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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

Have also signed local petition

6/2/2013

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5th Feb 2013.

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3rd February 2013

The Licensing Dept.,
Town Hall,
Macclesfield

Dear Sirs,

The Grove St. Club

I am not a native of Wilmslow having been born and brought up in Manchester. I remember reading as a small boy how Wilmslow had been cleared of disreputable characters and was now a "gentile" village and the pride of Cheshire. When I.C.I. brought me to work at Fulshaw Hall I was delighted to work in Wilmslow and I have been here ever since.

I am concerned about this club in Grove St which is, I gather, applying for a renewal of its license.

Do we really need this sort of place in our village? Grove St is right in the middle of the shopping area and in mid-afternoon is packed with children making their way home. You know from your own childhood that children are curious and they will hear and enlarge upon rumour of what goes on at the club. I have heard that they intend to extend the facilities, whatever that may mean, but one can only guess and speculate!

Wilmslow is still a nice place and people come for the day to shop and eat. The shops are well kept and well stocked even though the retail trade is not very buoyant at the moment. We can ill afford to lose any of the prestige built up

I ask you to refuse this license and by so doing maintain the reputation so carefully cultivated.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

SS

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 07 February 2013 14:20
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Sexual Entertainment Licence

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2013 14:19
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Sexual Entertainment Licence

Dear Sir or Madam,

I object to the renewal of the SEL for the business that is currently under consideration on the grounds that it was an inappropriate commercial location for this type of activity at the first time of asking and nothing has changed since the original license was granted. I urge you to reject this renewal application. Best Regards, [REDACTED]

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 08 February 2013 08:32
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Strip club objection

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2013 19:15
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Strip club objection

As a parent of a 2 year old who often walks in to the centre of Wilmslow with her, I object to the location of the strip club. Please refuse the SEC licence.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 05 February 2013 17:07
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Lapdancing club in Wilmslow

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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 17:01
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Lapdancing club in Wilmslow

To whom it may concern,

I am a Wilmslow resident and also work in the the town.

I would like to officially object to a license being granted for a lap dancing club on Grove Street, a central pedestrianised area of Wilmslow. It is for many reasons, highly inappropriate and unwanted by many of the local residents. Wilmslow town centre is used day and night by families with children and teenagers, and other young people and a club of this type will make this area a place that they will feel reluctant to use, creating an impact on other restaurants and bars in the area. Personally I would no longer feel safe walking through the town centre at night if this club were to be granted a license due to the type of customers it may attract.

Yours faithfully,

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

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 08 February 2013 10:51
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2013 10:05
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

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

8.2.2012

Dear Sir,

I am writing to object to a licence for the ST Club at 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow. It is an inappropriate business for Wilmslow town centre. I also do not think such a business should be situated a short distance from a school, Wilmslow Prep.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
6th February 2013

Dear Sirs

Re: ST Lounge in Wilmslow's main street

I am writing to express my strong objection to the granting of a licence for the strip club in Grove Street.

I come over to Wilmslow on a weekly basis for both my business and shopping needs and 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, nor the image of a smart and attractive place to go shopping.

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 rather the absolute reverse, 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 is put.

Does the Council seriously 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?

I am also concerned about the general future development of Wilmslow; I note that there are also two betting shops in this 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? Wilmslow has always been known as an aspirational and desirable place to live and work, however if the Council continues to allow such businesses to open and operate in the town centre this will certainly no longer be the case. Wilmslow will merely become another small, faceless town on the outskirts of Manchester with a declining town centre and the social and policing problems which inevitably accompany this. I for one will certainly find somewhere else to shop, and with the competition from place such as Handforth Dean and Cheadle can the Council really afford to risk other people deserting the town due to the type of such downmarket businesses they allow to operate within its confines?

In conclusion therefore I would ask you to please refuse to renew the License to Sexually Entertain on Grove Street.

Yours sincerely,

A blacked-out redacted signature.

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 08 February 2013 11:08
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge

From: t [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2013 11:04
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge

To whom it may concern

I would like to add my voice to those that have already opposed the renewal of the ST Lounges venue licence.

It is not through prudishness that I object, it is simply an inappropriate location for such a venue.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 08 February 2013 10:52
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Entertainment license Grove Gtreet Wilmslow

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2013 10:13
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Entertainment license Grove Gtreet Wilmslow

Dear Sirs,

I understand the premises known as The ST Lounge on Grove Street Wilmslow now has to apply for a new license. I also understand that a small voiciferous group is objecting to these premises operating as they have for several years providing entertainment and jobs and paying their taxes. I also understand that the police have no complaints. Although I have never visited these premises I understand from those that do that it is well run and safe from the violent types found in other establishments in Wilmslow. I fully support their application for a license to trade.

