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The Licensing Team

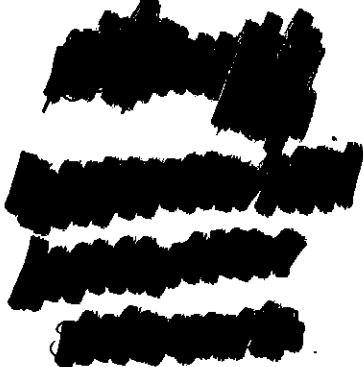
Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the siting of the ST Lounge in Wilmslow's main street, near residential roads, normal businesses, nurseries, churches and schools. How was its licence ever granted? I urge you to refuse to renew its licensing application.

I request that the committee which examines the application should, at the very least, be gender balanced, as I fear that this issue deeply affects women and their future lives! Please give this very serious consideration.

Yours faithfully,

A series of four horizontal black bars redacting the signature and name of the sender.

The Licensing Team

Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: The ST Lounge in Wilmslow's main street.

We are very concerned that the ST Club in Wilmslow has applied to have its licence renewed.

We have been living in Wilmslow for 10 years and I have always felt safe here. Since the lap-dancing club has been given a licence, we feel much more vulnerable. We do not like having to walk along Grove Street in the evening. If we do, we make sure that it is before the Club opens, quite warily. This should not have to be the case!

Last week, I returned by train from Manchester. Rather than cutting up through Grove Street, I walked a different way home. Should this be happening?

To me and my family, this is absolutely not an appropriate area for a lap dancing 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, schools and churches? My family and I think not!

Grove Avenue, off Grove Street, houses many local residents, particularly quite a few elderly people; Green Lane also leads to Hawthorn Lane, which is 95% residential. The parallel road, linked to Grove Street by a small passageway, has residential apartments, too.

We are very anxious, too, about the general future of Wilmslow; there are two betting shops in our small town, one in Grove Street and one in Grove Avenue. How can this be the right way forward? Economic data shows that a town, which has strip clubs and betting shops, is on the decline; is this what we want for the future of our town? Certainly not!

We ask you to take serious heed of our objections.

Yours worriedly,

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The Licensing Council

Cheshire East

Dear Sir

Re: the ST Lounge, Wilmslow.

I object to the applicant being given a renewed SEV licence on the following grounds:

The strip club is sited in very close proximity to a residential area, Grove Avenue, Green Lane, Hawthorn Lane being very close; there is a fear of crime, anti-social behaviour noise pollution and disturbance to residents. There is a heightened statistical link to physical, verbal and sexual assaults to women who live or work in the vicinity of such venues. Many local residents must be reluctant to walk through Grove Street, the central hub of Wilmslow, for fear of suffering such abuse.

The premises are located in our main street, with seating provided for young and old, almost directly outside the premises. The location of the club does not fit with the rest of what is in the vicinity.

Cheshire East's policy provides that SEV licences shall be considered with respect to the character of the relevant locality. Wilmslow is a small market town, which is struggling in the present economic climate. The opening of the ST Lounge has not really helped. Having a strip club tarnishes the image of the area by giving it a sleazy image; this counteracts the hardworking efforts of local business people to promote Wilmslow.

The negative economic impact of operators, such as the applicant, will be acutely experienced by other local businesses struggling to survive in the recession, as the sex industry devastates efforts to regenerate the area, by driving away professional and family trade. Very few members of the public want to dine or shop in the vicinity of a strip club, especially those with young children, irrespective of the operational hours of the applicant in question.

The ST Lounge is inappropriate for Wilmslow and is in completely the wrong location. Wilmslow needs to maintain its image as a town which is safe, welcoming and respectable in order to attract a broader segment of the retail market.

Please refuse to renew the ST Lounge's licence.

From a very concerned resident.

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The Licensing Team

Cheshire East Council

Dear Councillors

Re: the application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge, Grove Street.

I would like to formally lodge my objection against the application for this licence to be renewed.

I do not feel safe at night or welcome in the vicinity of the ST Lounge, which is in the heart of our town, being on the main pathway through the centre of Wilmslow and close to three residential roads, Green Lane, Hawthorn Lane and Grove Avenue. It has made me feel that Grove Street is a no-go area, after dark, unfortunately. The club itself is totally out of character with all the other businesses in that area.

The ST Lounge in Grove Street is also close to a prep school, a nursery, and at least two crèches and is on a pathway used by hundreds of teenagers attending Wilmslow High school, who throng there every day, often sitting opposite the club on the benches provided or outside Cafe Nero. To situate a strip club on this street, or indeed anywhere in the vicinity seems very difficult to understand, given the guidelines provided by the Council!

