn has had disclosures from women who live in the area saying they will not walk near the club at night for fear of their safety.

"Research into **male motivations for visiting strip clubs** found that men went to strip clubs to meet women who were willing to act in more 'traditional' ways, and that they wanted a place to 'let frustration out' at the ways in which they had been forced to monitor their behaviour

towards women in the workplace because of equal opportunities and sexual harassment legislation. In this way, lap dancing clubs represent one of the last bastions of male privilege – a place that time forgot in relation to society's efforts to achieve equality between women and men." Frank, K. (2005) 'Exploring the Motivations and Fantasies of Strip Club Customers in Relation to Legal Regulations', *Sexual Behavior*, Vol. 34 (5), pp. 487 – 504 - statement from the leading violence against women, women's and human rights organisations in the UK.

Additionally also note there is direct evidence that SEV's heighten violence against women - "The links between objectification and discrimination and violence against women are recognised at the international level by the legally binding **United Nations Convention to Eliminate Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)**, which has repeatedly called on states – including the British Government - to take action against the objectification of women." statement from the leading violence against women, women's and human rights organisations in the UK

d) *Effects upon regeneration and tourism in the area*

As already stated, the granting of this license is also in direct contradiction to the council's regeneration attempts for "the Great Waterfront City".

e) *Applications for sex establishment licences will normally be refused if they are proposed to be located in the vicinity of places of worship, parks, tourist attractions, educational premises, schools, libraries, historic buildings*

This location is within the vicinity of all of the above listed premises including two vibrant schools.

also wish to note that women's bodies are not a commodity to be bought and sold and the granting of this license would provide evidence that the council do not adhere to the Gender Equality Duty which came into force in April 2007.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 11:52
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Cc:
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 1 Granada Road

Dear Ms Humphreys

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

It has come to my attention that a planning application or re-application has been submitted for Elegance on the Strand roundabout. I would like my objection to be noted as I do not think that our or any other residential area is an appropriate venue for this type of sex club. The building is badly managed and looks shabby at best. The owners occupy a historic building that is on the very edge of a conservation area (no 19), which spans the whole of Southsea - south of Clarendon Road. The owners have successfully managed to ruin the building by painting it entirely black, completely out of keeping with the area.

There are more appropriate venues in the city centre for a topless bar within the vicinity of all the night clubs. Since the forced closure of all the seafront nightclubs, it seems strange that this venue was not shut down. The owners of the nightclub and topless bar have a major disregard for local residents, allowing their clientele to park on double yellow lines at night on Waverley Road opposite. I walk past the night club on a daily basis and can find the evenings quite intimidating if I am on my own. Four pubs/bars existed on Clarendon Road near the Strand round about, and all of them have gone out of business in the last few years; I for one am glad about that as there were too many, which inevitably attracted drunken behaviour at all hours in a quiet residential area. I would welcome responsible and friendly drinking establishments such as that on Florence Road , which I am very supportive of as I am of others on the sea front.

Yours sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 22 May 2012 17:21
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc:
Subject: PLANNING APPLICATION - ELEGANCE NIGHT CLUB

Reference: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance, 1 Granada Road

I wish to have my objection officially recorded to the above planning application.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 23:04
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance Lap Dancing Club Objection

As a resident of Somerset Road I would like to object to the Elegance Club renewing its licence as a strip club.

The club is situated at the end of my road and attracts large numbers of visitors, particularly at the weekend. Noise, rubbish and damage to property are some of the consequences of living close to this type of business. Indeed only a few weeks ago many car mirrors were smashed late one night causing much unnecessary expense and aggravation.

It is completely unacceptable to have this type of business situated in a residential area.

I would be delighted if this club was refused its application to continue.

Regards

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 20:15
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Fw: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 2 Granada Road

To: "nickii.humphreys@portsmouthcc.gov.uk" <nickii.humphreys@portsmouthcc.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, 24 May 2012, 20:14
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 2 Granada Road

Dear Ms Humphreys

I am writing to object to the above application as a resident living no more than 5 minutes walk from this establishment.

I support the council draft sex establishment policy which initially concluded that there is no place in Portsmouth suitable for such a licensed sex establishment.

The policy mentions specifically: The character of the area.

This proposal falls a couple of roads from my children's school and in an area where many families including my own reside, as well as a church no more than 50 yards north.

There are other significant issues, such as the effect on the character of the area - including the impact on tourism so close to a predominantly family targeted sea front and security.

But rather than regurgitate points raised elsewhere, I would ask the council to consider this application from a resident such as myself who walks to and from my kids school past this place. It's just not appropriate in this wonderful residential area, an area I moved to 5 years ago and fully intend to never leave. I arrived in Portsmouth in 1999 with the intention of only staying for a little while. I'm still here, such is my affection for the city and specifically Southsea which is so full of charm and character.

It's bad enough what has been allowed to happen to that building and some of the other seafront features. But to allow this application would be another nail in the coffin of the ideal that this area is supportive of a community based, family centric environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 13 May 2012 15:53
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: ELEGANCE STRIP CLUB

I submit this email to object to the renewal of the license for ELEGANCE STRIP CLUB on WAVERLEY ROAD.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 22 May 2012 16:44
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 1 Granada Road

Importance: High

Dear Ms Humphries,

May I please express my concern about the recently exposed plans for the renewal of the licence for the "Elegance" Club on Granada Road. This area of Southsea suffers enough from undesirables, and given the documented history of this establishment, I feel that it simply is not appropriate for such a business to be located in what is otherwise a family-friendly area, especially with the church and the schools nearby.

I understand that you alone may not be able to overturn any decision that the council grants, but I'm sure that I'm not alone in that the majority of your electorate may echo my sentiments.

Kind Regards,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 22:46
To: Licensing Shared Email

Reference - 12/03425/sekest elegance 1 Granada Road

Please accept my strongest objection to the planning application for a Sex Establishment at the Strand roundabout. I support the thoughts of Mrs Terry Hall in my objections. I would like to add that if it were a resident asking for permission to put in new windows in a conservation area we would be waiting until hell freezes over for a decision this application however seems to be of some urgency as we see the public have been given next to no time to respond.....Please advise why this has not been given adequate time.

I am sickened at times at the need to support this kind of business, even more horrified that our police find it acceptable. At times it seems that this City is no place for decent families. When will councils take a stand for morality instead of profitability. Our council and our police have a moral obligation to All who live in this City.....

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 09:10
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

Dear Sir/Madam

We have been informed that the "Elegance Strip Club" has asked for one of the new sex establishment licenses. This establishment is in close proximity to a Church and a number of schools apart from being in a residential area. In our opinion this establishment increases the risk of sex related crimes and sets a very negative image of sex to the impressionable youngsters who walk past this building with its lurid sexual displays.

We object to this license being granted.

Yours Faithfully

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 15:10
To:
Subject: Objection to the relicensing application by Elegance

Dear Members of the Licensing Committee

I am writing on behalf of myself and my wife, to place our objection to the proposed relicensing of Elegance strip club in Waverley Road, Southsea, which is up for renewal.

We strongly object to this proposal for the following reasons.

1. Waverley Road is a residential area with families and children and it is inappropriate to allow entertainment of a sexual nature in this area of town. The club attracts people late in the evening/early hours who have been drinking and as such can be a nuisance when arriving and leaving the club.
2. Waverley road is currently struggling with some multiple occupancy tenants that openly abuse alcohol and drugs and can be aggressive, abusive and sometimes violent towards residents and visitors. Allowing the license of a strip club in a residential area is inappropriate and will only add to the problems we currently face and are trying to deal with.
3. Policing has been tactically targeted towards managing the Guildhall square area of Portsmouth which leaves residents in this area of town exposed to late night drunken disorder and violence that is never tackled in time to prevent or moderate such behaviour. We have witnessed far too many events of this nature over the past ten years.
4. Ultimately, lap dancing clubs are seedy and degrading, especially towards the girls who work in them, and they attract people who abuse alcohol and drugs. If the law tolerates their existence, then they should be managed in a suitable area of town and not located in residential areas where families and children can be exposed to their existence as well as the working girls and clients.