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[REDACTED]

8 February 2013

Dear Councillors,

I wish to object to the location of the ST lounge in Wilmslow. It is situated in the traditional shopping area on a pedestrianised road which is used daily by children and teenagers walking to and from schools close by. It is also close to homes and Churches and is totally out of character with the area.

It worries me that the presence of the club will attract an undesirable element into the town and result in an increase in crime. I would like to think that everyone could feel safe when walking through the town at night.

Please refuse to renew the SEV licence.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 08 February 2013 16:53
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST CLUB GROVE STREET WILMSLOW

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

From: **[REDACTED]**
Sent: 08 February 2013 16:50
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST CLUB GROVE STREET WILMSLOW

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Club Grove Street, Wilmslow

We are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club/ST Club in Grove Street and would ask you to refuse to renew the licence. We believe that the ST Club is in the wrong location and is completely out of character in this area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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[Redacted signature]

6th Feb 2013

[Redacted address block]

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[REDACTED]

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Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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6/2/13.

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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[REDACTED]

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4 February, 2013

Licensing Authority
Cheshire East Borough Council
Town Hall
Market Place
Macclesfield
SK101DX

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

I wish to object to the renewal of a Sexual Entertainment Licence being granted to the ST Lounge on Grove Street Wilmslow. My reasons are listed below.

1. The ST Lounge is situated in the middle of a family shopping area, between a children's shoe shop and a building society, in the centre of the pedestrianised main retail street. This is totally inappropriate.
2. The ST Lounge is in a residential area, close to schools and two churches. Children and elderly people walk past the unattractive, shuttered frontage on a daily basis. The ground outside is usually littered with dozens of cigarette ends.
3. Given the slow demise of the town centres due to out of town complexes and outlets with free parking e.g. Trafford Centre, Handforth Dean and Cheshire Oaks, Wilmslow needs to be keen to attract and retain individual retail shops so that the public may have a pleasant and safe shopping experience. The shoe shop is one such shop and a fish shop is due to open opposite.
4. The ST Lounge does not enhance the environment or attract shoppers to the town.
5. I am aware that a female performer was attacked by a male client of the club. Fortunately, she was rescued in time and the police were involved. Had a much more serious crime been committed, I suggest that the council might be, too late, considering closure of the club which is in a totally unsuitable place.

Please think of the local residents. I look forward to hearing your decision about this licence.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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4-2-13

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Please note my objection to the renewal of the Wilmslow lap dancing club on Grove Street

As a previous resident and regular visitor I find it's presence unpleasant and threatening. On a few occasions when I have walked passed in the evening there have been very vocal men outside which made me feel uncomfortable. A sex club on the main road is completely unacceptable anyway as it lowers Wilmslow's image, it is offensive and it should not be in such a prominent area where families and children frequent.

Yours sincerely,

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4/1/2013

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to strongly object to the renewal of the licence for the ST Club in Grove Street, Wilmslow. It is inappropriate to have such an establishment in the middle of a high street.

It is not suitable to have such a club situated in a pedestrian precinct as during the day it is an unattractive building all closed up. It draws attention to the club. At night time I will not walk down Grove Street after going to a local restaurant as I do not feel it is at all pleasant to have to walk by such an establishment and then see the clientele that frequent it.

Wilmslow should be a family orientated welcoming town. It is just unacceptable to have such a club right in the middle of the shopping centre. If such a club should have to be situated in Wilmslow then it should be away from such a busy area frequented by families and school children.

I have four children and have lived in Wilmslow for seventeen years. This is not the sort of club that fits into Wilmslow and I would urge the Council to refuse the licence. I am sure it puts other businesses off investing in that locality and as shops and restaurants continue to close in Wilmslow it is short sighted to discount the detrimental affect this club has on Grove Street.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

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[REDACTED]

Licensing Committee
East Cheshire Council

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Dear Sir / Madam ,

Relicensing ST Lounge , Grove Street , Wilmslow

I ask you not to renew the licence of the above establishment .

This establishment and the kind of entertainment it provides is alien to the character of the area in which it is located . It is not suitable for the main shopping street of a residential town like Wilmslow , especially as it is close to churches and residential streets .

