

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 30 January 2013 12:37
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: My objection to the proposed licence for the ST Lounge on Grove Street Wilmslow opposite Wilmslow Prep School

Importance: High

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 January 2013 12:04
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: My objection to the proposed licence for the ST Lounge on Grove Street Wilmslow opposite Wilmslow Prep School
Importance: High

To The Licensing Authority,
Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Sir/madam,

I am writing to object on behalf of myself and my daughters, who live in Wilmslow. We are extremely concerned that the ST Club in Wilmslow has applied to have its licence renewed, and we request that you give very serious consideration to refusing to renew the SEV Licence to the St Club in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

I have been living in Wilmslow for 23 years, working at [REDACTED], and I have always felt safe here. Now, with the lap-dancing club, I feel much more vulnerable and I would not dream of letting my daughters walk along Grove Street in the evening. I am also personally aware of the noise late at night having visited friends who live close by, and I would always make sure they came out with me until I got into my car as it doesn't feel safe any longer. Surely this is inappropriate for the locality, being near a school and churches where my children should feel safe to go to events, parties, meet friends etc ?

I also heard about a serious assault on one of the lap dancers who went home with a client, and this would not have happened if there had not been a ST Club in Wilmslow.

I am also concerned about the image Wilmslow town centre wants to develop? There are two betting shops in our small town, one in Grove Street and one in Grove Avenue, and I have seen economic data showing that a town with strip clubs and betting shops is on the decline; is that our vision for Wilmslow ? When I retire I am seriously considering re locating away from Wilmslow if this is the case.

Please can you take our views into account when you make your decision, for the future of Wilmslow and the safety of my children.

Kind Regards

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WILMSLOW
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



GROVE AVENUE, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE SK9 5EG

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam

January 29th 2013

On behalf of Wilmslow Preparatory School for Girls, I am writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the Lap Dancing Club (ST Club) situated in Grove Street, Wilmslow. Before any decision is taken to renew the SEV Licence for the ST Club, I would ask you to consider the effect the existence of such a club is having on Wilmslow's town centre. Very few people saw the original advert in the 'Manchester Evening News' in December 2011. Many people did not object at the time including myself, as we were not aware of this request for the licence.

According to your policy document on the licensing of SEVs, I understand that 'relevant entertainment', even 'live strip shows' can be provided for the 'financial gain of the organiser'. Whilst I accept that such 'entertainment' takes place, why does the Council feel that such a venue is acceptable in the main street of a small town close to schools and churches?

In my opinion, the Council needs to be sensitive to the fact that Grove Street is surrounded by residential streets and facilities for the community in general, including children and young adults. Every day, many Wilmslow Prep School girls walk past the club on their way to and from school. The ST Club is also in a very inappropriate location, in the middle of a family shopping area. Saint Teresa's Church, the Methodist Church and St Bartholomew's Church are close by, as is the Leisure Centre and my school, which is in Grove Avenue. Many teenagers from Wilmslow High School are very often to be seen in the street, after school and in the evenings, meeting friends.

I feel that there are other issues you should be considering too. The future of Wilmslow town centre is at stake: we have two betting shops and a strip club in a very small area. Economists' projections show that this kind of development may lead to the decline of a town. We should surely be working hard to protect and enhance our town centre. The premises next to the ST Club have been vacant for almost a year; this seems to indicate that the proximity of a lap-dancing club is off-putting to businesses.

In conclusion I hope that you appreciate my depth of feeling in this matter. I believe that the ST Club is in the wrong location, in the heart of the main street of a small town, close to residents, schools, shops and churches. I would therefore ask you to consider this most carefully when you are making your decision about whether to grant the licence renewal.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bursar

Headmaster

Deputy Headmistress

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 01 February 2013 09:02
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: OBJECTION TO LICENSING FOR ST LOUNGE

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Hi Nikki – FYI

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com
Sent: 31 January 2013 23:03
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: OBJECTION TO LICENSING FOR ST LOUNGE

Dear Sirs,

I write today with an objection to the licensing application made by the ST LOUNGE lap dancing club in Wilmslow town centre.

I feel that the location of this club is very close to the local schools: Wilmslow Preparatory School is very close by.

It is very close to several places of worship: St Bartholomew's and the Wilmslow Methodist Church are 2 minutes walk away. The Presbyterian Church is 30 seconds walk away. The club has churches in every direction and in very close proximity.

It is very close to our children's parks and play areas: That Cars is 5 minutes walk away. It is close to our Beavers and Scouts meeting rooms at the Methodist Church where our young boys gather in the evenings.

It is very close to the community facilities, coffee shops and fast food outlets, sandwich shops and chocolate makers where our teenagers meet their friends and socialise. Where our restaurants are. Where our burger shops and pizza restaurants are frequented by families with very young children as a night time treat before taking them home to bed. Close to our video store where families gather to chose films to share over a bowl of popcorn. Close to our BP petrol station where people stop at all hours to fill their cars with fuel or drop of parcels after shop hours to be returned via the Collect Plus network.

While it is on a high street, Wilmslow high street is a village high street and backs immediately onto residential areas where homes are lived in by single women, families and the elderly. There are houses on Hawthorne Lane, a few minutes away, flats and houses on Grove Ave, literally within 1 minutes walk of this venue. Green Lane flats are 30 seconds away. The elderly care home on Church Street is 2 minutes walk away. Grove Street has a massive residential community surrounding it from all directions within minutes walk away. Many of those residents need to walk past this club on their way to the Tesco Express to buy milk and bread to make their children a packed lunch for school the next day.

I would urge the council to consider this licence with extreme seriousness as the locality to our community, our places of worship, our homes, our schools, our restaurants, and our children makes the granting of it inappropriate. Please I ask you as a member of this wonderful community, don't grant their licence applications.

With thanks

[REDACTED]

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 31 January 2013 15:36
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: The ST Lounge

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Due By: 01 February 2013 09:00
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[REDACTED]
Licensing Administration Officer
Cheshire East Council
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
CW11 1HZ
Tel: 0300 123 5015

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 January 2013 15:04
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: The ST Lounge

Dear sir/madam,

I am very concerned about Wilmslow having a Strip Club on our main shopping street. As a shop owner of 30 years on Grove St I feel by allowing this you are cheapening the St and the Town. I can't imagine what the council can be thinking unless there is a strategic plan to lower the type of visitors/ shoppers to Wilmslow.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

CADMAN, Nikki

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 January 2013 17:08
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Cc: WILMSLOW TOWN COUNCIL; MAKE WILMSLOW MATTER
Subject: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

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Application for License Renewal. ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow.