For these reasons, and more, we strongly oppose the relicensing application by Elegance.

Yours faithfully

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Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 17:50
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST- Elegance 1 Granada road

Sir/Madam

My wife & I wish to object to the above application as We live at:-

close to this establishment.

We feel that this sex establishment is situated in an inappropriate area surrounded by family homes. When walking passed this premissis at nights it is very threatening with taxis arriving with groups of men. The property is painted black & looks run down which does not help promote Southsea as a holiday destination.

It is also situated close to our church St Simons & the local private school.

Yours Sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 20 May 2012 10:22
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance

Sir /Madam

I would like to object to the licensing proposal for Elegance Night Club in Southsea.

This area is highly populated and the location of the club situated on a main route from Albert Road to the Strand means that young and old have to pass this undesirable venue.

The closure of the sea front night clubs has already had a positive impact on the neighbourhood and I believe that Elegance is not the type of establishment that Southsea should be encouraging.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 14:37
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii; southsea.forum@gmail.com
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

Dear Ms Humphreys

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a resident living fairly closely to this establishment at 13 Collins Road, Southsea and a longstanding member of St Simon's Church on the corner of Waverley and St Ronan's Roads.

I would also like to know why our community was given such ridiculously short notice before this important application closes to public comments!

I fully support the City Council draft sex establishment policy which has a 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 licence a sex establishment.

The draft policy specifically mentions the following factors:

a) The general character of the area (eg family residential, family leisure or educational area)

These premises are completely surrounded by family residential properties making this site totally inappropriate for a sex establishment.

b) The impact of the premises on the character of the area

The existing premises are run-down and look seedy. The way in which the property is so badly maintained indicates a complete lack of consideration for the character of the area. Even a supporter of the club has described it on the News' website as looking like a "scruffy third world night club venue". The Council have had to remove sexually offensive graffiti from the walls of the building. This sort of graffiti discourages women from walking near the premises at night.

c) Gender equality issues, including whether the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably or at all

In response to the draft policy and relating to this establishment in particular, women have stated that they avoid the area and I personally, when walking home at night find other routes to take rather than walk by these premises. I note that the club's Staff Welfare policy states that "Dancers are escorted to their vehicles at the end of their shifts" which would indicate a clear awareness by the owners that unaccompanied women in the vicinity of the premises are in danger of attack or abuse.

d) Effects upon regeneration and tourism in the area

The existence of this venue in an area where many visitors stay in the surrounding hotels and guest houses does nothing to promote the city as an attractive place to visit.

e) Applications for sex establishment licences will normally be refused if they are proposed to be located in the vicinity of places of worship, leisure centres, parks, educational premises, schools, nurseries, play areas

This location is within a few hundred yards of all of the above types of premises making it totally unacceptable for use as a sex establishment.

I am surprised that the Chief Officer of Police has no objections to the application bearing in mind the incident which occurred in my road in January 2006 when a doorman finishing his work at Elegance nightclub was shot and severely injured. Ever since then people in this area have been concerned for their safety.

A News journalist wrote in her column on March 5th 2012 that “there’s no place for these clubs in an enlightened society – there can be little doubt that they are damaging to society”. I wholeheartedly agree.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 22 May 2012 12:10
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

Dear Ms Humphreys

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a resident living just round the corner from this establishment.

I fully support the City Council draft sex establishment policy which has a 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 licence a sex establishment.

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A News journalist wrote in her column on March 5th 2012 that "there's no place for these clubs in an enlightened society – there can be little doubt that they are damaging to society". I wholeheartedly agree.

Please note that I wish to make a deputation at the meeting when the matter is considered.

Yours sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 20 May 2012 16:48
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Fw: Licence for "Elegance"

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From:
To: "Licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk" <Licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk>
Sent: Saturday, 19 May 2012, 9:51
Subject: Licence for "Elegance"

I am opposed to the licence on the following grounds:

1. I have lived in the Clarendon Road area for many years and seen the Strand and immediate sea front become increasingly seedy. Some developers have helped by building some decent housing- but who would want to buy a property near "Elegance"? If the licence is granted I think that the Council is allowing the proliferation of a sexist, seedy establishment. Not something that any resident would want.
2. The building itself was once a traditional, old pub with a garden. It is now a black-painted, ill cared for eyesore.
3. The morality issue is one that must, surely, be questionable. Does the Council wish to support an industry that exploits young women.
4. The road side around the building is double yellow lined but, despite this, cars are regularly parked and no action appears to be taken.
5. The Council should be seen to be pro-active in trying to establish decent, clean businesses in an area which is promoted as part of the traditional tourist area of the city and is a main thoroughfare to the sea front. What we certainly do not want is a run-down, seedy, sexual entertainment venue.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 15 May 2012 17:39
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: objection to grant of licence to Elegance

It has been drawn to my attention Wellhot Limited has applied for the grant of a sex establishment licence at Elegance 1 Granada Road Southsea PO4 0RD, Monday to Sunday 9pm to 4am. I object to the re-grant of licencing to this club on the grounds this is a residential area and the club encourages unsavoury characters into the area and means I do not feel safe in my own neighbourhood after dark. Further the hours of the club mean that there is a lot of noise pollution late at night when loud drunken people arrive/leave the club. I live round the corner at and have my sleep disturbed every weekend by drunken louts either shouting or fighting in the streets around the club. If I knew when the liquor and club licences for Elegance and The Lounge were up for renewal I would object to these also.

Please do not publish my name and address.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 16 May 2012 13:19
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to Elegance sex establishment license

Dear licensing committee,

I am writing to object to the application of a sex establishment license for Elegance Strip Club in Waverly Road.

I often walk past Elegance when visiting a friend who lives in the area but the presence of this club makes me feel unsafe. As a young woman, walking past a club with lots of often drunk and sexually charged men spilling out I feel scared and vulnerable.

I feel that the location of this club is totally inappropriate in an otherwise quiet residential area. I feel that I should have the right to walk through Southsea and not be intimidated by men who shout sexist abuse. I already avoid the city centre in the evenings because I feel unsafe, I feel I should not have to avoid going out completely.

The road where the club is situated has double yellow lines, however while the club is open cars park dangerously across them, on pavements and blocking the road. I feel this is a serious health and safety issue.

Even in the day I feel the club changes the look and feel of the area. The silhouette of a woman in a sexual pose. The large ugly imposing blacked out windows. The bottles and posters that are to be found outside the club. They all bring the area down, make it feel grotty, sleazy. This is a residential area with lots of local schools. It to me the presence of this club is a constant reminder of sexism and that women are only valued as sexual objects.

I hope you will take my points into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 18 May 2012 16:10
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: objecting to elegance

I object to allowing elegance to renew their establishment licence and think the building should be used for better use than a "strip club"! And don't want this on my doorstep
Thank you

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 17 May 2012 13:59
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Strip club- Waverly Rd Southsea

I would like to object to the renewal of the licence of this establishment. The strand area has become run down, along with a lot of Southsea, and we need to halt the decline of the area even further. The council need to initiate schemes to improve the area for visitors and residents alike. Having a strip club on the corner of Granada Road devalues the property prices in that, and surrounding area.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 23:53
To:
Subject: objection

Dear Ms Humphreys

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a resident living just round the corner from this establishment.

I fully support the City Council draft sex establishment policy which has a 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 licence a sex establishment.

The draft policy specifically mentions the following factors:

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c) Gender equality issues, including whether the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably or at all

In response to the draft policy and relating to this establishment in particular, women have stated that they avoid the area and I personally, when walking home at night find other routes to take rather than walk by these premises. I note that the club's Staff Welfare policy states that "Dancers are escorted to their vehicles at the end of their shifts" which would indicate a clear awareness by the owners that unaccompanied women in the vicinity of the premises are in danger of attack or abuse.

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The existence of this venue in an area where many visitors stay in the surrounding hotels and guest houses does nothing to promote the city as an attractive place to visit.

e) Applications for sex establishment licences will normally be refused if they are proposed to be located in the vicinity of places of worship, leisure centres, parks, educational premises, schools, nurseries, play areas

This location is within a few hundred yards of all of schools, parks and the seafront making it totally unacceptable for use as a sex establishment.