I urge you not to downgrade Wilmslow by granting this licence .

Yours faithfully ,

[REDACTED]

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

[REDACTED]

6 February 2013

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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The Licensing Officer

Cheshire East Council.

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir

27 JAN 013

I would like to object to the application by the ST lounge, Grove Street, to renew its SEV licence.

I do not think the location is suitable for a sex establishment for the following reasons;

- It is near several churches
- It is near Wilmslow Prep School, in Grove Avenue
- It is very close to residential areas, in Grove Avenue, Green Lane and Hawthorn Lane
- It is close to The Carrs, a park and playground; many people would have to walk past the ST Lounge.
- The location is in the main street, this establishment could become what Wilmslow is known for.
- The ST Lounge is close to a large number of premises which sell alcohol, such as Tesco's, The Swan, The Samuel Finney, and Miller & Carter. This could fuel lewd behaviour.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

[REDACTED]

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

From: Make Wilmslow Matter, [REDACTED]

Please consider signing the attached letter against the location of the ST Lounge in Grove Street; the strip club has just reapplied for its annual licence to show fully nude shows, lap dancing etc. We are allowed to object only on the grounds of location, NOT on moral grounds.

We form a group of people, who think that the club is having a negative effect on Wilmslow, which could affect house prices. This is quite apart from the fact that the club may attract unsavoury characters, who might add to any criminality in the area.

Please send the letter to arrive before 15th February. Add name, address, date and signature.

Email to: licensing@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Mail: Licensing Dept, Town hall, Market place, Macclesfield SK10 1DX

For any further information, contact us as above.

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Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

7th FEB 2013

From: Make Wilmslow Matter, makewilmslowmatter@gmail.com

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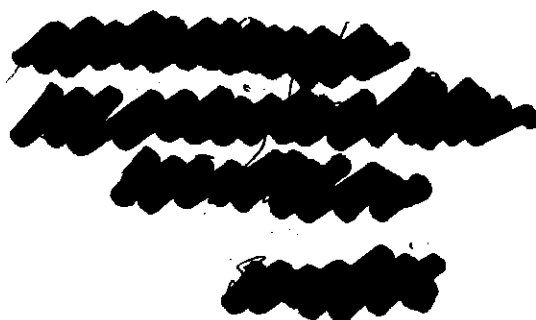
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Yours faithfully,



5th February 2013

[REDACTED]

6th February 2013

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

Dear Madam or Sir

Objection to SEV licence application: ST Lounge Gentleman's Club Grove Street

I am writing to OBJECT to the application to renew the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence for the ST Lounge Gentleman's Club, Grove Street, Wilmslow.

My objections are on the grounds of Inappropriate Location.

Although I don't live in Wilmslow I do have friends and family in the area and often visit. Whenever I do visit I am very reluctant to go into the Grove Street area, as I always feel uncomfortable with the presence of a lap dancing club on a busy pedestrianized street amongst normal shops. It is entirely inappropriate that the sex industry should be portrayed as a mainstream entertainment venue.

For Wilmslow to associate itself with the sex industry in this way is bound to have an impact on tourism. Seedy establishments of this nature should not be on the main streets.

It is therefore clear that this locality is entirely unsuitable for a premises with a sex entertainment licence given the use to which the other premises in the vicinity are put and the character of the locality, and therefore according to Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 the council must reject this licence application.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 08 February 2013 16:53
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST CLUB GROVE STREET WILMSLOW

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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[REDACTED]
Licensing Administrative Officer
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ
Tel: 01270 371116

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2013 16:50
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST CLUB GROVE STREET WILMSLOW

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Club Grove Street, Wilmslow

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 08 February 2013 13:50
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: St lounge Grove street Wilmslow

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2013 12:45
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: St lounge Grove street Wilmslow

Dear Councillors

I am writing to object to the location of the ST Lounge in Wilmslow. I feel this is totally inappropriate being so close to residences and churches including my own parish of St Terease. It has nothing in character with other local businesses.

I am concerned that the operation of this club will have a negative impact on the local environment and may result in increased criminal activity in the area.

I would be grateful if you would consider these views and refuse the renewal of the SEV licence.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 11 February 2013 07:09
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: The St Lounge Re-Licensing

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2013 17:56
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: The St Lounge Re-Licensing

Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my opinion on the St Lounge licensing renewal. It's absolutely mad that a strip club was licensed in the middle of a family freindly, residential shopping area. What kind of atmosphere are we trying to create for people visiting? The beutiful building is rewined by that disgusting excuse of a buisness. At night the centre of Wilmslow is apauling with the people outside the club smoking and drinking. The property should be used for commercial use with a lovely shop and not an anti-social hotspot that the majority of residents in the local area disagree with. I ask that you **seriously consider** the effects of the license, and think about what the residents feel.