The Wilmslow Trust object to the possible renewal of the license for the above establishment on the following grounds.

- The establishment is inappropriate to the relevant locality.
- Childrens shops nearby.
- Too near to domestic properties, causing disturbance late at night.
- Too near to Churches, a school and other night entertainment premises of mixed use.
- Causing a blight on that part of Grove Street and surroundings.
- Non compliance with license to date should be investigated.
- Advertising and supplying cheap drinks as an incentive to visit.
- Wilmslow Town Council voted for a Nil area for sexual entertainment.
- Premises are an eyesore with litter left outside.
- Establishment gives the wrong message to, and deters visitors from this area in the evening, in an area of Wilmslow which is trying to improve it image.

We hope that the foregoing will be put before the Licensing Committee as a registration of our objection.

Wilmslow Trust.
Plans and Applications. Sub.Committee.

[REDACTED]



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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 04 February 2013 09:07
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Gentlemens' Club, Grove Street, Wilmslow

[REDACTED]
Licensing Administrative Officer
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 February 2013 21:29
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Gentlemens' Club, Grove Street, Wilmslow

I write to object formally to the renewal of the licence for the above mentioned club. Though there are many grounds for objection I restrict myself to one, namely that the club is situated in close proximity to this church in contravention of the Council's own guide lines.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Church of the sacred Heart and Saint Teresa,
Green Lane
Wilmslow

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 04 February 2013 09:07
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge Grove Street Wilmslow

[REDACTED]
Licensing Administrative Officer
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ
[REDACTED]

From: **[REDACTED]**
Sent: 03 February 2013 19:12
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge Grove Street Wilmslow

I wish to object to the location of this ST Lounge along Grove Street
1 Feels threatened when walking along Grove Street late at night after dining in the town.
2 Too close to a number of places of Worship and residential houseing ,Children & youngsters
very often go for walks in the area

Please refuse a SEV Licence.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 03 February 2013 15:26
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

[REDACTED]
Licensing Administrative Officer
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 February 2013 13:24
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

3 February 2013

From: [REDACTED]
To: Licensing Section, Town Hall, Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DX
Cheshire East Council

Dera Councillors

I am writing to object to the location of the ST Lounge in Wilmslow; I feel that it is totally inappropriate, being so close to residences, schools, churches and parks and having nothing in character with other local businesses

I also think that the location of the club is having a negative effect on the local area, in that crime is more likely as a result of its presence.

Please refuse to renew the SEV Licence

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3 February 2013

The Licensing Section,
Cheshire East Borough Council
Town Hall,
Market Place,
Macclesfield SK10 1DX

Dear Sir,

Objection to Renewal of Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence for ST Lounge
Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar, Wilmslow

As a regular attender at the Wilmslow Quaker Meetings held at the Friends Meeting House in the town I am writing to add my objection to the application for the renewal of the Licence to use the premises named above as a Sexual Entertainment Venue.

I am objecting on the grounds that Grove Street is a thorough fare for the town used by a wide cross section of the community who would not seek to be in close proximity to such premises. Local people, including children and young people use the street daily and appreciate its retail and cafe environment. Grove Street is an inappropriate place for premises providing Lap Dancing, Table Dancing, Strip Shows and Full Nudity.

I hope my views along with those of others objecting to this licence will be heard - such premises should be located in an environment where these services can be sought out - not encountered by chance by families and young people who happen to be passing by.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 04 February 2013 12:30
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge Grove Street

[REDACTED]
Licensing Administrative Officer
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ
[REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 February 2013 12:27
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge Grove Street

I am writing to object to the location of the ST Lounge in Wilmslow. I feel that the nature of this establishment is totally inappropriate for this area, being in close proximity to residences, schools, churches and parks. I also feel it is totally out of character with other local businesses and as such, I feel will have a negative effect on the local area.

As a resident of this area I hope that you will take note of the concerns I am expressing and reflect it in your decision making.

Yours sincerely
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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Licensing Authority,
Cheshire East Borough Council

4 February 2013

By email : licensing@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Lounge, Wilmslow

I am writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club in Grove Street.

The main family shopping area is completely the wrong location for a lap dancing club.

I have lived in Wilmslow for 43 years. My family are, and have been all my life, retailers in Wilmslow. The presence of this Club on the main pedestrianised high street in Wilmslow is totally wrong. It is promoting entirely the wrong image for Wilmslow and bringing the wrong type of people into this, what used to be, a smart place to be!

Wilmslow used to be the place everybody wanted to go to, the place to be seen, as it was glamorous and stylish. The presence of this Club on our high street has lowered the tone and image of the village and created an unsafe, threatening environment.

I have been a teenager, a young woman and am now a married lady with a young family. I have seen Wilmslow go through many transformations but now, my husband and I and my girlfriends and I never choose to go out in Wilmslow, as it feels seedy and unsafe.

The Wilmslow Vision document, which was endorsed by the Council, wishes to foster "a vibrant, welcoming and accessible town-centre, with a high-quality environment, to draw people into Wilmslow"; it talks of "a community that is safe and welcoming". Surely that is what we should be striving for?

The stated purpose of the ST Club is to sexually excite its audience. That does not draw me (or others) into Wilmslow, and therefore, contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow and is preventing the economy of those trying to run other businesses in Wilmslow centre.

The Council is asked to consider if the ST Club is "appropriate to the relevant locality"?

Why should people be wary or fearful of strolling along their main street at night? On the contrary, residents should feel safe in a family-oriented, pedestrianised area. **The Council should be striving to make the town as safe and as prestigious as possible.**

Please refuse to renew the License to Sexually Entertain on Grove Street and invest your energies in bringing Wilmslow back to the fantastic thriving economy it used to be.

