

General Licensing Sub-Committee

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 9th April, 2013
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: The Assembly Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1EA

The agenda is divided into two parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Appointment of Chairman**

To appoint a Chairman for the meeting.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests and for Members to declare if they have predetermined any item on the agenda.

4. **Application for the Renewal of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence - Schedule 3, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 - S T Lounge Gentlemens Club & Champagne Bar, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 1DR (Pages 1 - 572)**

To consider an application for the Renewal of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence made by Van Leisure Ltd in respect of S T Lounge Gentlemen's Club & Champagne Bar, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	Tuesday 9 th April 2013 at 10am
Report of:	Mrs N Cadman, Licensing Officer
Subject/Title:	Application for the Renewal of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence Schedule 3, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 S T Lounge Gentlemens Club & Champagne Bar, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 1DR.

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report provides details of an application for the Renewal of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence together with information as to representations received in relation to the application.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The General Licensing Sub-Committee is requested to:
- 2.1.1 Consider all of the relevant information including the submissions made both by the applicant, by objectors and supporters; and
- 2.1.2 Determine the application for Renewal of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence made by Van Leisure Ltd in respect of S T Lounge Gentlemen's Club & Champagne Bar, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the General Licensing Sub-Committee has the delegated authority to determine this application in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 Wilmslow West & Chorley

5.0 Local Ward Members

Cllr Gary Philip Barton
Cllr Wesley Fitzgerald

6.0 Policy Implications

- 6.1 The Council has adopted the amendments to Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 ('the 1982 Act') made by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009.

- 6.2 The Council has adopted a policy in relation to the licensing of sexual entertainment venues; a copy of this policy is attached as Appendix A.

7.0 Financial Implications (Authorised by the Director of Finance and Business Services)

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

- 8.1 On 24th February 2011 the Council resolved that the provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, be adopted and shall apply within the Borough of Cheshire East with effect from 4th April 2011.

- 8.2 'Sexual Entertainment Venue' is defined within Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended) ('the 1982 Act') as "any premises at which relevant entertainment is provided before a live audience for the financial gain of the organiser or the entertainer." 'Relevant Entertainment' means "any live performance or live display of nudity which is of such a nature that, ignoring financial gain, it must reasonably be assumed to be provided solely or principally for the purpose of sexually stimulating any member of an audience (whether by verbal or other means)."

- 8.3 Paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act prescribes that a licence for a sexual entertainment venue shall not be granted to:

- (a) a person under the age of 18; or
- (b) to a person who is for the time being disqualified under paragraph 17(3) of the Schedule; or
- (c) to a person, other than a body corporate, who is not resident in an EEA state, or was not so resident throughout the period of six months immediately preceding the date when the application was made; or
- (d) to a body corporate which is not incorporated in an EEA state; or
- (e) to a person who had, within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date when the application was made, been refused the grant or renewal of a licence for the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in respect of which the application is made, unless the refusal has been reversed on appeal.

- 8.4 Paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 also provides that the authority may refuse (i) an application for the grant or renewal of a licence on one or more of the grounds listed at (a) to (d) below; and (ii) an application for a transfer on either or both of the grounds at (a) and (b):

- (a) that the applicant is unsuitable to hold the licence by reason of having been convicted of an offence or for any other reason;

(b) that if the licence were to be granted, renewed or transferred the business to which it relates would be managed by or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the applicant, who would be refused the grant, renewal or transfer of such a licence if he made the application himself;

(c) that the number of sex establishments, or of sex establishments of a particular kind, in the relevant locality at the time the application is made is equal to or exceeds the number which the authority consider is appropriate for that locality;

(d) that the grant or renewal of the licence would be inappropriate, having regard
(i) to the character of the relevant locality; or
(ii) to the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put; or
(iii) to the layout, character or condition of the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in respect of which the application is made.

8.5 Paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 provides that the Council may grant a licence for the use of premises as a sex establishment 'on such terms and conditions and subject to such restrictions as may be so specified.' (subject to the requirement that conditions may not duplicate requirements or prohibition which are, or could be, imposed under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005). Paragraph 13 of Schedule 3 provides the Council with the power to prescribe standard conditions applicable to licences for sex establishments. The Council had prescribed a set of standard conditions in relation to sexual entertainment venues; these are set out within Appendix 3 of the Council's policy (attached as Appendix A to this report). Where the Council has determined a set of standard conditions, every such licence granted by the authority shall be presumed to have been granted subject to the standard conditions unless they have been expressly excluded or varied. As is recognised by Home Office Guidance, issued in March 2010 (paragraph 3.42) in cases where a sexual entertainment venue also holds a licence under the Licensing Act 2003, local authorities should avoid duplicating licence conditions and should ensure that conditions imposed on each licence are relevant to the activities authorised by that licence. Whilst not a statutory requirement, local authorities have been encouraged by the Home Office to have regard to the guidance when exercising their functions.