Yours Sencirely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

9th February 2013

To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Councillors

Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

My husband and I are writing to ask you to refuse to renew the licence for the ST 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 Years Eve! Many people did not object, as they did not even know that an application had been made.

The ST Lounge on Grove Street has become an eyesore. The shutters down all day makes it look like it is a failed business.

We have been living in Wilmslow for 16 years and 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.

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According to your policy document on the licensing of SEVs, we understand that "relevant entertainment", even "live strip shows" can be provided for the "financial gain of the organiser". Whilst we accept that such "entertainment" takes place, 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?

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 we 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.

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?

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.

The bus stops to Schools, universities and colleges are situated metres away on Green lane. Many thousands of women and children use these services, to travel from the many social, and sporting events held in Cheshire, Macclesfield and Manchester. Nearby, the train station transports a million passengers from the Wilmslow area a year, at all times of the day and night.

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? 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. We feel very strongly about this. The Council should be striving to make the town as safe as possible. Grove Street should not be a no-go area, which residents avoid; this would be totally against the legislation brought in by the government to give residents a say in the way that their town is run.

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.

Please refuse to renew the License to Sexually Entertain on Grove Street. 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. 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 16 years.



CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 11 February 2013 07:10
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Wilmslow Lap Dancing Club

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2013 19:40
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Wilmslow Lap Dancing Club
Importance: High

Dear Cheshire East

I understand that the above bar has now reapplied to extend their licence as a Sexual Entertainment Venue. I am writing to ask you to refuse to renew the licence for the ST Club in Grove Street.

As an ex teacher and lifelong resident of Wilmslow with many young nephews and nieces living in the area, I am extremely concerned about the nature of these premises. I feel it is totally inappropriate for Cheshire East to support a business such as this in the local high street. I ask you to consider in detail the effect the existence of such a club is having on Wilmslow's town centre. Local families as well as the effect on long established highly regarded schools such as Wilmslow Preparatory School and the High School which are within a stone's throw of the club.

I have been living in Wilmslow for 58 years and I have always felt safe here; but now, with the lap-dancing club, I feel much more vulnerable. I would like to be able to walk into Wilmslow of an evening with my husband for a meal out. However, 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, in fact I think it is a no go area for women and children. We now visit other villages and towns to go to restaurants and to meet our friends. I am quite reluctant to walk along Grove Street in the evening. If I do, I make sure that it is before the Club opens. This is simply unacceptable and grossly unfair to residents who pay council tax to reside in what is perceived as a safe, well regarded area!

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.

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Regards

[Redacted signature block]

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 11 February 2013 07:10
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: the lap dancing club in Wilmslow's application for a licence renewal

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2013 22:29
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: the lap dancing club in Wilmslow's application for a licence renewal

Dear Sir or Madam,

I object to the siting of this club in central Wilmslow on two grounds.

1. It is in the middle of an ordinary thoroughfare; taking local people to the station, bus stops, events at the schools, at the leisure centre and Churches. It seems to me that a club of this sort should be in a destination area with other similar entertainment. Personally I find it offensive.

2. Grove Street should be a vibrant, busy high street during the day and the council should be doing its best to fill empty shops and encourage trade. This double-fronted building is right in the middle of the shops and shut up during the working day. A bad thing in my opinion. Those prime premises would benefit Wilmslow if they could attract day-time shoppers.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 11 February 2013 07:23
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2013 12:39
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow.

Dear Sirs,

We wish to object to the location of the ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow. Given the nature of the licence for fully nude shows and lap dancing, these are wholly inappropriate activities being located on a main street in Wilmslow. It is close to residences, schools, churches and parks. We even have our monthly Artisan Market in Grove Street.

Wilmslow vision proposes a vibrant community. This business has the reverse effect. We do not object on moral grounds. The location is simply wrong. It has no positive effect on the town or the inhabitants. It does not attract people that bring anything useful to Wilmslow, in fact quite the opposite.

Please consider the planning application in the light of the negative effects on Wilmslow and additional criminality. The ST Lounge is a bad business here. If you must have a strip club please locate it somewhere away from the principal pedestrianised thoroughfare.