I would like to highlight that in re-developing the seafront, as a Southsea resident I was hoping for a cultured feel of the area. Already the strand area is recognised by residents as an area that during the day attracts a high proportion of people using substances. This problem will only be combated if you grant the proposed application. I cannot believe you even considered this application given that you are broadcasting that you want to invest to attract tourism and people using Southsea's hotels, restaurants and leisure facilities.

I trust that seek other investment for the area to be developed.

Yours sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 25 May 2012 11:38
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Ref: Licensing Committee application 12/03425/SEXEST

Portsmouth City Council
FAO Mrs Nickii Humphreys
Civic Offices, Guildhall square
Portsmouth PO1 2BG

licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Ref: Licensing Committee application 12/03425/SEXEST

I would like to oppose the granting of a license to the Elegance sex establishment currently trading from 1 Granada Road, Southsea PO4 ORD.

I previously expressed my support for the proposed nil cap on the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues in all areas of the cities, as indicated in section 7.10, where it states that *"Given the various factors set out above, 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 licence a sex establishment."*

By dint of its location near to schools, places of worship, and family homes Elegance is an unsuitable establishment for the area. There are many ways in which such clubs reduce amenity to residents, particularly women, and this can have a serious effect on other local businesses and services. By creating no-go areas such establishments effectively stifle development and opportunity for growth in the surrounding locale. Refusing licenses will help to promote Portsmouth as an attractive location for business and tourism.

The council has recently refused permission for the Southsea Castle car boot sale to take place, only half a mile from Elegance's location. The reason stated by the City Council's seafront manager David Evans was that the quality of the event was too downmarket: "We're looking to bring in craft fairs, food festivals and antique fairs in gazebos. These people don't come at the moment because of car boot sales." I would be astonished if the 'quality' of visitors attracted by car boot sales would be lower than those attracted by an ill-maintained eyesore of a lap dancing club. Where markets and sales bring trade to surrounding businesses, sex establishments only bring harassment for residents and encourage yet more drunken loutish behaviour.

Venues like these could be smartened up and made suitable for all customers, men and women - even families - to enhance the community. Please refuse this application.

Sincerely,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 20:01
To:
Cc:
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST

Dear Ms. Humphreys ,

Re 12/03425/SEXEST
Elegence 1,Granada Road

I am writing to you as a resident of Southsea,parent ,teacher at a local school and member of St Simons Church.

I would ask the council not to extend planning permission to the Elegance nightclub on the Strand roundabout. This venue does nothing to promote the well-being and safety of local residents . It attracts the criminal underclass to an area where families and vulnerable young people live due to the high percentage of multi-occupancy housing. It promotes casual sex which results in a higher incidence of STDs. My daughters felt very vulnerable walking by there when they were younger. There is no reason for Portsmouth City Council to encourage a venue which lures young women into a degrading and potentially dangerous lifestyle for commercial profit. The standards of a health and safety at the venue known as Elegance would appear to be poor judging the outward appearnace and my memories of the interior from times when it was just a night club. I would like to suggest that the council give it over to be an Arts Centre which would have an appeal to day visitors.

I would also like to know why local residents have been such little notice to voice their opinions either for or against the extension of planning permission to Elegance?

My husband and Mother-in- Law , all resident at this address are in agreement with my objections.

Yours sincerely,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 25 May 2012 09:37
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Cc:

Ref:[12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road](#)

Dear Sir / Madam

Forgive me writing in haste, but I have only just received notification of the plans for the Elegance building in Southsea, together with a plea to make a response by today. [REDACTED] St.Simon's Church, just 100 yards from the said building. I myself live on [REDACTED], but a fair proportion of [REDACTED] congregation live very near to the building in question. It is not apparent from what I have received exactly what sort of sex activity is being proposed for this very prominent building. If this planning development goes ahead I will be concerned for all the young families and single elderly people who live nearby. I will also be concerned for the large population of people living in various kinds of social housing in the immediate neighbourhood, people in hostels, in HIMO's, and in Chewter Close. Our church has worked closely with these people for many years and we have seen how many of them struggle to break free from poverty, marginalization and various destructive behaviours. Like it or not, people are strongly influenced by the atmosphere in which they live, what they see and sense when they go out of their doors, what noises they hear at night.

The area already has a reputation for violence and other destructive behaviours. Allowing this club to develop in this way will simply add another layer of exploitation, degradation and potential for violence to the mix. I very much doubt whether the proposed development is going to help the other local businesses around the Strand, struggling to survive. If the owner wants to develop his property, surely as a city we can think of better ways for him to do it!

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 22 May 2012 23:37
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Cc:
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 1 Granada Road

Dear Sirs

Re Elegance, Strand Roundabout, 1 Granada Road

We object to the proposed planning application concerning this building. The problems with the application include the location being close to a Church and a school, and it being in a residential area. It is not reassuring to see the present poor condition of the building and be aware of previous problems with its present use. Can you please explain why you have not provided proper notice of this application, for public scrutiny and comment. Yours faithfully,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 12 May 2012 10:39
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 'Elegence' license application objection...

12th May 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge my objection to licence that 'Elegance' strip club on Waverley Road have applied for.

This business has long been blight on what otherwise would be a pleasant area to live. It is completely inappropriate that a Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) should be situated in such close proximity to schools and children's nurseries, churches, residential homes and private properties, and is having an adverse effect on the locality.

The building itself is an utter eyesore that stands out like a sore thumb (I actually believed it was derelict when I first moved into the area!), peeling black paint, graffiti - the words 'n*b' and 'c**t' can be made out on the doorway.

I also wish to object to the fact that there is a strip club in such a densely populated area on the grounds of the culture and clientele such a place attracts. Strip clubs have a proven link to human trafficking, prostitution (several of the 'dancers' at strip clubs in Portsmouth are also registered with escort agencies), and a rise in crime (particularly public order, sexual crime and domestic violence). Such businesses also feed into the idea of making it 'normal' to pay for sexual services.

These are the reasons of why I wish to object to the license application.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 18 May 2012 14:26
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance club

Dear Licensing

I want to object to the renewal of Elegance license.

I do not think it is right to have something of this nature that can lead into other areas of the sex trade. It feeds bad habits in some people. I believe it is degrading of women and find it really offensive.

I also object to driving past and on occasions seeing scantily wrapped women stood in the doorway smoking. I literally mean in a skintone wrap just open at the sides. Very wrong. I have also heard others comment on seeing someone there.

I also object to how cars park on the double yellow lines outside the club when it is open.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 06:19
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Licensing Shared Email
Cc:
Subject: RE: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road.
Importance: High

Dear Ms Humphreys

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

Please note that I also wish to object to the above application. I am a resident who has lived in this area for many years and Kenilworth Road, is just around the corner from this establishment.

I wholeheartedly agree with the News journalist who wrote in her column on March 5th 2012 that, **“there’s no place for these clubs in an enlightened society – there can be little doubt that they are damaging to society”**.

Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 07:49
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: Fw: Elegance club 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
To: "licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk" <licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2012, 14:26
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Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 22 May 2012 16:49
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: ELEGANCE No 1 GRANADA ROAD12/03425/sexest

I wish to register my objection to the above application on several grounds which are all incompatible with the council policy

- 1 The general character of the area is predominantly family residential/educational and family leisure
- 2 The general dilapidation of the premises in a conservation area is totally out of keeping
- 3 Applications will normally be refused if in a residential area or one which is characterised by schools/religious places/parks/ nurseries...this area has many such establishments
- 4 This area being so close to the seafront is a tourism area (upon which the city's economy relies) and such an establishment would be to the significant detriment; it is also an area which includes hotels and guest houses ...not an attractive proposition for visitors to the city

Many thanks

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 11 May 2012 13:42
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance

I would like to register my objection to the license for the Elegance lap dancing club being renewed

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 11:22
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: planning application 1 Granada Rd

Dear Madam, I object strongly to the planning application of 12/03425/sexist at 1 Granada Rd. Southsea does not want such an unseemly establishment. , resident of Southsea for 50 years.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 25 May 2012 10:57
To: licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
Subject: FW: SEXEST - Elegance, 1 Granada Road

Dear Ms Humphreys

12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance, 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a resident and the mother of a daughter living in the Craneswater area which is incidentally an area which is very expensive in terms of rates/house prices.