8.6 The Provision of Services Regulations 2009 state that the local authority must provide the applicant with the reasons for the decision in writing if the authority refuses an application for the renewal of a licence. With the exception of a decision to refuse an application on a ground specified in paragraph 12(3)(c) or (d) (see paragraph 8.4 above), an applicant for the grant of a licence whose application is refused has the right to appeal the decision to a magistrates' court within twenty-one days.

8.7 When making a decision consideration must be given to the applicant's rights under the European Convention on Human Rights. Article 1 of the First Protocol (peaceful enjoyment of possessions) and Article 10 (freedom of expression) are rights which may be relevant. The Home Office guidance suggests that 'local authorities would be well advised to consider whether any interference with the applicant's rights under Article 10 or Article 1, Protocol 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights is necessary and proportionate for the prevention of crime and disorder, for the protection of health or morals or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others or, in the case of Article 1, Protocol 1, can be justified in the general interest.' In addition Article 6 will be relevant to the hearing of the case, i.e. right to a fair hearing.

- 8.8 The Council has exercised its discretion and has determined to provide the objectors to the application the opportunity to speak at the hearing. Details of the objections received by the Council within the 28 day consultation period are appended to this report.
- 8.9 An objection has been received after the 28 day consultation period. In the House of Lords case of *Belfast City Council v Miss Behavin' Limited* (Northern Ireland) 2007 a judgment was made on regulations which applied to Northern Ireland but which were identical to the system of local authority licensing in section 2 and Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. The case decided that the Council is not prohibited "from taking all relevant matters into account, whether they have been communicated by objectors or others, early or late, or in any other way. The Council therefore has a discretion to take a late objection into account. The Sub-Committee should therefore make a preliminary decision prior to the hearing as to whether it will consider the objection received after the 28 day period.

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 The legal risks are set out within paragraph 8.0 above.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 The application for Renewal of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence in relation to premises known as S T Lounge Gentlemen's Club & Champagne Bar, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow, was received by the Council on 21st January 2013.
- 10.2 In accordance with paragraph 10(8) of Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act, a notice of the application was published in a local newspaper circulating in the Council's area within seven days of the date of the application. In addition, a site notice was displayed at the premises in accordance with paragraph 10(10).
- 10.3 The application is to renew the existing Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence to provide the following forms of 'relevant entertainment' with full nudity, i.e. lap dancing, pole dancing and strip shows. The hours applied for are the same as the existing Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence, as follows:
- Monday to Thursday 21.30 to 03.30
Friday and Saturday 21.30 to 04.00
Sunday 21.30 to 03.30
- A copy of the application form is appended to this report.
- 10.4 The Applicant has held a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence for one year. Prior to that a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 had been in place in relation to the premises since the transitional period in 2005 and was transferred to the applicant on 15th May 2009.
- 10.5 In accordance with paragraph 10(14) of Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act, a copy of the application was sent to the Police. The following comments in relation to the application have been provided to the Council by the Police: Application received 29th January 2013 from Van Leisure Ltd for a renewal of the Sexual Entertainment

Venue Licence at S T Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 1DR. The application is for the annual renewal with the existing conditions to remain in accordance with Schedule 3, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. There are no Police representations.

- 10.6 The Council has received 390 letters of objection, with associated documentation, a petition with approximately 930 signatures and 2 letters of support in relation to the application within the twenty-eight day consultation period; details of these representations are appended to this report.
- 10.7 In accordance with paragraph 10(18) of Schedule 3, in considering any application for the grant of a licence the Council is required to have regard to any observations submitted to it by the Police and any objections of which notice has been sent to it under sub-paragraph 10(15).
- 10.8 The options which are available to the General Licensing Sub-Committee when considering this application are as follows:
 - 10.8.1 to grant the Renewal of the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence subject to the standard conditions prescribed by the Council;
 - 10.8.2 to grant the Renewal of the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence subject to the standard conditions prescribed by the Council as varied by the Sub-Committee;
 - 10.8.3 to grant the Renewal of the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence subject to the standard conditions prescribed by the Council (whether varied or not) and subject to further additional express condition(s);
 - 10.8.4 to grant the Renewal of the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence subject to express condition(s) determined by the Sub-Committee (i.e. the prescribed standard conditions are expressly excluded).
 - 10.8.5 to refuse the grant of the Renewal of the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence.