Thankyou

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 11 February 2013 07:25
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Wilmslow Strip Club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2013 16:25
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Wilmslow Strip Club

I, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] would like to register that I OBJECT to the application for the renewal of the licence for the strip/lap dancing club on Grove Street in Wilmslow. It is completely INAPPROPRIATE and should never have been allowed in the first place.

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 11 February 2013 07:25
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: St Club Grove Street, Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2013 16:55
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: St Club Grove Street, Wilmslow

Dear Sirs

I write to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club/ST Club in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

The ST Club is an eyesore on Grove Street. I have lived in Wilmslow for over 20 years and I feel unsafe walking down my own high street at night. This is the wrong location for such a club, it does not fit with the local businesses around it.

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.

I read on their face book site that they are on the streets of Wilmslow offering "free tickets" for the ST Lounge strip club. 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.

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 market town? How can this be justified in our local area?

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 Councils own policy. I would ask you to refuse to 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 my 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?

Residents really dread that another awful crime, like the serious assault that occurred to a performer on Racecourse Road will be committed. The club has advertised on its website all 2012 that it gives free entry for stag nights and groups, "drinks for a pound" or 99 pence with a voucher from the web site. I thought that cheap drinks like this, places them in breach of the Arcangel initiative that the club signed up to together with the Cheshire Police. What have the police done about this?

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Please refuse to renew the License to Sexually Entertain on Grove Street. As it's such an important issue I think the matter should be dealt with by the full Licensing Committee.

Yours faithfully

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 11 February 2013 07:25
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: SEV licence renewal. ST Lounge, Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2013 18:41
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: FW: SEV licence renewal. ST Lounge, Wilmslow

Sir,

We moved from Didsbury to Wilmslow a number of years ago for its family friendly environment.

Now, we are seriously concerned about the general direction of the town centre in relation to the bars and particularly the ST Lounge in Wilmslow. A move back to Didsbury is now on the cards for us.

We are emailing to object to the location of the ST lounge in Wilmslow. It is totally inappropriate, being so close to residences, local schools and churches. My children often ask why the shop front shutters are down during the day and perhaps you can tell them the real answer to their faces; I am sick of lying.

The location of the club is having a real negative effect on the local area bringing in the more seedy elements of society.

Please listen to those residents who you serve and respect their wishes to refuse to renew the SEV licence.

Regards,

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 11 February 2013 07:25
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 February 2013 07:30
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: ST Lounge

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 to do 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 license.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 11 February 2013 07:35
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Sexual Entertainment Licence Renewal - ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 February 2013 22:50
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Sexual Entertainment Licence Renewal - ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Sirs,

My wife and I are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the ST Lounge in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

Our reasons for objecting are:

1. A club where women display their naked bodies is demeaning to the women so employed:
 - a. Women are sometimes pressurised to work in this way and may be part of the people trafficking and exploitation associated with criminal gangs also linked to prostitution and drug smuggling. The council should not allow girls to be employed in such institutions without ensuring that they are willing employees and checking their contracts to exclude the possibility of exploitation.
 - b. Women who display their bodies for money often have a prior history of abuse and continued employment in such a way feeds their poor self-image as little more than sex-objects rather than equal members of society who deserve to be respected as people and protected from being considered as only worthy as "bodies".
 - c. This encourages men to believe that sexual arousal can be bought for money and that sex is a matter of gratification of appetite rather than a response to a relationship of respect between a man and a woman.
 - d. The attack on a performer illustrates the attitude to such women fostered by the club and makes some women consider walking past that area unsafe at night.
2. Such a club encourages men to have a wrong attitude to women:
 - a. Men who make use of such clubs are less likely to respect women as individuals, thus fostering the risk of abuse of women as well as encouraging potential violence if women known to them do not make themselves as freely available to be seen in sexually provocative or exposed situations.