I fully agree with the City Council's preliminary conclusion that there is no place within the city of Portsmouth appropriate to license a sex establishment.

I do not believe that the existing establishment should be allowed to continue in this area which is densely populated by families with young children.

The existing premises are an embarrassing, shabby and seedy looking eye sore in an otherwise well maintained area. The building is so badly maintained that it actually looks derelict which I feel is hugely disrespectful to the character of the area and the residents who have to live nearby. This establishment is within a few hundred yards of a local church and school and is a popular route for children who go to St Swithuns, Southsea Infants and other schools in central Southsea.

I would worry for my own and my daughter's safety after dark and we have both been intimidated by people hanging around the steps, even in broad daylight.

I believe the application for a sex establishment should be refused and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 15:31
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc: Nickii.humphreys@portsmouth.gov.uk
Subject: Elegance, 1 Granada Road, Planning Application

Dear Sirs,

I writing to object to the planning application for a sex establishment in Southsea ref. 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 1 Granada Road', on the grounds that it would be too close to a place of worship, a number of school buildings, and, because of its possible location, cause health and safety hazards.

Yours faithfully

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 22 May 2012 23:51
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Cc:
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 1 Granada Road

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a resident living near to this establishment.

The general character of the area as a residential, family and educational community makes this application inappropriate.

The property is already dilapidated and is an eyesore in the locality.

I specifically already avoid walking near the club after dark due the sexually aggressive and threatened atmosphere in the vicinity. I am alarmed to understand the club's Staff Welfare (*sic*) Policy states that "Dancers are escorted to their vehicles at the end of their shifts" which would indicate a clear awareness by the owners that unaccompanied women in the vicinity of the premises are in danger of attack or abuse.

We understand that the Council would ordinarily refuse such applications if they are located in the vicinity of places of worship, educational premises, nurseries, play areas etc - and this building is within 0.5km of all the above.

We have 4 children (aged under 10) and while we accept that adults engage in the sexual activities offered by such sexual establishments I do not want to raise my children in the shadow of such an oppressive establishment.

I look forward to the Council making a fair and just response. Please advise us of the outcome.

Yours sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 22 May 2012 11:20
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: Re application for SEL by Elegance, 1 Granada Road, Southsea

Dear Nickii Humphreys,

I understand that under paragraph 12.3.c of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as modified by Section 27(5) of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 the decision to grant or refuse a licence may relate to whether the number of sex establishments is equal to or exceeds 'the number which the authority consider is appropriate for that locality'. I would wish to suggest to the committee that the number appropriate for this locality is zero. I acknowledge that in judging what is appropriate it is difficult to distinguish between oft repeated urban myths and reality; none the less local residents have commented sufficiently often on the behaviour and inappropriate oral comments made by people coming from Elegance that I consider the location to be a material consideration for the committee.

The location is sufficiently far from the established entertainment areas of the City that the Police cannot be expected to provide surveillance as people leave at the end of a performance or at the end of the evening.

The location is in the centre of a residential area where there are a considerable number of families with young children.

The location is adjacent both to Chewter Close and to a number of houses in other roads where people who are considered to be in various ways vulnerable have been housed.

The location is close (250 metres) to the seafront in an area which, according to the City's seafront strategy, is appropriate for family recreation. A large, prominent, lap dancing club would not enhance this strategy.

I would therefore request that the licensing committee reject this application on the grounds of locality.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 27 May 2012 14:33
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Fw: Elegance - 1 Granada Road.

Dear Sir - I have received an 'Out of office' response to this email, with an instruction to forward it on to your address. I hope that this input will still count as having been sent within the prescribed timescale. Please let me know if this is not the case.

Many thanks,

>Date: 24/05/2012 21:38
>To: <Nickii.humphreys@portsmouthcc.gov.uk>

>Subj: Elegance - 1 Granada Road.

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>Dear Ms Humphreys,

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>I wish to
object in the strongest terms to the
>application for the granting of
a licence as a 'sex establishment' at
>the property shown above. I
live around the corner in Whitwell Road.
>I have 4 children, one of
whom is a ten-year old girl. The 'Elegance'
>establishment is located
in the middle of a residential area. Already
>my wife and daughter
have to skirt daily around the Strand roundabout
>en route to/from
school or the corner shops to avoid the sleazy adverts
>and posters.
At night none of my family dares to pass close by as the
>punters -
invariably inebriated; and often boisterous, aroused and
>salacious -
have been prone in the past to spill noisily out onto the
>pavements.
It is utterly inappropriate for an establishment of this
>nature to
exist in a residential neighbourhood, cheek-by-jowl with
>decent
families and decent businesses. I would ask you and the Council
>to
reject this application most emphatically.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 15:05
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii;
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

Dear Ms Humphreys

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a resident living fairly closely to this establishment at Southsea and a longstanding member of St Simon's Church on the corner of Waverley and St Ronan's Roads.

My husband, , wishes also to object to this application. We would also like to know why our community was given such ridiculously short notice before this important application closes to public comments!

I fully support the City Council draft sex establishment policy which has a 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 licence a sex establishment.

The draft policy specifically mentions the following factors:

a) The general character of the area (eg family residential, family leisure or educational area)

These premises are completely surrounded by family residential properties making this site totally inappropriate for a sex establishment.

b) The impact of the premises on the character of the area

The existing premises are run-down and look seedy. The way in which the property is so badly maintained indicates a complete lack of consideration for the character of the area. Even a supporter of the club has described it on the News' website as looking like a "scruffy third world night club venue". The Council have had to remove sexually offensive graffiti from the walls of the building. This sort of graffiti discourages women from walking near the premises at night.

c) Gender equality issues, including whether the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably or at all

In response to the draft policy and relating to this establishment in particular, women have stated that they avoid the area and I personally, when walking home at night find other routes to take rather than walk by these premises. I note that the club's Staff Welfare policy states that "Dancers are escorted to their vehicles at the end of their shifts" which would indicate a clear awareness by the owners that unaccompanied women in the vicinity of the premises are in danger of attack or abuse.

d) Effects upon regeneration and tourism in the area

The existence of this venue in an area where many visitors stay in the surrounding hotels and guest houses does nothing to promote the city as an attractive place to visit.

e) Applications for sex establishment licences will normally be refused if they are proposed to be located in the vicinity of places of worship, leisure centres, parks, educational premises, schools, nurseries, play areas

This location is within a few hundred yards of all of the above types of premises making it totally unacceptable for use as a sex establishment.

I am surprised that the Chief Officer of Police has no objections to the application bearing in mind the incident which occurred in my road in January 2006 when a doorman finishing his work at Elegance nightclub was shot and severely injured. Ever since then people in this area have been concerned for their safety.

A News journalist wrote in her column on March 5th 2012 that “there’s no place for these clubs in an enlightened society – there can be little doubt that they are damaging to society”. I wholeheartedly agree.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 12 May 2012 08:22
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Opposition to Sex Establishment License for "Elegance"

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to register my opposition to the renewal of the Sex Establishment License for :

"Elegance"
1 Granada Road,
Portsmouth,
PO4 0RD

As this is now a largely residential area an establishment of this type is unsuitable both because the area has a lot of families with children and it's proximity to Mayville High School in St. Simons road.

Sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 13 May 2012 10:53
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance License Renewal

I am writing with reference to the SEV license Renewal by Elegance. I would like to clearly state that I support the renewal because of the sterling work in terms of security in the area the club provides. I have been studying clubs and if any violence is nearby to them and I am pleased that Elegance has such a good track record. I do not live in the immediate area but reading what [redacted] has posted on facebook saying anyone can object felt that it was therefore necessary for me to respond. I would also like to point out that a hate campaign has been started against Elegance spreading lies about the club. I am happy that my details will be public record if accepted.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 11:56
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Cc: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: sex

planning re;12/0345/SEXEST-ELEGANCE 1 GRANADA ROAD

I want to log my objection to planning/licensing application for above
This is a residential area I have family living in Burbridge crescent
and usally travel by bus getting off at strand or frequently walk in
this area. shopping etc and returning by train to Fratton at night.