Yours faithfully,



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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 04 February 2013 13:40
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Re-licensing

[REDACTED]
Licensing Administrative Officer
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ
T [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 February 2013 13:31
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Re-licensing

Dear Sir/Madam I object most strongly to our main shopping street having a business which relies on selling sexual experiences. In addition, while Grove Street, Wilmslow is commercial, it is close to a school and a church - hardly the happiest juxtaposition. I would very much like to see this request turned down. [REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 04 February 2013 10:28
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Lap dancing club

[REDACTED]
Licensing Administrative Officer
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 February 2013 10:23
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Lap dancing club

Good Morning,

I wish to add my name to those opposing the renewal of Licence for the Lap Dancing club in Grove St Wilmslow. I believe it is wrong for a small town like ours which is constantly under attack from outside forces in many ways, which are not in keeping with the character of the town , to encourage a business such as this to stay. These types of businesses do have a place in the cities, but not here. This business only benefits a few. In terms of rental income and additional small business contribution to the neighbourhood, there are other businesses which I am sure can take up these premises , which would be much more suitable.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 03 February 2013 16:22
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge - grove street, Wilmslow

[REDACTED]
Licensing Administrative Officer
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ
T [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 February 2013 12:18
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge - grove street, Wilmslow

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are aware that the proprietors of the STLounge situated in Grove Street, Wilmslow, have reapplied for a license to operate. We also understand that the terms of granting such a license is that the operations of the business would not have a negative effect of the surrounding location nor upon the indigenous populous of Wilmslow at any time night and day in unison with the interests of residents within the vicinity.

To grant a license with 3 church's and their historical significance and established communities [which matter a great deal to residents and local Cheshire East ratepayers] plus, additionally, having a thriving school very close and within the vicinity; clearly appears to be in contravention of the policies which any business has to comply to, to operate in this area of Wilmslow.

Furthermore the granting of such a license unless there is more than equal support from the same populous, must fly in the face of Cheshire East stated policy that it looks after the entirety of the populous in an equal {and we would expect) thoughtful and considerate manner? The officers being voted in by the public to execute such a fair policy and ruling.

We therefore expect to see that this application is reused.

Should you approve it however, we therefore have a right and you have a responsibility as a paid guardian of our town's wellbeing, to see from you [additionally as our policymakers on Cheshire East provision] a unequivocal argument for its granting, supported by, due process and evidence of a majority of local support.

We await the outcomes of your decisions

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 31 January 2013 16:49
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Club Grove Street Wilmsow

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[REDACTED]
Licensing Administration Officer
Cheshire East Council
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
CW11 1HZ
Tel: 0300 123 5015

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 January 2013 16:40
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: ST Club Grove Street Wilmsow

Dear Sir,

I understand that you will shortly be considering the renewal of the Licence to operate this club. The purpose of this letter is to state that my wife and myself object to this Club operating in Grove Street Wilmslow, it being inappropriate and not relevant or desirable in this area .

Retailing outlets in Town Centres are under multiple threats, namely internet trading, out of Town shopping malls and retail parks. Mary Portas who is the Government's adviser on Town Centre retailing, articulates the arguments very clearly in favour of locally based compatible relevant shops. A strip club does not in any sense fit this formula any more than does the nearby betting shops. Most certainly when taken together they blight an area such that the external threats (internet shopping etc.) are given free rein. The evidence in support of this specific contention are the adjacent empty shop units which will undoubtedly remain empty until the strip club leaves this location. CEC has a duty to support a vibrant commercial shopping centre for the benefit of ALL residents and not a small minority of late evening visitors. To grant an operating licence to such an establishment would be a negation of this duty.

The original application, we submit, was given approval incorrectly in that the required notice of application was not made local and could reasonably have been described as a ploy by the applicant to avoid local objections.

Does Cheshire East Council believe that the ST Club is appropriate in its Grove Street location? Most certainly my wife and I avoid walking up or down Grove street during the operating hours of this establishment ,which apart from the inconvenience , has a negative impact upon a wide range of restaurants that we might otherwise favour. This cannot be right that there are no-go areas. In the longer term our, and many like us ,avoiding action blights these buisnesses such that they become under threat of closure.

Your committee is urged to refuse renewal.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 05 February 2013 14:39
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Renewal of Strip Club Licence

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[REDACTED]
Licensing Administration Officer
Cheshire East Council
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
CW11 1HZ
Tel: 0300 123 5015

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2013 14:18
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Renewal of Strip Club Licence

Dear Sirs

On behalf of my wife and I, this is to record our objection to the renewal of the licence for the strip club presently situated in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

Having lived and worked in London for many years , we are very conscious of the way in which the 'sex industry' expands and increases its activities. Soho was typical of that approach: the financial success of a few seedy 'peep show' establishments (particularly following the Second World War) led to to a steady influx of similar sex-based enterprises. Over the years that expansion has grown and led to a spreading concentration within the Soho area – and the loss/closure of many traditional 'family orientated' shops and businesses.

The key to the growth of the strip club culture (stripping is now only one of the listed attractions and could be considered less objectionable than pole/lap dancing) is to secure a promising location. It would appear that the applicants for the renewal of the licence for Grove Street believe it to be such.

It is reasonable to assume that should the licence be renewed the proprietors will intensify their efforts to build up membership of the club which could lead to other operators opening similar establishments in the area.

I am not suggesting that Wilmslow might become a Soho of the north! I do contend that the town could (over time) lose its reputation as a friendly, quality destination prized by residents and visitors alike. Grove Street generally embodies all that is associated with the name of Wilmslow. It is a totally unsuitable location for a sleazy, sex-joint and we would urge the Council to reject the application for a renewal of the licence.

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 05 February 2013 09:26
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW:

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[REDACTED]
Licensing Administration Officer
Cheshire East Council
Westfields
Middlewich Road
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Tel: 0300 123 5015

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 February 2013 17:29
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject:

We object to the lap dancing club getting a renewal of their license.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

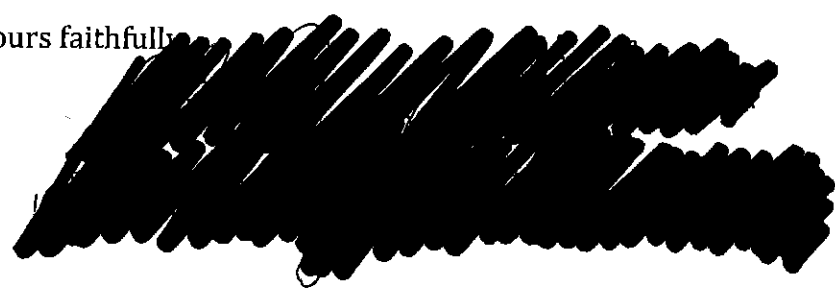
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Dear Councillors,

We are writing to object to the location of the ST Lounge in Wilmslow; we feel that it is totally inappropriate, being so close to residences, schools, churches and parks and having nothing in character with other local businesses.

We also think that the location of the club is having a negative effect on the local area, in that crime is more likely as a result of its presence. Please refuse to renew the SEV licence.