- b. We do not wish the men of this town to disrespect women as a result of such a club encouraging such degradation of women as bodies to be looked at rather than people to be valued.
3. The advertisement of cheap shots of alcohol for £1 encourages rowdyism both within and outside the club and the alcohol-induced reduction in inhibitions fuels attitudes and actions not conducive to respect for women in the club or outside in the community.
4. The nature of the centre of Wilmslow:
 - a. The Wilmslow Vision document, endorsed by the Council, wishes to foster "a vibrant, welcoming and accessible town-centre, with a high-quality environment, to draw people into Wilmslow" in a "community that is safe and welcoming". The purpose of the ST Club which is to sexually excite its audience contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow. It neither encourages the quality of visitor nor respect traditionally associated with a quality town.
 - b. The main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club. According to your policy document on the licensing of SEVs, we understand that "relevant entertainment", even "live strip shows" can be provided for the "financial gain of the organiser". We reluctantly accept that such "entertainment" takes place but contend that the Council should not agree that the venue is acceptable in the main street of a small market town.
 - c. 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. Large 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.
5. Statements made by Wilmslow councillors:
 - a. 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?
 - b. At their meeting on Monday, 20th August, councillors voted in favour of requesting that Cheshire East Council set the appropriate number of Sexual Entertainment Venues in Wilmslow town centre at zero.
 - c. Cllr Gary Barton, who requested that this item be added to the agenda of the meeting, told fellow councillors that Grove Street isn't flourishing as we would all like and whilst he wouldn't want to blame that solely on the ST Lounge he felt it wasn't helpful to have that venue there as it is damaging to the town centre. He said "It is very clear that this venue is not appropriate for Wilmslow Town Centre and I very much feel that Wilmslow is a town which should be at zero level for this type of venue" - pointing out that it is surrounded by residential areas, four churches and Wilmslow Prep School which is immediately adjacent to Grove Street. Cllr Barton added "We cannot revoke annual licences, unless there have been breaches, but we can affect the renewals. We are merely trying to get the ball rolling with Cheshire East Council and make the Town Council's position clear."
6. We also object strongly that inadequate notice for planning was given to local residents through a single advertisement placed just once in the Manchester Evening News on 30th December. This publication is not routinely available to the populace of Wilmslow and thus the advert did not allow sufficient awareness for most residents to object. We contend that this was a deliberate policy to comply with the letter of the law to ensure that as few people as possible would be aware of any application for a licence. Many people could not object in the absence of knowing that an application had been made.

We therefore urge you to refuse to renew the Licence for the ST Lounge in Grove Street which demeans women and is a travesty of what Wilmslow represents.

In view of the importance of this issue, we would ask that the matter be dealt with by the full Licensing Committee.

Yours faithfully,

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(by post and by email)

Dear Sir,

Re: ST Lounge Wilmslow

I am writing to ask that you give very serious consideration to refusing to renew the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence for the ST Club in Grove Street, Wilmslow. Although I am not a resident of Wilmslow, I have been a regular shopper in the town for over thirty years.

I consider that Grove Street is the wrong location for a lap dancing club. Wilmslow has always been an area where one could find high quality shops and restaurants. It is my belief that the presence of a lap dancing club creates a seedy atmosphere and I for one avoid that part of Grove Street now, even though my bank is there. I would rather carry out any banking transactions I have in Alderley Edge or Knutsford.

A Sexual Entertainment Licence is generally considered inappropriate where there are schools, places of worship, leisure centres and residential areas. Each of these factors is present in the vicinity of this application. Council policy would therefore suggest that the club is located in an inappropriate area.

I believe that because of the number of sensitive uses in and around the town centre no licences for sexual entertainment venues should be granted in Wilmslow.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 11 February 2013 11:55
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Club, Grove Street, Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2013 11:39
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Club, Grove Street, Wilmslow

Dear Sirs/Councillors

Re: ST Lounge in Wilmslow's main street

We are writing to ask you to deny the renewal of the SEV Licence to Wilmslow's ST Club.

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. Wilmslow is trying to attract the family and children friendly business and their clients. We think a fully nude Strip Club may deter some shoppers.

We 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. Importantly, this is in breach of the conditions set by Licensing at Cheshire East, so we are sure that Licensing will be looking into this matter..

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 us 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!

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 Councils own policy.

We have been residents in Wilmslow for many years and as a family with young children we believe 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. We would say that it should not be 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. The club has advertised on its website all 2012 that it gives free entry for stag nights and groups, "drinks for a pound" or 99 pence with a voucher from the web site. We thought that cheap drinks like this,

places them in breach of the Arcangel initiative that the club signed up to together with the Cheshire Police. What have the police done about this?

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 truly,



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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 11 February 2013 14:09
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: License to Sexually Entertain on Grove Street.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2013 13:38
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: License to Sexually Entertain on Grove Street.

[REDACTED]
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To: The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council.

Dear Councillors,

Re: ST Lounge in Wilmslow's main street

My family and I are writing to ask you to refuse to renew the licence for the ST Club in Grove Street.

We have been living in Wilmslow for 20 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.