11.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Designation: Licensing Officer
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The Home Office Guidance "Sexual Entertainment Venues" is available on the Council's website, www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

APPENDICES

Appendices 1 – 36, 38 - 60 and 62 - 392	Letters of Objection
Appendices 37 and 61	Letters of Support
Appendix 393	Police Representation
Appendices 394 - 398	Documentation to support objections
Appendix 399	Petition (first page only)

Please note that **Appendices 395 and 396** are large cardboard plan maps in support of the representation from Make Wilmslow Matter. They are too big to copy and have photos, drawings, pins and ribbons attached; these will be available to view at the hearing.

Page 515	Cheshire East Council Policy on the Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues
Page 545	Application Form
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From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 30 January 2013 12:37
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: My objection to the proposed licence for the ST Lounge on Grove Street Wilmslow opposite Wilmslow Prep School

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kind Regards

[illegible]



WILMSLOW
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



GROVE AVENUE, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE SK9 5EG

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam

January 29th 2013

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

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bursar

Headmaster

Deputy Headmistress

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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Hi Nikki – FYI

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

Dear Sirs,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With thanks

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

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

Dear sir/madam,

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

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

Sent from my iPhone

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

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

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

Wilmslow Trust.
Plans and Applications. Sub.Committee.

[REDACTED]



FREE Animations for your email





CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

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

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

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

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

Please refuse a SEV Licence.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

3 February 2013

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

Dera Councillors

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

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

Please refuse to renew the SEV Licence

Yours faithfully

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3 February 2013

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

Dear Sir,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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

The Licensing Authority,
Cheshire East Borough Council

4 February 2013

By email : licensing@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Lounge, Wilmslow

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,



CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

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

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

Good Morning,

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

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

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

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

We therefore expect to see that this application is reused.

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

We await the outcomes of your decisions

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

Dear Sir,

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

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

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

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

Your committee is urged to refuse renewal.

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

Dear Sirs

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

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

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

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


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

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

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





To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

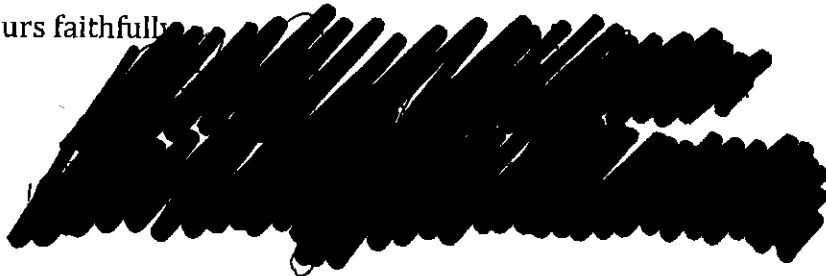
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Dear Councillors,

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

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

Yours faithfully

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

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

1st February 2013

Dear Mr Hawkes

RE The ST Lounge Grove Street Wilmslow Licence Renewal Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

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

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CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

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


Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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Licensing Administration Officer
Cheshire East Council
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Tel: 0300 123 5015

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

Dear Cheshire East,

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

Yours faithfully



[REDACTED]

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

Re: ST Club Grove Street, Wilmslow

Dear Sir/Madam

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,



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

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

Dear Sir/Madam

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

I do not feel that this location is appropriate.

Please take residents views into consideration when considering granting licences.

[REDACTED]
Wilmslow

Dear Councillors,

Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

Concerned Residents

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely

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

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

Dear Councillors,

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

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

Dear Sir/Madam

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

(Address and contact details below)

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

Dear Sir/ Madam,

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

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

To whom it may concern at the licensing office.

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

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

Dear Sirs

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

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

From a very concerned resident

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

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

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

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

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

I look forward to your response.

Yours Fairhfully,

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

Dear Sir madam,

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

My objection is for the following reasons:

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

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

Dear Sir/Madam Councillors

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

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

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

Regards
[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

Dear Councillors,

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

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

Yours faithfully,

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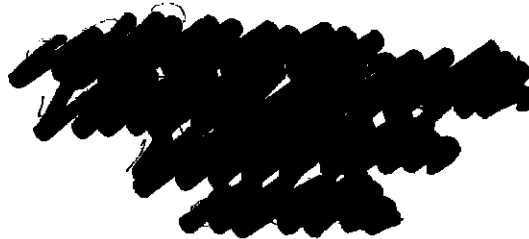
To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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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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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council





4/2/13.

Dear Councillors,

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

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

Yours faithfully,

4.2.13.

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council



Dear Councillors,

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature block]

The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council

Re: ST Lounge Wilmslow

Dear Sirs,

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

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature block]

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CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

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

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

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

Licensing Authority,
 Cheshire East Borough Council
 Macclesfield

7th February 2013

Dear Councillors,

RE: ST CLUB, 16 GROVE STREET, WILMSLOW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The policy also states that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,



CADMAN, Nikki

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

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

Dear Councillors

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

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

Please refuse the necessary SEV licence.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

5.2.12

Dear Councillors,

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council


3rd February 2013

Dear Councillors,

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.