Humphreys, Nickii

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 15 May 2012 08:39
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Elegance Nightclub - Waverly Road

Sent: 15 May 2012 22:02
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance Nightclub - Waverly Road

Dear Sir / Madam

I'm writing to object to the renewal of the sex establishment license of the elegance strip club in Waverly road southsea.

Please acknowledge this objection and let me know if you need any more information regarding my objection.

Thanks for your help

Regards

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 13 May 2012 19:55
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Licensing of Sex Establishme

I am contacting you to let you know I strongly object to Elegance sex establishment renewing its licence.

As a Portsmouth resident, who also works in a local school, I do not want to live in a city which tolerates sex establishments. Please read the studies linking sexual attacks on women to the setting up of lap dancing and similar clubs in the area. (Camden study particularly).

Portsmouth should be a zero tolerance city. Portsmouth should make a stand and become a city that says no!

The Human Rights and International Equality Laws do not allow for women being disadvantaged in any way because of their sex and sex establishments do just this by endangering women as they go about their daily lives and limiting their freedom of movement for fear of their safety.

I am asking you not to allow this establishment to continue functioning.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 25 May 2012 12:33
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc: Humphreys, Nickii; southsea.forum@gmail.com
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 1 Granada Road

Portsmouth CC Licensing Department,

I understand the club 'Elegance' of 1, Granada Road is seeking a license as a sex establishment. I object to this on the grounds of its location, near a church and a school, as well as in a residential area. Please register my objection.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 19:26
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Cc:
Subject: Elegance 1 Granada Road - application for Sex establishment licence

Dear Ms Humphreys

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the application above for the following reasons:

1. I understand the Council believe that no such establishment should operate within a 3 mile radius of any school, church or places where families gather – eg parks. You will be aware that Mayville school is just round the corner from the Strand in St Simons Road, St Simons Church is in the same road as The Strand and Wimbledon Park is not far away either. There are also many residential properties close by.
2. There are quite a few people with drug and alcohol abuse problems who have been housed in Waverley Road, and so any such sex establishment being allowed in the same road could increase the risk of unsocial behaviour in the area, which is already an unsafe place.
3. The property at present is very run down and does not enhance the area. As we want to attract tourism to Portsmouth & Southsea, I believe this sort of place detracts from that. There are Guest houses and Hotels nearby and I would hate to see any tourists put at risk.
4. I personally, never walk down near the Strand at night, as I would feel too vulnerable. I believe many women feel the same.

I do wonder what the reasons were for giving so little time for anyone to respond.
Thank you for taking my views into consideration

Sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 11 May 2012 18:01
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance Strip Club; Objection to Licence Application

I live near this establishment & would like to object to their licence application. This is a residential area & not the place for a sex club, which are proven to have links to crime, prostitution, sex trafficking etc. Additionally, the potential links to organised crime groups should be carefully considered by PCC.

Yours sincerely,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 11 May 2012 17:39
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance Strip Club Licence Application - Objection

I live near this establishment & would like to object to their licence application. This is a residential area & not the place for a sex club, which are proven to have links to crime, prostitution, sex trafficking etc. I walk by this building taking my children to school & even during these hours it is a disgrace, I avoid it during opening hours from 2100hrs - 0400 & shudder to think what goes on. Potential links to organised crime groups is major concern.

Yours sincerely,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 20:45
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc: Humphreys, Nickii; s
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

Dear Licensing

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a resident near this establishment and using Granada Rd regularly with my young family.

I fully support the City Council draft sex establishment policy which has a 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 licence a sex establishment.

The draft policy specifically mentions the following factors:

a) The general character of the area (eg family residential, family leisure or educational area)

These premises are completely surrounded by family residential properties making this site totally inappropriate for a sex establishment.

b) The impact of the premises on the character of the area

The existing premises are run-down and look seedy. The way in which the property is so badly maintained indicates a complete lack of consideration for the character of the area. Even a supporter of the club has described it on the News' website as looking like a "scruffy third world night club venue". The Council have had to remove sexually offensive graffiti from the walls of the building. This sort of graffiti discourages women from walking near the premises at night.

c) Gender equality issues, including whether the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably or at all

In response to the draft policy and relating to this establishment in particular, women have stated that they avoid the area and I personally, when walking home at night find other routes to take rather than walk by these premises. I note that the club's Staff Welfare policy states that "Dancers are escorted to their vehicles at the end of their shifts" which would indicate a clear awareness by the owners that unaccompanied women in the vicinity of the premises are in danger of attack or abuse.

d) Effects upon regeneration and tourism in the area

The existence of this venue in an area where many visitors stay in the surrounding hotels and guest houses does nothing to promote the city as an attractive place to visit.

e) Applications for sex establishment licences will normally be refused if they are proposed to be located in the vicinity of places of worship, leisure centres, parks, educational premises, schools, nurseries, play areas

This location is within a few hundred yards of all of the above types of premises making it totally unacceptable for use as a sex establishment.

I am surprised that the Chief Officer of Police has no objections to the application bearing in mind the incident which occurred in my road in January 2006 when a doorman finishing his work at Elegance nightclub was shot and severely injured. Ever since then people in this area have been concerned for their safety.

A News journalist wrote in her column on March 5th 2012 that "there's no place for these clubs in an enlightened society – there can be little doubt that they are damaging to society". I wholeheartedly agree.

This sex establishment is not welcome in this area. Nor does it provide any positive aspiration that I wish my local area to embeide in the community and its inhabitants. The position of the club is completely incongruent with the character and residential nature of the area, especially enroutte to childrens play areas.

Yours sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 14:45
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: OBJECTION -- 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 1 Granada Road

Importance: High

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

1. I wish to object in the strongest terms to the application for a sex establishment in the heart of a family community.
2. I also wish to protest at the lack of proper notice given to our community about this application.
3. I object both as an individual who lives near this vile and loathsome sex pit, and also as an elected committee member of the area's biggest public association, the East Southsea Neighbourhood Forum.
4. **I wish to make a deputation against this application on behalf of the Forum when it comes up for its hearing.**

This dump is in a residential area on a direct route to the local shops. Walking past it at night is extremely intimidating. The men hanging around outside look like thugs. The women look like prostitutes and the girls look like under-age apprentice prostitutes. I have frequently witnessed objectionable behaviour there, such as foul language, pushing and shoving, hawking and spitting, etc. People from this "club" have been shot in local streets. The girls who work there have to be escorted to transport at the end of their shift to make sure they are safe. But what about us residents?

When the men have had their sexual gratification and the women have earned their vice money for the night in this brothel (it was once a music venue but whatever it calls itself now, it is effectively a brothel), they tumble out into residential streets as a bunch of lewd, foul-mouthed drunks.

This establishment is within a few yards of a school and backs onto a street of family homes. Hundreds more family homes, most with children, are within 100 yards of this place. So is a church. Within a few hundred yards are areas of recreation, including many facilities for little children, at Wimbledon Park, Canoe Lake and the Seafront.

The premises is not only in a residential area, it is in an area of tourist accommodation. What an advertisement for Southsea! Come to Southsea and see the slappers! Come to Southsea and get your rocks off in a sleaze-pit! When you are done, tour the arson-hit bomb site of seafront property speculators. Look at the rotting pier. Then go home and tell everyone about it.

This application is completely unsuitable for this location.

The brothel-keepers and sex traders who want to run this establishment should be sent packing. There must be somewhere more suitable for them... in the outer areas of Glasgow or Hamburg, perhaps?

Therefore the grounds of my objection are

1. it is unsafe for local residents
2. it is a bad example to local children
3. it's against the general character of the area (eg family residential, family leisure and educational)
4. its severe detrimental impact of the premises on the character of the area
5. the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably or at all
6. detrimental to the local economy
7. degrading to women
8. damages the regeneration of the area
9. damages tourism in Southsea

10. this application for a sex establishment licences falls directly within the categories that the council says should be refused -- in the vicinity of places of worship, leisure centres, parks, educational premises, schools, nurseries, play areas etc.