Yours faithfully

A large, dense, blacked-out rectangular area redacting the signature and any accompanying text.

[REDACTED]
Head of Licensing
Cheshire East Council
Westfield
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ

1st February 2013

Dear Mr Hawkes

RE The ST Lounge Grove Street Wilmslow Licence Renewal Application

My family live in Wilmslow and we are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club in Grove Street. We would strongly request that you give very serious consideration to refusing to renew this licence.

Wilmslow is a respectable, residential market town with many churches, schools and private homes and has a strong sense of community. This venue is simply totally inappropriate for our neighbourhood.

When I heard about the performer who was attacked by a client from the ST Lounge, I decided that the centre of Wilmslow should be avoided after dark. We now visit other areas to go to restaurants and to meet up with friends.

Is this what the Council want for the respectable bars and restaurants in Wilmslow? Does the Council actually believe the ST Lounge is "appropriate to the relevant locality"? Surely common sense should prevail and this venue should be relocated to central Manchester or somewhere more appropriate to its target audience!

The residents of Wilmslow have thus far been kept somewhat in the dark with regard to this club, its activities and services on offer. However, now, thanks to the efforts of The Make Wilmslow Matter action group we will be able to voice our concerns and endeavour to maintain the upmarket character of Wilmslow.

Please refuse to renew the licence for the ST Lounge. It is simply wrong for Wilmslow.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 05 February 2013 13:52
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Objection to poposed renewal of ST Lounge in Grove Street

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[REDACTED]
Licensing Administration Officer
Cheshire East Council
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Middlewich Road
Sandbach
CW11 1HZ
Tel: 0300 123 5015

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2013 12:42
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to poposed renewal of ST Lounge in Grove Street

Before his election at the full Council meeting on May 16th, Michael Jones stated that he would "maintain the quality of Wilmslow for the people there," as he considered Wilmslow to be "a key town". How, exactly, does a lap dancing club maintain the quality of Wilmslow?

We have lived here for more than 50myears and do not want Wilmslow to have a blighted zone which residents seek to avoid. There are schools and many elderly residents just off Grove Street. which makes the proposed location highly undesirable.

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 05 February 2013 14:00
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: THE ST LOUNGE

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[REDACTED]
Licensing Administration Officer
Cheshire East Council
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
CW11 1HZ
Tel: 0300 123 5015

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2013 13:00
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: THE ST LOUNGE

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the current location of sexual entertainment in the from of the above named venue on Grove Street, Wilmslow.

Wilmslow is a family village where children walk to the High School, frequent the shops and leisure facilities and I feel this venue is inappropriate for this environment. Also in the year 2013, is it the right message for young girls? Our children have a right to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment. This facility may encourage customers who do not have these values.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 05 February 2013 14:40
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Application for renewal of sexual entertainment venue licence by the ST Lounge, Wilmslow

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Cheshire East Council
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Tel: 0300 123 5015

From: 
Sent: 05 February 2013 14:18
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Application for renewal of sexual entertainment venue licence by the ST Lounge, Wilmslow

Dear Cheshire East,

I should like to object to the renewal of a 'sexual entertainment venue licence' by the ST Lounge in Wilmslow. I don't think that such a licence adds anything positive to the community of Wilmslow. I think that it encourages people to think that sexual stimulation is something that can be bought and sold. The location of the ST lounge is also an issue. It is right in the heart of Wilmslow and en-route to many activities. I have 3 children (aged 14, 12 and 10) who are all involved with St Bartholomew's Church. My concern that I do not want them to walk past the ST Lounge when it is open and sexual entertainment is in progress reduces my willingness for them to walk to activities at church alone and means that I have to take them by car. I think Wilmslow would be a better place if the licence was not renewed. I also think that this licence, and the seedy image it presents, are likely to harm other businesses in the locality.

Yours faithfully



[REDACTED]

The Licensing Authority,
Cheshire East Borough Council
Town Hall
Macclesfield
Cheshire

Re: ST Club Grove Street, Wilmslow

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my strong objection for you to renew the SEV Licence for the strip club in Grove Street.

I have lived in Wilmslow since 1987 and remember very well, when Grove Street was full of individual shops and it was unpedestrianised. It used to be a thriving community.

Out of all the places where this type of establishment could have been set up, why have they chosen Wilmslow?

A strip club in the centre of a small town? Churches, schools, banks, shops nearby.

Young children walk past the ST Lounge daily. The frontage is an eyesore- there has been a broken window on the front for months. The pavement outside is always littered with cigarette ends.

I would never walk down Grove Street in the evening as I would feel unsafe.

This type of club attracts a certain type of person and the majority of the residents of Wilmslow do not need or want this type of business on one of the main streets in their town. It is the wrong location for a lap dancing club.

There is a lovely shoe shop for children next door, a children's accessory shop nearly opposite, monsoon children's shop very near and even an exclusive teddy bear shop, so it does not fit in with the local businesses.

As a lone female, whenever I attend an evening event in Wilmslow, I feel more vulnerable and at risk walking along Grove Street past the lap-dancing club, as the majority of shoppers have gone home.

The Wilmslow Vision document, which was endorsed by the Council, wishes to foster "a vibrant, welcoming and accessible town-centre, with a high-quality environment, to draw people into Wilmslow". It talks of "a community that is safe and welcoming".

The stated purpose of the ST Club is to sexually excite its audience. That does not draw me into Wilmslow, and therefore, contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow.

Why does the Council feel that such a venue is acceptable in the main street of a small market town? How can this be justified in our local area?

Does the Council actually believe that the ST Club is "appropriate to the relevant locality"? That is to say, situated in the main street of a small local town, where the adjacent buildings house clothes and shoe shops, building societies, banks and cafés? In what way do they provide a relevant locality for a strip club?

Residents from Hawthorn Lane, Hawthorn Grove and Grove way would normally have to pass in front of the ST Club, to go to restaurants or just to meet friends. Many now purposely avoid the centre of town and do not walk to friends' houses, but drive instead. Some are not letting their teenage children walk back from places like Pizza Express because they will need to pass the stag night trade that a strip club attracts. This negative impact has caused our behaviour to change.

Grove Street is an area used by all the locals, young and old. They may be making their way to and from school, they may be shopping or just sitting on the benches, or even making their way to the churches in close proximity. Saint Teresa's Church is very close by, in Green Lane; the Methodist Church and St Bartholomew's Church are close by, as is the Leisure Centre and Wilmslow Prep School, which is in Grove Avenue. Many teenagers from Wilmslow High School are very often to be seen walking through town, after school and the many sporting events available at this prestigious sporting academy.