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.

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 ?

Please refuse to renew the License to Sexually Entertain on Grove Street.

Yours sincerely,



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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 11 February 2013 14:21
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: strip lapdancing clubilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2013 14:19
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: strip lapdancing clubilmslow

Just been informed that this may be happening in my neighbourhood. We are shocked that such a thing should be allowed in the main street in town next to churches schools and homes .
We just felt we had to voice our opinion and find out what can be done to prevent this dreadful event.

[REDACTED]

To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Councillors

Re: ST Lounge Wilmslow

I [REDACTED] Owner Of Tiny Soles Ltd of Grove Street Wilmslow am writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club/ST Club. I am writing to ask you to refuse to renew the licence for the ST Club in Grove Street.

Before you decide to renew the SEV Licence, for the ST Club, I would ask you to consider in detail the effect the existence of such a club is having on Wilmslow's town centre.

I 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 Years Eve! Many people did not object, as they did not even know that an application had been made.

The ST Lounge on Grove Street has become an eyesore. It has had a broken window on the first floor for months. There was a white mark on the front where the previous application for a Sex license was placed in December 2011. There are always cigarette ends and cigarette packets in the doorway. It does not seem very clean on the outside, what is it like on the inside? The shutters down all day makes it look like it is a failed business.

I have been living in Wilmslow for 5 years and I have always felt Wilmslow was a safe place until the club opened, 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.

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, in fact I think it is a no go area for women and children, Which will affect my Business as im located next door and rely on customers walking past of an evening and seeing my store out of hours, but with the club open my shop will be avoided due to drunken out of town customers.

I consider Wilmslow a main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club. There is my business a 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.

On my way home from Strada/Pizza Express/Sahara/Sarafina, I feel Wilmslow resedents and customers will avoid Grove Street because locals will feel quite uneasy/uncomfortable/ill at ease walking past the ST Club.

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.

According to your policy document on the licensing of SEVs, I and my family 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 market town? How can this be justified in our local area?

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 Councils 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.

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?

As I have recently joined the Wilmslow business community I feel Wilmslow doesn't need to have such an awful bar in the area, I have found my customers referencing my location NEXT DOOR TO THE ST LOUNGE, also to hear children ask their parents WHAT IS A GENTLEMANS CLUB IS?

I have been trading since November 2012 and had probems such as all CIGARETTE ENDS thrown from there balcony at the back of the club on to my Roof, this could cause serious issues for my business, What would happen if one of those lit cigarettes was to fall into my gutters and cause a fire, I could lose my business and all my stock, again if a lit cigarette was to fall under one of my roof tiles the building as well as theres could go up in flames, WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RUINING MY BUSINESS?

The ST Lounges customers stond outside my shop smoking also leaving cigarette ends around the front of my shop when I arrive in the morning, the owners don't care about appearance of our town just the money they make.

In my 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, my shoe shop, 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.

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.

The bus stops to Schools, universities and colleges are situated metres away on Green lane. Many thousands of women and children use these services, to travel from the many social, and sporting events held in Cheshire, Macclesfield and Manchester. Nearby, the train station transports a million passengers from the Wilmslow area a year, at all times of the day and night.

To me and my family, 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? I and my family think not! Grove Avenue, off Grove Street, houses many local residents; Green Lane also leads to Hawthorn Lane, which is 95% residential.

Residents really dread that another awful crime, like the serious assault that occurred to a performer on Racecourse Road will be committed. The club has advertised on its website all 2012 that it gives free entry for stag nights and groups, "drinks for a pound" or 99 pence with a voucher from the web site. I thought that cheap drinks like this, places them in breach of the Arcangel initiative that the club signed up to together with the Cheshire Police. What have the police done about this?

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?

I am 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?

I 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 door to the ST Club had been vacant for years; so is the shop opposite vacant, I decided to open my Business in Wilmslow as we have a great family community and wanted to bring independence back to the High street, I feel being next to the ST Lounge will cause me problems and in the long term my business will suffer!!!!!!The other properties empty seem to indicate that the proximity of a lap-dancing club is off-putting to businesses.

Please refuse to renew the License to Sexually Entertain on Grove Street.

Do not give this License to the ST Lounge.

I ask that you take serious heed of our objections

Would you please take my views in to account when you make your decision, for the good of Wilmslow?

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.

I 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.

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

I 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.

From a very concerned resident and business owner.

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 12 February 2013 07:38
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2013 22:10
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Councillors'

We are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club.