21 May 2012

Licensing Office
City Council Civic Office
PORTSMOUTH PO1 2AL



Dear Sirs

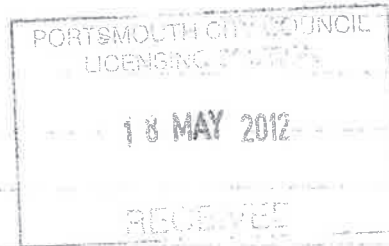
New Licence for 'Elegance' strip club

I would like to record our objection to this license application based on the following:

1. This area of Southsea is no longer an entertainment district as most establishments have closed for conversion or demolition.
2. It is a residential district which doesn't need the presence of establishments which attract crime
3. It needs to be relocated to an entertainment part of the city
4. We are entitled to the peace and security of the residential district which now exists in this part of Southsea

Yours faithfully,

17 MAY 2012



DEAR SIR, MADAM,

I AM Writing WITH
CONSERN REGARDING THE NEW LICENCE
APPLICATION for ELGANCY STRIP CLUB,
AT THE BOTTOM of WAVELEY ROAD,
THE STAND, AS A RESIDENT of ~~WAVELEY~~
~~WAVELEY~~ CLAREDON RD I very strongly
OBJECT TO THIS NEW LICENCE THAT
ELGANCY STRIP CLUB are trying to obtain

THE screams & NOISE ect is BAD,
& These clubs Lead to prostitution
ect,

THIS LICENCE of THEIRS SHOULD NOT
BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN
YOURS SINCERLY

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 23:06
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a local resident.

There was recently a consultation on a sex establishment policy which explained that there is no place in our city for such establishments, due to their proximity to things such as schools, family housing, places of worship. And this site is surrounded by all of these things.

All the other night time clubs have been moved from the sea front area into Guildhall, and I had understood that this was to help with policing etc. On that basis I think this should also be refused, as it is a lone site which will drain police resources, at a time when they are already very stretched.

I also avoid that area at night, when I feel safe to walk around almost everywhere else around my house. It has a seedy feel to it, the building is badly maintained, and I feel it also damages our local economy and the views of visitors to our city. It is close to local B&Bs, and a seafront that we are trying to promote as a key weekend destination in Europe (as long as you avoid the bottom of Waverley Road?).

If you wish clarification on any of these points, please feel free to contact me.

P.S. I did try to comment online using the Public Access system, however it would not allow me to go passed the 'submit your comment' screen. It also didn't have any supporting documentation, is that correct?

Humphreys, Nickii

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: Re: RE: APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE - ELEGANCE 1 GRANADA ROAD SOUTHSEA

Thanks Nikki.

My original objection still stands, although I would also add the following, in relation to the final bullet point of 1.2 in the Sex Establishment License Policy, i.e.

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.

The premises are within the following, which fall within 1 mile (let alone 3):

- Mayville School (Nursery to Secondary)
- St Swithun's School (Primary)
- Southsea Infants School
- Craneswater School
- Brambles Infant School & Nursery
- Cottage Grove
- Priory School
- Portsmouth High School
- Several nurseries (including Leapfrog, Brambles)
- St Simon's Church
- Jewish Synagoge
- St Lukes
- St Judes
- Church of the Holy Sprit
- St Swithuns
- Southsea Castle
- Pyramids
- Wimbledon Park Play Area
- Canoe Lake (including play area and nursery)
- Somerstown Children's Centre
- Albert Road shops
- Havelock Community Centre
- A large section of Europe's aspiring weekend destination & premier Waterfront city

This list is far from exhaustive of things within 1 mile of the establishment, and for a city with a policy including 7.15, it would only seem logical that this application be refused.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 02:27
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 'Elegance Nightclub' 1 Granada Road, Portsmouth, PO4 0RQ - Application for Licence Renewal

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to object to 'Elegance Nightclub's application for licence renewal.

I feel that it is inappropriately located being situated in a predominantly residential area where families may be disturbed by rowdy groups or individuals leaving the premises late at night.

The condition of the premises I feel is also inappropriate - the venue displays exterior signs depicting a 'pole dancer', this brings unnecessary exposure of the sex industry to families within a residential area with schools nearby.

Some of my friends have previously experienced sexual harassment from customers queueing to enter these premises and I feel that this is an experience many others will have been subjected to and should not have to be subjected to.

These types of venues are known to create areas where some members of the community, particularly women, do not feel safe travelling. There is also increasing evidence to suggest a link between these types of venue and an increase of crime within the surrounding area - I find this extremely concerning given that a large number of crime, particularly sexual crimes, go unreported.

Granting this application will be in contradiction to providing a safe community for all.

Regards

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 10 May 2012 20:22
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: objection to Elegence strip club

DEAR LICENSE officer

i definitely and strongly object to the renewal of license to the ELEGENCE Waverley Rd Southsea

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 10 May 2012 20:16
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Object to license to Elegence Waverley rd

Dear sir,
we extremely object to the renewal of license to the Elegence strip club in Waverley Rd Southsea.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 09:26
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Sex Establishment Licence Application – Elegance, 1 Granada Road

Dear Ms Humphreys

I wish to register my strong objection to the above application. I also want to express my concern at the inadequate notice given for objections to be lodged.

I totally oppose all sex establishments as a matter of principle and fully support Portsmouth City Council's draft policy proposal for a nil limit on them in the city.

It is totally inappropriate to locate such an establishment in a residential area like this, surrounded as it is by family homes, close to schools, a place of worship and hotels/guest houses. It is also unsuitable in an area close to the family-friendly tourist attractions of parks, gardens and the seafront.

Moreover, the dilapidated state of the building's exterior shows a clear disregard and lack of respect on the part of the owner for local residents and the area in general.

The club's existence intimidates many residents - especially women - and makes them fear for their safety. Certainly I and my friends avoid the area at night and we greatly resent the fact that its presence has put part of our city 'off limits'.

In a wider sense, it is a matter of great regret that women continue to be used as sexual objects by all sections of the media and the entertainment industry. They are exploited, degraded and portrayed as readily available for no other purpose than the gratification of men. I suspect that many men who use sex establishments would not wish their own female family and friends to earn their living in this way, yet seem content to let the family and friends of others do so for their 'entertainment'.

At a time when our young people are constantly exposed to sexual images all around them, it is important that they are given positive messages that encourage them to treat each other as equals and with respect. Sex establishments such as 'lap dancing' clubs perpetuate the unhealthy message that there is an unequal power relationship between men and women and that women can be 'bought'.

It has been argued that there is a demand for the 'service' establishments such as the one in this application provide. Yet this is not simply an issue of supply and demand, as the outlawing of other exploitative employment practices has demonstrated over the years. It is a matter of the type of society we want. I believe in a society that provides better choices for women; a society in which they do not have to degrade themselves to earn a living; a society in which women are regarded as more than just sex objects and a society in which men too are not exploited by those who pander to their base instincts to make a profit.

Portsmouth should be promoting itself as a family-friendly city for residents and visitors alike; a city in which everyone is valued and respected and a city of which its residents can be proud. As such, it should be a city in which sex establishments have no place. I therefore strongly urge you to reject this application.

Thank you for your attention.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 08:40
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Cc:
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 1 Granada Road

Dear Ms Humphreys,

12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to strongly object to the above application as a Southsea resident who frequently walks / cycles / drives via the Strand roundabout on my own and with my wife and young children on our way to the seafront, friends local to Granada Road, and local amenities.

I fully support the City Council draft sex establishment policy which has a 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 licence a sex establishment. I truly hope that the City Council will be true to its draft policy by denying the application noted above being made.