This is definitely NOT an appropriate area for a fully nude lap dancing/strip club.

In your policy document, it is stated that the aim of the "relevant entertainment" must reasonably be assumed to be "solely for the purpose of 'sexually stimulating' its audience. Is it appropriate to have sexually stimulated people in a busy central area of our town, near houses and their families, schools and their pupils, and churches and their congregations?

Residents really dread that another awful crime, like the serious assault that occurred to a performer on Racecourse Road will be committed.

Before his election at the full Council meeting on May 16th, Michael Jones stated that he would "maintain the quality of Wilmslow for the people there," as he considered Wilmslow to be "a key town". How, exactly, does a lap dancing club maintain the quality of Wilmslow?

We do not want Wilmslow to have a blighted zone, which residents seek to avoid. Walking past the ST Club makes many of us feel uncomfortable and a little frightened. There are many elderly residents in Canterbury Grange, just off Grove Street. Why should they have to go the long way round, to get home in the evening?

I am also concerned about the general future development of Wilmslow.

There are also two betting shops in our small town, one in Grove Street and one in Grove Avenue. How can this be the right way forward? There is economic data available, which shows that a town with strip clubs and betting shops is on the decline; is this what you want for the future of our town ?

I hope that you will reconsider your decision to allow a strip club to operate on Wilmslow's main street.

As it's such an important issue, we would ask that the matter be dealt with by the full Licensing Committee.

Yours faithfully,



On behalf of a family, which has been resident in Wilmslow for 26 years.

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 03 February 2013 16:23
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge Wilmslow

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Sanjiv Kumar
Licensing Administrative Officer
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
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CW11 1HZ
TEL: 01256 811111

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 February 2013 15:39
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge Wilmslow

I wish to register my objection to the granting of the licence for the Lap Dancing and Sex Show at the ST Lounge on Gove Street, as I feel that this will devalue my property here. This area is slowly being ruined by the influx of licensed premises and the demise of good businesses because of sky high rents. Residents are sadly disappointed in the councillors who have allowed this to happen.

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 05 February 2013 16:28
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW:

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[REDACTED]
Licensing Administration Officer
Cheshire East Council
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
CW11 1HZ
Tel: 0300 123 5015

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2013 16:26
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject:

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to strongly object to a strip/lap dancing club on Grove St. Wilmslow.

I do not feel that this location is appropriate.

Please take residents views into consideration when considering granting licences.

[REDACTED]
Wilmslow

Dear Councillors,

Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

We are writing to express our strong objection to the granting of a licence for the strip club in Grove Street.

We consider that a main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club. There is a lovely shoe shop for children next door, a children's accessory shop nearly opposite, monsoon children's shop very near and even an exclusive teddy bear shop, so it does not fit in with the local businesses.

The Wilmslow Vision document, which was endorsed by the Council, wishes to foster "a vibrant, welcoming and accessible town-centre, with a high-quality environment, to draw people into Wilmslow"; it talks of "a community that is safe and welcoming". The stated purpose of the ST Club is to sexually excite its audience, That does not draw me into Wilmslow, and therefore, contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow.

In your 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence, it is stated that the Sexual Entertainment license is "generally considered inappropriate "where there are schools, places of worship, leisure centres and residential areas. On the Council's own website it says that Wilmslow is a residential town. That means that it is located in an inappropriate area according to the Council's own policy. We would ask you to refuse grant on the grounds that it is "inappropriate to the relevant locality". The policy also states that:

Under s.3.7 of the Council's SEV policy, the Committee" is able to determine the appropriate number of Sexual Entertainment Venues suitable for a locality and is able to determine that the appropriate number for a locality is nil". In light of the sensitive uses in the locality I would ask the Council to determine that the appropriate number of SEV's in the locality is nil. The fact that the Committee granted the SEV licence for ST Lounge in 2012 should not have a bearing on the outcome of the application for renewal. The Committee must consider the application afresh and is entitled to determine on renewal that the grant would be inappropriate having regard to the character of the relevant locality or the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put.

We hope that you will realise the depth of feeling and reconsider your decision to allow a strip club to operate on Wilmslow's main street.

Yours faithfully,

Concerned Residents

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 08:33
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Club, Grove Street, Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2013 18:13
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Club, Grove Street, Wilmslow

I request that you give very serious consideration to refusing to renew the SEV Licence to the ST Club in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

The ST Lounge on Grove Street is an eyesore. It has had a broken window on the first floor for months. There are lots of cigarette ends and cigarette packets in the doorway. It is very dirty on the outside and has the shutters down all day which quite frankly draws more (not less) attention to it being there.

Also, does the Council actually believe that the ST Club is "appropriate to the relevant locality"? Grove Street is in an area where there are residential streets and facilities for the community in general, including children and young adults. Every day, huge numbers of Wilmslow High schoolchildren have to walk past this club. I think the ST Club is in a very inappropriate location, in the middle of a family shopping area round the corner from the prestigious Wilmslow Preparatory School for Girls and around the other corner is St. Theresa's Church. Two more churches with large congregations are very close by. I thought that strip clubs were not supposed to be near Churches, as it could be seen as being offensive? The Churches were there first.

Another consideration is that the Leisure Centre is a popular and well-used venue, open in the evenings when they host many local school and theatre events throughout the year.

I pity the unfortunate residents from Hawthorn Lane, Hawthorn Grove, etc who would normally have to pass in front of the ST Club, to go to restaurants or bars if they are out in Wilmslow in the evening. I'd imagine many of them now have a longer walk, due to the location of the ST Club. I certainly don't like to (and can't see any lone females wanting to) walk along that area to pass what is a dirty, seedy looking building when the club is open. It makes me feel uncomfortable and unsafe.

Lastly, I was asked by my 12 year old son before when passing the ST Club, what a 'gentleman's club' was - and both of us were mortified at the answer I was forced to give him! I did not moved here 11 years ago and expect I'd be forced to answer such a question. I moved here as I thought this was a respectable and family oriented area.