The ST Lounge on Grove Street is out of character with the area and has become an eyesore. The shutters being down all day makes it look like it is a failed business.

We believe that, the Council needs to be sensitive to the uses to which Grove Street is put; it is surrounded by residential streets and facilities for the community in general, including children and young adults. Every day, large 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. It is our understanding that strip clubs were not supposed to be near Churches, as it could be seen as being offensive? The Churches were here first.

Wilmslow Town Council have unanimously voted for a nil policy for Sexual Entertainment for Wilmslow. Our local councillors, Barton, Fitzgerald and Menlove have also stated that the current location is inappropriate.

In the best interest of 99% of the people who live in Wilmslow, work in Wilmslow, shop in Wilmslow, pay taxes in Wilmslow, enjoy a meal or a drink in Wilmslow, please take our views in to account and decline this application.

Yours faithfully

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11th February 2013

The Licensing Authority,
Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Sir,

Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

We are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club in Grove Street Wilmslow.

As a Licensing Authority you can control what sort of town Wilmslow becomes and you should be aware that town residents do not want the town centre to continue to have a sex industry club.

Grove Street is in the town centre and is close to several residential areas. It has facilities for the general community, including children and young adults. Every day, huge numbers of shoppers, schoolchildren & restaurant goers walk past the club, which is adjacent to coffee shops, clothes shops, shoe shops, charity shops, banks and restaurants, and very close to the Catholic church.

We have lived in Hawthorn Lane, within 200m of the club, for 30 years and have to walk past the place when we take out our grandchildren, who are in our care 3 days a week. In addition the near-by Leisure Centre is a popular and well-used venue, open till 10.15 some nights and much later when they are host to the many school and theatre events throughout the year. This means under 18s are often in the vicinity of the Stag Night trade.

In our view this is clearly inappropriate use of our town centre.

Please will you reclaim Wilmslow town centre as a vibrant family shopping and restaurant location by refusing this re-licensing.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir

Re: ST Club Grove Street, Wilmslow

I am writing to express my strong objections to the granting of the renewal of a licence for the Sexual Entertainment Licence in Grove Street.

This sort of sex business is entirely inappropriate for the centre of a small town that has family businesses, schools and churches in close proximity .

The council needs to be aware of the needs of the greater community and it is their responsibility to make sure that residents, particularly women ,children and elderly people, many of whom live close,or who are schooled close to Grove Street, are able to feel safe, unintimidated and happy to shop in their own town centre, or to cross the town at night.

The club is entirely a private business designed to make a vast amount of money for a few individuals. The Council has a duty to act in the best interests of all their community.

The granting of a licence in the middle of Wilmslow town centre, goes entirely in the face of all attempts to revitalize Wilmslow and attract local residents back to shopping or to enjoy visiting a restaurant at night. The success of the Wilmslow Market has shown that there is still hope for Wilmslow. Local traders who are attempting to maintain struggling businesses , must despair when they see the town centre threatened with this kind of application. The lesson of Stockport should be taken into account, where although masses of money has been spent attempting to regenerate the outer edges of the town centre, dozens of shops lie empty because no one wants to invest their life savings in starting businesses in areas dominated by sex shops and betting shops

A granting of this licence will be a retrograde step towards the positive regeneration of the town and will drag Wilmslow even further away from the Wilmslow Vision endorsed by the council.

I would urge all councillors to look at their own 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence and to consider whether they can honestly believe that the centre of Grove Street is an appropriate locality for a sex club.

Yours sincerely

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 12 February 2013 10:43
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Make Wilmslow Matter - licencing

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2013 10:35
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Make Wilmslow Matter - licencing

The Licensing Section, Cheshire East Council

Dear Councillors,

My husband and I are writing to object most strongly to the location of the ST Lounge in Wilmslow. We feel that it is a totally inappropriate location being so close to family shopping areas, near to local schools whose pupils often gather socially at break time and at the end of the school day, to churches and residences and being completely out of character with other local businesses. Having worked in education all our lives we are astounded that the Council welcomes the ST Lounge at the heart of the town, which attracts young people – the location is not suitable.

Our concern relates to the location of the ST Lounge, which should not be at the heart of Wilmslow and render Grove Street a no-go area for young people, whose parents do their utmost to protect them. This business would be much less harmful elsewhere, on the fringe of the town. Please refuse to renew the SEV licence for it to remain on Grove Street or anywhere near the town centre.

Yours faithfully,

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