The draft policy specifically mentions the following factors:

a) The general character of the area (eg family residential, family leisure or educational area)

Given this statement, and the fact that 1 Granada Road is only a few hundred yards from schools (e.g. Mayville and St Swithuns), family leisure (e.g. Canoe Lake and the Pyramids), and significant residential areas in all directions, I find it astounding that the City Council is even considering this application.

b) The impact of the premises on the character of the area

The existing premises demonstrate none of the elegance that the name suggests. The building is run-down and looks incredibly seedy with the all black facade leaving no doubt as to the purposes of the premises. In addition, the way in which the property is so badly maintained indicates a complete lack of consideration for the character of the area. It is not a place that I would want to pass at night, and in the daytime is often a hangout for youth with nowhere else to go.

c) Gender equality issues, including whether the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably or at all

Even as a man I would avoid walking past these premises at night. As for gender equality, how can a club that is singly created to allow men to gawp at women and see them as objects to satisfy their own lusts be seen as fulfilling this factor?

d) Effects upon regeneration and tourism in the area

The existence of this venue in an area where many visitors stay in the surrounding hotels and guest houses does nothing to promote the city as an attractive place to visit. Unless, of course, such guests are here for that specific purpose, in which case I would suggest that they are perhaps not the people that we want in Portsmouth or Southsea.

e) Applications for sex establishment licences will normally be refused if they are proposed to be located in the vicinity of places of worship, leisure centres, parks, educational premises, schools, nurseries, play areas

As noted above this location is within a few hundred yards of all of the above types of premises making it totally unacceptable for use as a sex establishment.

It was once said that in Portsmouth there were three main types of building: Churches, Pubs, and Brothels. Well, thankfully the latter are (from a legal perspective) now removed. Alas, with this planning application, such premises will not be far away and even though not a brothel in itself, it is not far away with regards its intended purpose.

Finally, a News journalist wrote in her column on March 5th 2012 that "there's no place for these clubs in an enlightened society – there can be little doubt that they are damaging to society". I wholeheartedly agree.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 22 May 2012 09:08
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to licence application
Attachments: Application Objection.docx

RE: Elegance Strip Club – Waverley Road

Dear Sir / Madam,

We wish to lodge a strong objection to the granting of a new sex establishment license to the Elegance Strip Club on Waverley Road.

The existence of this type of establishment is wholly inappropriate in a quiet residential area for those of us with young children, and in addition, it's close proximity to schools. Posters displayed outside the venue are unacceptable viewing for our young children who pass the building daily. A strip club should not be located in a quiet residential area.

Having lived in _____ since 1982, we have suffered late night disruption by way of excess noise, rowdy behaviour, loud shouting, swearing, broken glass, litter, vehicle noise and parking problems outside our house which has caused some considerable distress.

In addition to the above, this type of establishment has been proven to attract excessive drinking, drugs and violent behaviour, this fact has been well publicised. This type of venue would be better situated in the city centre, for example Guildhall Walk where the night life is centralised and controlled.

As any resident, we would want to preserve, enjoy, and enhance the area where we live. A strip club has a negative impact in this residential area.

Yours faithfully,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 22:35
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance, 1 Granada Road

Dear Mrs Humphreys,

Solent Feminist Network (SFN) is a group consisting of approximately 200 men and women from the solent area who are passionate about building a culture where gender equality is the norm and we wish to object to the above application.

SFN fully support PCC's draft policy which has a 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 licence a sex establishment.

Elegance club is completely surrounded by residential properties. The locality of this sex establishment is wholly inappropriate.

PCC also needs to adhere to the Gender Equality Duty. To licence a sex establishment such as Wiggle would be in direct contravention of these duties. The buying of sexual services from women does nothing to promote gender equality between men and women, it only serves to widen the gap and encourage a culture where harassment and abuse of women become more widespread:

"The links between objectification and discrimination and violence against women are recognised at the international level by the legally binding United Nations Conventions to Eliminate Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which has repeatedly called on states - including the British Government - to take action against the objectification of women."

We are also aware that Elegance has a policy that states dancers are to be escorted to their vehicle at the end of a shift. It is clear that the owner of this sex establishment is fully aware of the danger he is putting women in, but choosing to put his bank balance before the welfare of 50% of the city's population.

Yours sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 00:03
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance Application for License

22/5/2012.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been informed that the "Elegance Strip Club" has asked for one of the new sex establishment licenses.

This establishment is in close proximity to a church and a number of schools apart from being in a residential area.

In my opinion this establishment increases the risk of sex related crimes and sets a very negative image of sex to the impressionable youngsters who walk past this building with its lurid sexual displays.

I object to this license being granted.

Yours faithfully

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 13:37
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

Dear Ms Humphreys

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a citizen of Portsmouth

I fully support the City Council draft sex establishment policy which has a 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 licence a sex establishment.

The draft policy specifically mentions the following factors:

a) The general character of the area (eg family residential, family leisure or educational area)

These premises are completely surrounded by family residential properties making this site totally inappropriate for a sex establishment.

b) The impact of the premises on the character of the area

The existing premises are run-down and look seedy. The way in which the property is so badly maintained indicates a complete lack of consideration for the character of the area. Even a supporter of the club has described it on the News' website as looking like a "scruffy third world night club venue". The Council have had to remove sexually offensive graffiti from the walls of the building. This sort of graffiti discourages women from walking near the premises at night.

c) Gender equality issues, including whether the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably or at all

In response to the draft policy and relating to this establishment in particular, women have stated that they avoid the area and I personally, when walking home at night find other routes to take rather than walk by these premises. I note that the club's Staff Welfare policy states that "Dancers are escorted to their vehicles at the end of their shifts" which would indicate a clear awareness by the owners that unaccompanied women in the vicinity of the premises are in danger of attack or abuse.

d) Effects upon regeneration and tourism in the area

The existence of this venue in an area where many visitors stay in the surrounding hotels and guest houses does nothing to promote the city as an attractive place to visit.

e) Applications for sex establishment licences will normally be refused if they are proposed to be located in the vicinity of places of worship, leisure centres, parks, educational premises, schools, nurseries, play areas

This location is within a few hundred yards of all of the above types of premises making it totally unacceptable for use as a sex establishment.

This type of club is damaging society

Thank you

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 22:59
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Objection to 'Elegance' Sex establishment license

As the owner of a property close to the lapdancing club 'Elegance' I would like to register my objection to its application for a sex establishment license.

I feel the club lowers the tone of the area. The outside of the place is unsightly with its peeling black paint. It often has obscene graffiti and there are often groups of rowdy drunken men leaving the club or standing around the area smoking. I'm sure the last two anti social issues are directly related to it being a sex establishment and the first issue I feel highlights how little consideration the club owner has for its surrounding area and neighbours.

I also object on the grounds that Lapdancing clubs are degrading and exploitative to the women that work in them and they impact women everywhere, including those that don't even set foot inside a lapdancing club by encouraging the objectification of women. They promote the idea that women are something that can be purchased for sexual gratification. Several of the women in my life, including tenants of mine have experienced sexual harassment outside this club.

By not granting a license the council would be showing its dedication to gender equality as well as making Portsmouth a pleasant, upmarket place to live, work and visit.

From:

Sent: 25 May 2012 15:04

To: Chalmers, Richard

Subject: licensing objection

It is difficult to make a considered comment on this application with policy being in a state of flux and with the alternative use of the building being so uncertain. Nevertheless I would like to point out that:

- there are often vehicles parked late at night on the yellow lines in Waverley Road
- there is a longstanding policy of concentrating late night uses in the central area
- some people living in the immediate area are adversely affected by the presence of the club

I wish to register to make a deputation when the matter comes up for determination

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 11 May 2012 13:32
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: license for "Elegance Strip Club"

Dear Sir/Madam

I have been informed that the "Elegance Strip Club" has asked for one of the new sex establishment licenses.

This establishment is in close proximity to a Church and a number of schools apart from being in a residential area.

In my opinion this establishment increases the risk of sex related crimes and sets a very negative image of sex to the impressionable youngsters who walk past this building with its lurid sexual displays.

I strongly object to this license being granted.

Yours Faithfully,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 09:08
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: FW: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road
Date: Thu, 24 May 2012 08:26:56 +0100

Dear Ms Humphreys

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a resident living just around the corner from this establishment.