There are three churches within 200 metres of the club, there is a park and playground just down the hill, there is a well-used Leisure Centre not far away, where there are regular concerts and evening performances. This club is in the wrong location and had nothing whatsoever in common with all other businesses in Wilmslow.

The other thought that crosses my mind is that of the girls themselves. Does the Council just shut its eyes to what is happening to them? Does the Council really want us to believe that it condones the sexual exploitation of women? To deny any responsibility would be disingenuous!

There is much to consider here; the very fact that the ST Lounge had received a licence before should not automatically mean that it has its licence renewed without question. Please reconsider.

Yours faithfully,

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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,

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February 12th, 2013

Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly object to the ~~granting~~ of
any 'Sexual Entertainment Venue License'
being granted to the ST Club in
Wilmslow.

Grove Street is a wholly inappropriate
location for a club of this nature as
it is so close to bus stops and
churches and is passed every day by
children attending the local high school.

I am dismayed by the amount of
rubbish left in front of the club after
an evening and that the smell of
urine is particularly offensive following
a weekend and I understand that the

Charles shoe shop have to spend a lot
on bleach to rid their shop front of
urine every week.

I hope your department considers
the views of Widslow residents and
does not renew this license.

Yours faithfully,

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Tele: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

1st Februar

LICENCE RENEWAL FOR ST LOUNGE, GROVE STREET, WILMSLOW

Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to submit my objection to you renewing the licence for the above lap dancing club. I ask you not to renew the licence on several counts, but mainly on the location.

I think that it is generally considered inappropriate for a licence to be granted for this type of club when it is near schools, places of worship, leisure centers and housing and Grove Street is slap bang in the middle of all these places. In the past I have lived in Holland and Germany where there are lots of this strip clubs and confess to having visited one of them but I have never seen them in the middle of a small town.

As a widow in her 70s I came to live in Wilmslow 3 years ago feeling that I would within reason be able to visit restaurant etc. but now I am afraid to say I feel quite vulnerable and certainly will no longer walk along Grove Street after dark and find my friends feel the same. I also so have a 19 year granddaughter and worry about the people she may bump into when she is out in Wilmslow at night after the attack on a performer in Racecourse Road.

Even since I came to live here the area around the outside of the club has deteriorated, there are cigarette butts and packets littered on the ground and the outside of the building looking shabby and out of place, which is a great shame as it is bang in the middle of a very nice shopping street used by the people of Wilmslow and outlying areas.

As a local constituent I ask you not to let the people of Wilmslow down by agreeing to the renewal of the licence for the ST Lounge. I believe in live and let live and I am not asking this out of prejudice but because the club is in an inappropriate location.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council

BY HAND

12 February 2013

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Lounge; Sexual Entertainment Licence

I am writing with reference to the ST Lounge in Wilmslow, on the grounds that it is absolutely inappropriately situated, in the heart of our main shopping street, adjacent to schools, nurseries, houses and churches.

I am aware that there is a fear amongst councillors that court action might be taken by the lap dancing club, on the grounds that if their application for an SEV is rejected, the club will state that this violates its human rights, under the Human Rights Act 1998; the two rights it will probably threaten to invoke are the right to freedom of expression and the protection of property.

However, it is extremely unlikely that such an appeal would be successful, considering that it is absolutely within the law for Councils to set nil policies. Furthermore, the two rights above are qualified, they are not absolute. Philip Kolvin QC, former Chairman of the Institute of Licensing, stated that "where a rational decision has been taken by the licensing authority, in accordance with the principle of the statute, it is most unlikely that the decision will be held to have been a disproportionate interference with human rights."

Indeed, before the Policing and Crime Bill became law (enabling local authorities to licence lap dancing clubs as SEVs, under the LGMPA), the Minister of the Crown, in charge of the Bill, made a written statement that the new law, including the provision to set nil policies, WAS compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.

Therefore, the power of local authorities to set a nil policy for Sexual Entertainment Venue licences has been validated in human rights terms.

I urge you to investigate what I have said and dismiss the application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge in Wilmslow.

Yours faithfully,



The Licensing Authority
Cheshire East Borough Council

13 February 2013

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Club, Crore Street, Wilmslow.

I am extremely concerned to see that the ST Club on Crore Street in Wilmslow has applied to have its Licence renewed.

I am also concerned that it has taken front page headlines in the Wilmslow Express this week stating that a 'Moral minority' is out to close the club.