As it's such an important issue, I ask that the matter be dealt with by the full Licensing Committee and that the licence be refused.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Sent from my BlackBerry® wireless device

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 08:32
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2013 17:51
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a regular shopper in Wilmslow and a long standing governor of Wilmslow High School I feel that Grove St is an inappropriate location for a lap dancing club. Many impressionable young people congregate in Grove Street after school as it is a pleasant, relaxing place with seating and inexpensive food available. However hard parents and educators work to instil mutual respect between the sexes in our young people, there will be ample evidence that adult men do not give proper respect to young women, many of whom may be very vulnerable. It would be naive to think that young people do not know the nature of the business at ST Lounge and that its presence will have no influence on their moral compass.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 08:33
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2013 18:28
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club on Grove Street, Wilmslow.

I feel that the location for this club is completely inappropriate, in the centre of a family shopping area.

I am uneasy walking past the club at night and now feel very reluctant to allow my 16 year old daughter to meet her friends for a meal in Wilmslow.

I think that residents should feel safe in a family-oriented, pedestrianised area.

I would be obliged if you would consider my views when you make your decision.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 08:33
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Lap Dancing Club in Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2013 19:06
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Lap Dancing Club in Wilmslow

Dear Sirs, I write to record my objection to the current location of the Lap Dancing Club in Grove Street, Wilmslow. It is completely in the wrong area on a pedestrianised street, and near to local cafes and shops, and Churches, and on the route taken by schoolchildren to local amenities.

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 08:34
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Club, Grove Street , Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2013 19:58
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Club, Grove Street , Wilmslow

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing to you to ask that the application for a new licence for the ST Club on Grove Street, Wilmslow is refused.

We are very concerned indeed that a strip club had been allowed to open in the first place. Wilmslow is a small town and Grove Street is very near a huge residential area and also two churches. This seems most inappropriate.

We have lived in Wilmslow for 22 years and have two children at Wilmslow High School in the sixth form. Due to seeing some very rowdy activity outside the club one Saturday night and also the incident involving one of the girls at the club being attacked on Racecourse Road, we have told them to avoid the area late in the evening when they are in town . This is very difficult as the taxi rank (that they use on occasion) is not far away and both our children also regularly walk from the train station to our home, which is a route right next to the ST Club.

It is a tatty shop front and it looks awful during the day with the metal shutters down when the bar is closed. Grove street should be a vibrant centre for people to eat and shop, not a place for sexual activity to take place. What message does this give to our children?

Grove Street should have some lovely restaurants open in the evenings , for which the pedestrianized area is perfect, however I suspect that many businesses are put off by the ST Club and I am not sure that we would want to stroll down the street with our family at night either. The shop next door and opposite the club have been empty for a while now – we suspect that the club puts off potential new tenants.

The Wilmslow Vision document, which was endorsed by the Council, wishes to foster “a vibrant, welcoming and accessible town-centre, with a high-quality environment, to draw people into Wilmslow”; it talks of “a community that is safe and welcoming”. How can this be achieved with a club that has live sex shows and encourages the debasement of women?

Please see sense and refuse this application –and I have not come across anyone, friends or neighbours, who does not agree that the ST Club is wholly inappropriate in Wilmslow town centre.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

(Address and contact details below)

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 08:34
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Lap dancing club in Grove Street

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2013 20:12
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Lap dancing club in Grove Street

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to express my concern at the prospect of a full sexual licence being granted for the lap dancing club in Grove Street. Wilmslow is a small town with high quality shops, bars and restaurants which cater for a discerning customer. I find it totally inappropriate for a lap dancing club to be there in the first place, however, for its operation to be extended is unthinkable. We do not need any such club in Wilmslow. If people want to frequent such clubs, there is plenty available in Manchester. Please do not grant this licence.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 10:06
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: The ST Lounge Wilmslow.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2013 09:47
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: The ST Lounge Wilmslow.

To whom it may concern at the licensing office.

I do not object to any form of lap dancing. But I do feel great concern to where this is held. For any sexual Stimulation for an audience with full nudity must be licensed away from the centre of the town, where my Grandchildren enjoy their nights out for a Pizza, or swimming at the leisure centre. They enjoy Brownies, Guides, etc all held in the centre of Wilmslow. Surely anyone with children who may be out until nine thirty in the evening, should feel anxious that this licence could be extended to ST Lounge, when situated in the middle of town. With more than a thousand children every day attending local Schools who need to walk into Wilmslow often through Grove St. The best place for this kind of entertainment would be away from the centre of town and in a more rural setting away from Schools. Please consider carefully regarding this licence being granted.

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 11:53
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Wilmslow 'sexual entertainment venue license'

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2013 11:22
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Wilmslow 'sexual entertainment venue license'

As a Wilmslow resident for more than 40 years I object strongly to a renewal of the 'sexual entertainment venue licence' on Grove Street.

This venue is close to shops, schools and churches and I'm sure is a contributing factor in the decline of Grove Street.

With this venue in place, and the sort of clientele it must attract, Grove Street no longer seems a safe environment in the evening for people walking home from restaurants or visiting friends.

I am sure I am not alone in thinking that a lapdancing club is not appropriate for this locality and I hope you will consider our views very carefully before making your decision.

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 12:59
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2013 12:46
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

Dear Sirs

I am writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club/ST Club.

I have been living in Wilmslow for 21 years and I have always felt safe here; now, with the lap-dancing club, I feel much more vulnerable and am quite reluctant to walk along Grove Street in the evening. If I do, I make sure that it is before the Club opens.

In your 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence, it is stated that the Sexual Entertainment license is "generally considered inappropriate "where there are schools, places of worship, leisure centres and residential areas. On the Council's own website it says that Wilmslow is a residential town. That means that it is located in an inappropriate area according to the Council's own policy. We would ask you to refuse grant on the grounds that it is "inappropriate to the relevant locality". The policy also states that:

Under s.3.7 of the Council's SEV policy, the Committee" is able to determine the appropriate number of Sexual Entertainment Venues suitable for a locality and is able to determine that the appropriate number for a locality is nil". The fact that the Committee granted the SEV licence for ST Lounge in 2012 should not have a bearing on the outcome of the application for renewal. The Committee must consider the application afresh and is entitled to determine on renewal that the grant would be inappropriate having regard to the character of the relevant locality or the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put.

I would be obliged if you would consider my views when you make your decision about the future of Wilmslow; so much is at stake for the future of the town.

Yours faithfully,

From a very concerned resident

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 13:28
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST club Wilmslow

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2013 13:07
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST club Wilmslow

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to urge you to refuse a new licence for the ST club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow.

The advert for the recent application will have been seen by very few people on 30th December in The Manchester Evening News and I'm worried that people will not voice their opinions about it.