When I and my female friends were just fifteen years old, we were, on separate and many occasions, sexually intimidated by male staff through comments asking us whether we would like to work at this establishment, Elegance. We found this threatening and completely inappropriate. This establishment is close to a school and areas where children play, and it is not right to have children feel propositioned in such ways.

I hope that you take on board my strong criticisms of this place, and I hope that the establishment gets closed down so that no other children are in a position to be offered the job of selling their bodies by Elegance.

Yours faithfully,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 07:45
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Elegance

Dear Sir

I strongly object to this establishment in the area mentioned. The strand is a family area and leads to the Canoe Lake a very popular place for children; they would have to pass this establishment. There is no place for such a club in the Strand or in fact anywhere at all. Please do not allow it.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Nickii Humphreys
Licensing Officer
Portsmouth City Council
Civic Offices
Guildhall Square
Portsmouth PO1 2AL

20th May 2012



Dear Mrs Humphreys,

Re: Licensing Application by the Elegance Club, Waverley Road

I wish to object to the application for renewal of the establishment licence by the Elegance lap dancing club which is situated at the junction of Waverley and Granada Roads.

The location of the club is quite unsuitable for any licensed sex establishment. It is in the centre of a residential neighbourhood where there are a large number of families with young children. In particular it is close to Chewter Close where there are a number of very vulnerable families. It is in an area remote from the entertainment areas of Palmerston Road and Guildhall Walk and so cannot receive the level of policing which is needed for a club of this type. It is also close to the seafront where, according to my city councillors, the council is attempting to create an improved environment in order to attract more visitors, and especially families.

However well run the club may be internally, the users of this club have a damaging impact on the local area when they leave. Their behaviour includes lewd comments about women whom they pass and an attitude which seems aggressive and frightening to lone young women. This is not to suggest that they are all like that but that there is a substantial minority who, especially when in a group, make the area feel unpleasant and unsafe.

I would therefore ask the licensing committee to reject this application for renewal of the licence.

Yours sincerely

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 25 May 2012 11:40
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc: Humphreys, Nickii;
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance, 1 Granada Road

Importance: High

Dear Ms Humphreys

12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance, 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a resident and the mother of two young children living in the Craneswater area.

I do not believe that the existing establishment should be allowed to continue in this area which is densely populated by families with young children.

The existing premises are completely run down and look terrible in an otherwise well maintained area. This establishment is within a few hundred yards of a local church and school and is a popular route for children who go to St Swithuns, Southsea Infants and other schools in central Southsea. Only this week on our way to school my 7 year old daughter read the name “Elegance” and asked what happened there!

I am by no means a prude but this club is in a completely inappropriate location and in my opinion should be relocated to an out of town commercial area.

I believe the application for a sex establishment should be refused and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 08:59
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc: Humphreys, Nickii;
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance 1 Granada Road

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to object to this application on the following grounds please:

It seems to be totally at odds with the draft Sex Establishment Licence policy.

This has become a foreboding area, especially at night, largely due to the presence of these premises.

The surrounding area is largely residential. It is very close to two schools and a church.

These and other factors combine to make this application seem totally inappropriate.

Thank you.

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 24 May 2012 15:40
To: Licensing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Cc:
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST - Elegance 1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application as a local living very near to this establishment. My mother is resident in the area (approximately 500 metres from this establishment) and I often spend extensive periods staying with her. I am shocked that the City Council is contemplating, at any level, approval of such a business in such a clearly residentially and seaside family area.

I fully support the City Council draft sex establishment policy which has a 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 licence a sex establishment.

The draft policy specifically mentions the following factors:

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These premises are completely surrounded by family residential properties making this site totally inappropriate for a sex establishment.

b) The impact of the premises on the character of the area

The existing premises are run-down and look seedy. The way in which the property is so badly maintained indicates a complete lack of consideration for the character of the area. The Council have had to remove sexually offensive graffiti from the walls of the building. This sort of graffiti discourages women from walking near the premises at night.

c) Gender equality issues, including whether the proposed use, particularly at night, would deter women from using the area comfortably or at all

In response to the draft policy and relating to this establishment in particular, women have stated that they avoid the area and I personally find it distasteful and uncomfortable walking past this business when late at night. I understand that the club's Staff Welfare policy states that "Dancers are escorted to their vehicles at the end of their shifts" which would indicate a clear awareness by the owners that unaccompanied women in the vicinity of the premises are in danger of attack or abuse. I think it is highly inappropriate to have such a venue in a place where essentially the net effect is that my mother and I when I visit cannot walk to the local shop at night without feeling afraid.

d) Effects upon regeneration and tourism in the area

The existence of this venue in an area where many visitors stay in the surrounding hotels and guest houses does nothing to promote the city as an attractive place to visit.

e) Applications for sex establishment licences will normally be refused if they are proposed to be located in the vicinity of places of worship, leisure centres, parks, educational premises, schools, nurseries, play areas

This location is within a few hundred yards of a church, residential houses, hotels, the beach and areas where young children often play or travel through. It is totally unacceptable to consider a sex establishment at this venue.

Should the planning application be granted my mother and I would be very interested to receive a copy of the explanations and rationale as to why such an establishment would not fall foul of the draft policy. It would be something my mother or I would pursue with the local MP along with any sanctions at the local council level for breach of government policies. I note that the approval is to be pushed through quickly and I wonder if this is not designed to circumnavigate any breach of such rules by ensuring approval of the application is obtained prior to the new policy being in force. This would seem highly disingenuous, inappropriate and contrary to what obviously has been previously lobbied for within

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 22 May 2012 16:39
To: Licencing Shared Email; Humphreys, Nickii
Cc:
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST – Elegance1 Granada Road

I wish to object to the above application. I am a resident who lives one road away from this establishment. I have to pass it to reach my local convenience store and other small shops- dry cleaners, fish & chip shop, cafe etc. Frequently, there are men loitering outside in groups, at all times of the day, and I feel uncomfortable and intimidated walking past. In fact, I often drive the short distance of two hundred yards to avoid doing so.

Portsmouth City Council have stated that there is no place for a sex establishment within the city. I totally agree. This particular area is full of family homes. There is a school not fifty yards away; both teenagers (susceptible and vulnerable to the sex trade and grooming, as a recent court case in UK demonstrated) and young children attend the school. To have men, who have just been titillated sexually, hanging around or walking near to the school is totally unsuitable, if not dangerous.

Southsea is striving to develop its tourist trade. There are a number of respectable guest houses in the same road, not fifty metres from the establishment in question. Again, this is not conducive to tourism. I believe the council has already had to remove inappropriate graffiti from the walls. How can we promote Portsmouth as a safe, family-friendly city with a sex establishment within a couple of hundred metres of the seafront, beach and children's play areas?

I strongly object to the planning application.
Yours faithfully

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 17 May 2012 13:40
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Licence for Elegance Strip Club in Southsea

Sir,

As nearby residences of the above establishment, we request that the application is NOT approved.

My wife and I do not feel such a business is suitable to the area. Furthermore from the exterior it has continued to look more unpleasant and "tatty".

Yours,

Humphreys, Nickii

From:
Sent: 23 May 2012 16:07
To: Licensing Shared Email; Nicki.humphrey@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: 12/03425/SEXEST-Elegance1 Granada Road

Reference:12/03425/SEXEST-Elegance1 Granada Road

I am writing to object most strongly to the above application.

I have to pass that ugly, litter-strewn, stained building and pavement every time I go to get a paper or catch a bus. Most often there are men hanging around there and I hate walking past. At times I drive my car to avoid it (especially in the winter when it is dark) which is ridiculous and expensive. It is not only unsuitable to be so near many children and young people, but it also can be a danger too. It is a seedy establishment and has no place in a seaside resort with many good, respectable guest houses and family homes near. It is also near a school and a church so many youngsters have to pass it. There is no place in Portsmouth for such an establishment and I can hardly believe that the application is even being considered.

I was born and brought up in Portsmouth and now I love living in Southsea. Please do not let this blot on the Southsea landscape stay or be developed more for the sex trade or any other such purposes. I feel it is your duty to turn down this application.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can say or do to convince you.

Yours faithfully