I have lived in Wilmslow for over 26 years and brought up two daughters here who are now grown up with children of their own. When they were growing up in the town, I never had any worries when they were out in the evenings as teenagers. Crore Street has always been a popular cut through to various venues I would have been most worried had this club been there and I feel very sorry for the

parents of young people today and people of any age walking down Grove Street in the evenings. By day the club is an eye sore. Wilmslow has always been an attractive town with nice shops and cafes and now an Artisan Market held on Grove Street once a month, attracting families and friends to meet and enjoy the stalls. It is also a town which attracts business people with families due to the good Transport network and also has a thriving elderly community. I am sure, from talking to people that this club is causing a great deal of worry and concern across a wide variety of people. It seems to me that this club could be better located in the centre of Manchester, and not in a small town, on a pedestrian road where people are going about their day to day business, whether it be to school, work, out for a family walk or shopping.

I have also heard that one of the girls was attacked by one of the 'clients' after leaving the club with him. Surely this must concern the Council that this should be happening in a residential area. It might be paying high business rates, employing people but at what price to the residents of Wilmslow?

I would urge you strongly to think very hard about renewing this licence

Yours faithfully,
~~John Johnson~~ (John)

P.T.O. →

I would welcome the opportunity of Councillor Wesley
Fitzgerald speaking on my behalf at the forthcoming
hearing.

~~Wesley Fitzgerald~~

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for a licence for the ST Lounge in Wilmslow.

I object to the proposed licence for the ST Lounge in Wilmslow. The venue is totally out of character with Wilmslow. It genuinely represents a danger to local men, women and children, due to the sexual stimulation of the customers and their potential alcohol intake, as the venue is open until 3 am or so.

I request that the Council consult carefully its own directives about the characteristics of a locality; it should take particular note of the proximity of the following:

- There are residential areas all around, e.g.: in Water Lane, Grove Avenue, Green Lane, Hawthorn Lane
- There are schools, nurseries and play groups in the vicinity, eg: Pepperberry Nursery, the nursery near Hullabaloo, Wilmslow Prep School & Nursery, Wilmslow High School, whose students are often to be found sitting on the benches opposite the lounge. Many families have to walk past the lounge several times a day on their way to work and school.
- There are several churches in the vicinity, St Teresa's is very close, also Wilmslow Methodist and St Bart's.
- The Carrs' parkland and playground can be accessed from Hawthorn Lane and the Leisure Centre is not far away and is very popular.

A lap dancing club is simply not in keeping with these! It is in an inappropriate location.

Please consider these views carefully.

Kindest Regards,

[Redacted Signature]

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Dear Councillors,

Re. ST Lounge Licence Application

I wish to object to the application for renewal of the licence for the above Club.

The club is situated in a residential area with family shops and cafes, churches and a school close by.

The effect on the area and the residents would not be good.

Greene Street is quite wrong for a sex club to operate there.

The building has become an eye sore with broken window panes cigarette packets & lints on the floor in the doorway. Please refuse the licence. ✓

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir / Madam, (314) February 13th 2013

Re. ST Lounge, Wilmslow,

I am very concerned that the 'ST' lounge in Wilmslow has asked to have it's licence renewed. I would like to express my strong objection to the granting of a licence of a strip club on Grove Street.

Wilmslow has always seemed a safe and decent town where I can meet my friends and walk around alone comfortably. Now, with this

club establishing itself in the heart of
town I am much less likely to visit
Wilmslow when it is dark as I feel
increasingly vulnerable and at risk.

Please consider carefully the future of
what has always been a respectable
and friendly family town and deny
the ST club a new license.

Keep sex in the city!

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The Licensing Authority
Cheshire East Borough Council
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sanbach
CW11 1HZ

Dear Sirs

Re: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

I write to ask you to refuse to renew the licence for the ST Club in Grove Street.

I would like you to consider in detail the effect the existence of such a club is having on Wilmslow's town centre. The building appears dirty and there are always cigarette ends and cigarette packets in the doorway and around the area. As it is closed all day with shutters lowered it looks like a failed business.

I have been living in Wilmslow for eight years and I have always felt safe here. Now, with this club, I feel vulnerable and am reluctant to walk along Grove Street in the evening as I regularly used to do. I understand a vicious attack against a female took place in Wilmslow recently that can be directly attributed to the activity of this business. My friends and I generally now visit other local towns to socialise where we feel less vulnerable.

I feel that a local pedestrianized family shopping area is the wrong location for this type of business, which does not fit in with the other types of businesses in the town, and that it has had a negative impact on the area. It is, inappropriately, in very close proximity to a preparatory school and three churches.

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. This contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow.

I ask you to consider these points when you are making your decision about whether to grant the licence renewal.

Yours sincerely,

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February 13th 2013

**Cheshire East Council
Macclesfield
Cheshire**

Dear Councillors

I am writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the ST Club on Grove Street, Wilmslow for the following reasons.

I have lived in the Wilmslow area for over seventy years and consider that a sex club is completely inappropriate for this town. It is a family town, not an inner city red light district.

Grove Street is a pedestrianised street with children's shops, boulevard coffee lounges, the artisan market and other retail family shops.