During the day it resembles a closed/bankrupt shop and is an eyesore. This must affect the desirability of shopping in Wilmslow and is therefore detrimental to local businesses.

At night time I avoid walking down Grove Street after dinner because of the clientele which it inevitably attracts. One of the lap dancers from the club was recently followed after leaving work in the early hours and was attacked and raped. I fear for my 18 year old to be walking in the town and being a victim of someone leaving the club.

I can't imagine why anyone would think it a good idea to allow a sex club in a Wilmslow shopping street. Grove street would benefit far more from a family restaurant or a respectable wine bar.

I look forward to your response.

Yours Fairhfully,

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 13:29
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge Gentlemens Club - application for renewal of license

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2013 13:07
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge Gentlemens Club - application for renewal of license

Dear Sir madam,

I wish to register my objection to the application for the renewal of the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence for ST Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar at 16 Grove Street

My objection is for the following reasons:

1. As the father of three young boys (ages 3, 5 & 7) I am trying to teach them a healthy way to relate to women. The ST Lounge is in a prominent position in Grove Street where my boys and I walk frequently. The fact it is there as A N Other shop gives my boys the message that women are objects to be bought; it says: "You can pop into Boots for some toothpaste, Ryman's for some paper and ST Lounge for a dancing nude women." This may sound extreme but to a young mind in development the physical reality of it being one shop among many is very powerful. Young minds make sense of the world by looking around and seeing what is 'normal'. Having the ST Lounge there is very damaging to the development of healthy young children and I'm sure that is something you do not want.
2. As Youth, Children & Families Minister at St. John's Church (and having been involved in working with Youth and children for 20 years now) I am seeing an increasing impact of pornography and the like on the Youth of our country and this town, especially boys. It is well understood now that users of pornography and erotica need increasingly explicit visuals and experiences to achieve the states of pleasure attained previously. As pornography becomes increasingly easily available more and more teens are becoming effected by these images and are increasingly likely to move on then to clubs such as the ST Lounge and then using prostitutes. At the same time they become less able to relate to real women in normal relationships - they don't look like the porn/erotica/women in the club and they don't do what you want them to do. Moving ST Lounge from Grove Street will keep it out of sight and therefore out of mind/opportunity.

I hope that you will take into account the care we need to take of our neighbourhood, through guarding our youth and children from the damage that the presence of ST Lounge. And if not that then for the sake of your own sons and daughters, please refuse this application.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 14:52
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge, Wilmslow

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2013 14:44
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: ST Lounge, Wilmslow

Dear Sir/Madam Councillors

I am writing to support the location of the ST Lounge in Wilmslow, and believe it is totally appropriate as it is unique and complements other local businesses.

I also think that the location of the club is having a positive effect on the local area as it provides excellent and much needed employment opportunities for local people.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 06 February 2013 15:32
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Grove Street strip/lap dancing club

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2013 15:26
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Grove Street strip/lap dancing club

I would like to oppose the renewal of the licence for the above. As a resident I do not want this in the town centre.

Regards
[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

Dear Councillors,

We are writing to object to the location of the ST Lounge in Wilmslow; we feel that it is totally inappropriate, being so close to residences, schools, churches and parks and having nothing in character with other local businesses.

We also think that the location of the club is having a negative effect on the local area, in that crime is more likely as a result of its presence. Please refuse to renew the SEV licence.

Yours faithfully,

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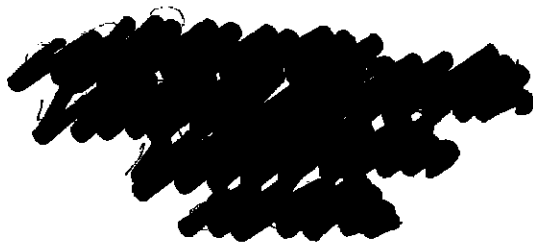
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Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council





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Dear Councillors,

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Yours faithfully,

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

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The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council

Re: ST Lounge Wilmslow

Dear Sirs,

We request that you give very serious consideration to refusing to renew the SEV Licence to the St Club in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

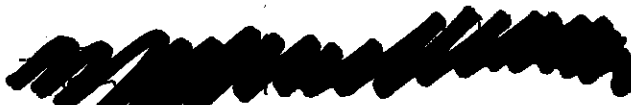


On our way home from a night out in Wilmslow, we avoid walking past the lap-dancing club, as it makes us feel uncomfortable. Last Saturday, we walked along Green Lane instead, even though the route is a bit longer, just to avoid having to pass the ST Lounge. Should this be necessary?

In your 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence, it is stated that the licence could be refused on the grounds that it is "inappropriate to the relevant locality". Has the Council seriously considered this issue? Surely the club is inappropriately situated? Grove Street has jewellers, opticians, bakers, banks, clothes and food shops etc, places we use everyday. Surely the ST Lounge is absolutely inappropriate to the locality, as it has nothing whatsoever in common with the rest of the shops?

Do all the local residents who live nearby in Grove Avenue, Green Lane and Hawthorn Lane really have to live in fear that some awful sexual crime ~~will~~^{may} be committed? The Council must acknowledge that the location of this club is inappropriate!

We appeal to you to review your decision to grant a licence to the ST Club.

Yours faithfully,

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 07 February 2013 10:39
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: The ST Lounge, Wilmslow application for renewal.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2013 10:28
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: The ST Lounge, Wilmslow application for renewal.

I would like to express my concern at the potential of the above renewal, which I feel is wholly inappropriate. This is NOT the location to host such a club. There are Schools, Churches and a busy main thoroughfare with lots of children passing. Many residents have to pass on their way to local Restaurants or visiting local Supermarkets. It is an eye-sore and an embarrassment to our already embattled High st. This is not what we need.
Thank you, [REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 07 February 2013 10:45
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Under s.3.7 of the Council's SEV policy

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2013 10:40
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Under s.3.7 of the Council's SEV policy

Licensing Authority,
Cheshire East Borough Council
Macclesfield

7th February 2013

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Dear Councillors,

RE: ST CLUB, 16 GROVE STREET, WILMSLOW

We are writing to express our objections to the granting of a licence for the strip club in Grove Street. We ask that the Licensing Committee reconsider the issue of granting a licence to the ST Club; very few people saw the original advert, placed just once, in the Manchester Evening News the day before New Year's Eve! Many people did not object, as they did not even know that an application had been made.