On the near by Grove Avenue, there is Wilmslow Preparatory School, a Catholic Church on Green lane and St Bartholomew's parish church on Church Street; a sex club is not something we need adjacent to these establishments

There is a high class large residential area on Hawthorn Lane and Grove Avenue and there will be disturbance well into the night from patrons entering and leaving the sex club.

It is unlikely that the clientele of this club will be bothered about local sensitivities and the combination of cheap alcohol and sexual entertainment will not lead to empathetic behaviour in this market town.

Yours sincerely

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13 February 2013

Licensing Authority
Cheshire East Borough Council
SK10 1DX

Dear Sirs

ST CLUB - GROVE STREET, WILMSLOW

We are writing to object to the renewal of the Licence for the lap dancing club mentioned above.

Does the Council actually believe that the 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 & shoe shops, building societies, banks and cafés?

In what way do they provide a relevant locality for a strip club?

We hope you will realise the depth of feeling and reconsider your decision to allow a strip club to operate on Wilmslow's main street. We are regular visitors to friends near Grove Street, and the Wilmslow Guild.

Yours faithfully

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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.

Thank you.

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Licensing Dept,
Town Hall
Market Place
Macclesfield
SK10 1DX

~~Mr. [Name]~~
~~[Name]~~
~~[Name]~~

11th Feb 2013

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Lounge in Wilmslow mainstreet.

I strongly object to the S.T. Lounge being granted a renewal of the Sexual Entertainment license!

There was a very unsavoury incident in our Practice last year, when two Polish gentlemen fell into our Practice very drunk and bleeding badly from a cut hand. He dripped blood on the floor, door handle, desk and records. Giving him a kitchen roll to wrap his hand in, I showed him the door. His friend had fallen on the floor trying to sit on a chair. A patient who observed the whole incident was very frightened!

They did not speak any English, and later that afternoon I followed the drips of blood which stopped at the S.T. Lounge. We also heard that they had been arrested outside Waitrose.

As a business in close proximity this type of behaviour is not acceptable.

Wilmslow Town Council unanimously voted that Wilmslow should be considered for a Nil Policy for Sexual Entertainment they agreed that the current location is inappropriate.

Yours sincerely,

~~[Signature]~~

Dear Sirs

Re: Application for a renewal of the licence for the ST Lounge in Wilmslow.

I object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club in Wilmslow; many residents of Wilmslow were unaware of the club's application last December and, as a result, were unable to make their views known but, hopefully, now, they will speak up!

This building is in the heart of our town; everyone passes it on the way to work, nursery or school or to go to the shops. Grove Street is the hub of the town. We have seen Scottish dancing here, we have the artisan market here every month, the Rotary Club collects here at Christmas time, with Santa's sleigh and carols. The street is full of regular shops selling shoes, clothes, jewellery, chocolates, phones, books, sportswear, there are banks and charity shops, restaurants and coffee shops, gift shops, hairdressers, all of which have nothing in common at all with a sex venue! It is inappropriately situated.

The venue is about 100 yards from two residential streets, Grove Avenue and Hawthorn Lane and only about 150 yards from the apartments in Green Lane. Maybe an out of town industrial centre, away from residential streets would be more appropriate? Certainly, it is inappropriate in its present location.

Whilst the Council does not recognize moral issues in this case, it is worth noting that Cheshire East Council has been prepared to allow the sexual exploitation of women for money in this venue. The club's website advertises "50 nude babes" for hire at private parties. Is this really the way forward?

With great concern, yours faithfully,

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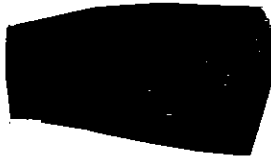
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1st Feb 2012

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*I don't tell my friends about the strip club because it is embarrassing. In fact I think most people or businesses would feel the same.

*In a recent GCSE I had to describe the street and shops where I live, and did not put the strip club on the map.

*I go to school in Altrincham, I cycle at the manchester velodrome and attend athletics training all over Cheshire. Normally I go by train or bus, but I cannot come back by public transport in the evenings. This is because I do not like walking in the evening where there are groups of men hanging about. I feel safer at Piccadilly Station than near Grove Street in the evening.

*One Saturday night I walked back from Pizza Express, with my friends at about 10p.m. and a minibus drove up Grove Street, and a lot of young men got out and were hanging about outside the strip club. We walked away from them in the opposite direction and walked home the long way.

*My bedroom is on the front of our house and I am often disturbed by loud voices through the night as people are walking past.

I would like Cllr Wesley Fitzgerald to speak on my behalf if there is a hearing. Also, I do not give permission for my address to be given to the ST Lounge, Grove Street or their lawyer.

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