We consider that a main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club. There is a lovely shoe shop for children next door, a children's accessory shop nearly opposite, monsoon children's shop very near and even an exclusive teddy bear shop, so it does not fit in with the local businesses.

As a female, whenever I attend an evening event in Wilmslow, I feel more vulnerable and at risk walking along Grove Street past the lap-dancing club, as the majority of shoppers have gone home.

I read on their face book site that they are on the streets of Wilmslow offering "free tickets" for the ST Lounge strip club. This sounds quite seedy and desperate. Their web site offers an "escort girls" and "up to 50 lap dancers" to a venue of your choice. The web site has s and m photographs but it really concerns me that they state they can open for private groups "when they are closed to the public". They are already stating they are open at different times to their license application!

The Wilmslow Vision document, which was endorsed by the Council, wishes to foster "a vibrant, welcoming and accessible town-centre, with a high-quality environment, to draw people into Wilmslow"; it talks of "a community that is safe and welcoming". The stated purpose of the ST Club is to sexually excite its audience that does not draw me into Wilmslow, and therefore, contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow.

In your 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence, it is stated that the Sexual Entertainment license is "generally considered inappropriate "where there are schools, places of worship, leisure centres and residential

areas. On the Council's own website it says that Wilmslow is a residential town. That means that it is located in an inappropriate area according to the Council's own policy. We would ask you to refuse grant on the grounds that it is "inappropriate to the relevant locality".

The policy also states that:

Under s.3.7 of the Council's SEV policy, the Committee is able to determine the appropriate number of Sexual Entertainment Venues suitable for a locality and is able to determine that the appropriate number for a locality is nil". In light of the sensitive uses in the locality I would ask the Council to determine that the appropriate number of SEV's in the locality is nil. The fact that the Committee granted the SEV licence for ST Lounge in 2012 should not have a bearing on the outcome of the application for renewal. The Committee must consider the application afresh and is entitled to determine on renewal that the grant would be inappropriate having regard to the character of the relevant locality or the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put.

In our opinion, the Council needs to be sensitive to the uses to which Grove Street is principally put; it is surrounded by residential streets and facilities for the community in general, including children and young adults. Every day, huge numbers of schoolchildren walk past the club, which is adjacent to coffee shops, clothes shops, shoe shops, charity shops and banks. The ST Club is in a very inappropriate location, in the middle of a family shopping area round the corner from the prestigious Wilmslow preparatory school for Girls and around the other corner is ST Theresa's Church. Two more churches with large congregations are very close by. I thought that strip clubs were not supposed to be near Churches, as it could be seen as being offensive? The Churches were here first...

According to Home Office guidelines, in the ministerial foreword, the new regulations are to empower local authorities and local communities, and give people a voice; the people of Wilmslow do not want a lap-dancing club in the middle of the main street!

Before his election at the full Council meeting on May 16th, Michael Jones stated that he would "maintain the quality of Wilmslow for the people there," as he considered Wilmslow to be "a key town". How, exactly, does a lap dancing club maintain the quality of Wilmslow?

We do not want Wilmslow to have a blighted zone, which residents seek to avoid. Walking past the ST Club makes many of us feel uncomfortable and a little frightened. There are many elderly residents in Canterbury Grange, just off Grove Street. Why should they have to go the long way round, to get home in the evening?

We are also concerned about the general future development of Wilmslow; we note that there are also two betting shops in our small town, one in Grove Street and one in Grove Avenue. How can this be the right way forward? There is economic data available, which shows that a town with strip clubs and betting shops is on the decline; is this what you want for the future of our town?

We feel that there are other issues you should be considering, too. The future of Wilmslow town centre is at stake here; we have two betting shops and a strip club in a very small area. Economists' projections show that this kind of development leads to the decline of a town. Shouldn't we all be doing our utmost to protect and enhance our town centre?

The premises next to the ST Club have been vacant for over a year; so is the shop opposite vacant. This seems to indicate that the proximity of a lap-dancing club is off-putting to businesses.

We appeal to you to review your decision to grant a licence to the ST Club.

We look forward to your co-operation and understanding and ask you to refuse to renew the ST Club's licence for its outlet in Wilmslow. To the owners, it seems to be just a means of making money, no matter what the depths of degradation of the women involved. To us, it is a travesty of what Wilmslow represents.

As it's such an important issue, we would ask that the matter be dealt with by the full Licensing Committee.

Surely a lap-dancing club is inappropriate in any small town centre, but, particularly in Wilmslow, where so many residents live close by? We urge you to accept our views, which are held by the great majority of Wilmslow residents.

We absolutely believe that the ST Club is in the wrong location, in the heart of the main street of a small town, close to residents, schools, shops and churches; we feel that it is completely out of character in the area. We ask you to consider this most carefully, when you are making your decision about whether to grant the licence renewal.

On behalf of a family, which has been resident in Wilmslow for 13 years?

Yours faithfully,



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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 07 February 2013 11:03
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: STlounge in Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2013 11:00
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: STlounge in Wilmslow

Dear Councillors

I am writing to reiterate the objection put in by "make Wilmslow matter" group.

I feel that the location of the ST lounge in Wilmslow's main shopping street is highly inappropriate. The area is primarily a shopping & residential area with close proximity to schools, churches, sports & leisure facilities and local parks. The club could attract an undesirable element & have a negative effect on Wilmslow.

Please refuse the necessary SEV licence.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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5.2.12

Dear Councillors,

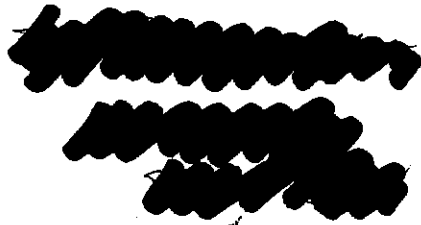
We are writing to object to the location of the ST Lounge in Wilmslow; we feel that it is totally inappropriate, being so close to residences, schools, churches and parks and having nothing in character with other local businesses.

We also think that the location of the club is having a negative effect on the local area, in that crime is more likely as a result of its presence. Please refuse to renew the SEV licence.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council


3rd February 2013

Dear Councillors,

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 07 February 2013 12:38
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2013 12:31
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

Dear Councillors

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Yours faithfully

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To: Licensing
Cheshire East Borough Council

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to object to the
current location of sexual entertainment
(Grove St) in Walsingham.

It is entirely inappropriate &
morally wrong to grant a licence
of this sort in the main street where
families & children would mix with
undesirable people. It should be located
in Manchester city centre.

Yours faithfully
[Signature]