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Yours faithfully,



CADMAN, Nikki

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

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2013 12:31
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 that it is totally inappropriate being so close to residences, schools, churches and parks and having nothing in character with other local businesses.

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Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Licensing
Cheshire East Borough Council

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Dear Sir,

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

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

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

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- 7 FEB 2013

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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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,

Have also signed local petition

6/2/2013

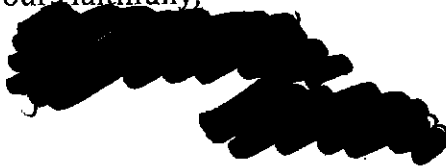
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Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

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5th Feb 2013.

Dear Councillors,

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Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

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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]

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]

CADMAN, Nikki

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

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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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]
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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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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

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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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

Dear Councillors,

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

6th Feb 2013

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Cheshire East council

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[Redacted signature]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

[REDACTED]

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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Dear Councillors,

7th February 2013

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Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

[REDACTED]

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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6/2/13.

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Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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[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]

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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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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

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[REDACTED]
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Licensing Committee
East Cheshire Council

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20/06/2018 - 10:00 AM

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

Dear Councillors,

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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]

6 February 2013

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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]

7th FEB 2013

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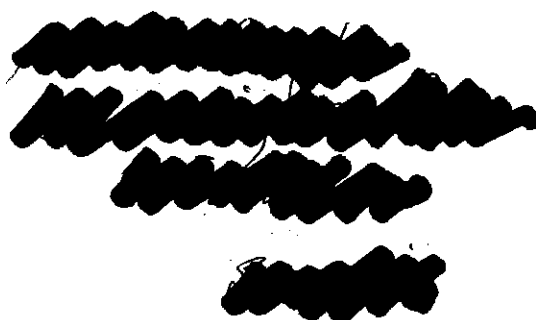
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Yours faithfully,



5th February 2013

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[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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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]

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
Flag Status: Flagged

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 stip 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:

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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.

I 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.

In your 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence, it is stated that the Sexual Entertainment license is" generally considered inappropriate "where there are schools, places of worship, leisure centres and residential areas. On the Council's own website it says that Wilmslow is a residential town. That means that it is located in an inappropriate area according to the Council's own policy. We would ask you to refuse grant on the grounds that it is "inappropriate to the relevant locality". The policy also states that: Under s.3.7 of the Council's SEV policy, the Committee" is able to determine the appropriate number of Sexual Entertainment Venues suitable for a locality and is able to determine that the appropriate number for a locality is nil". In light of the sensitive uses in the locality I would ask the Council to determine that the appropriate number of SEV's in the locality is nil. The fact that the Committee granted the SEV licence for ST Lounge in 2012 should not have a bearing on the outcome of the application for renewal. The Committee must consider the application afresh and is entitled to determine on renewal that the grant would be inappropriate having regard to the character of the relevant locality or the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put.

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?

Regards

[Redacted signature]

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

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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

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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

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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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:

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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?

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.

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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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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,

CADMAN, Nikki

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

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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]

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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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,



CADMAN, Nikki

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

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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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]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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,

A blacked-out signature, likely redacted for privacy.

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.

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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?

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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

[REDACTED]

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

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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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,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 12 February 2013 14:36
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Objection of the Licence for the ST Lounge

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2013 14:24
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East); makewilmslowmatter@gmail.com
Subject: Objection of the Licence for the ST Lounge

To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Councillors

12 Feb 2013

Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

I request that you give very serious consideration to refusing to renew the SEV Licence to the GroveSt Club

The ST Lounge has become an eyesore and during daytime hours looks like a garage and not in keeping with the prestige shops one would expect in an area like Wilmslow

I quite often walk by the ST lounge on my way home from either a restaurant or pub and have seen girls in bra and pants stood in the doorway (not a very good advert for Wilmslow)

My main objection however is the number of underage children that frequent the place . Not only should they not be visiting licensed premises but to visit a "strip club " at the age of 15 / 16 years old is beyond belief. (I have had many reports of this over the last few years). How is it possible for the ST management to say that they are complying with the terms of their licence

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 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.

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.

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?

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?

Conclusion

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

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 my views, which are held by the great majority of Wilmslow residents and refuse to grant the licence renewal.

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To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Sirs

Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

I'm writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club application submit for ST Club.

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

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

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

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

In your 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence, it is stated that the Sexual Entertainment license is "generally considered inappropriate "where there are schools, places of worship, leisure centres and residential areas. On the Council's own website it says that Wilmslow is a residential town. That means that it is located in an inappropriate area according to the 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:

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In my opinion, the Council needs to be sensitive to the uses to which Grove Street is principally put; it is the centre of Wilmslow, 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, and this is offensive to me? The Churches were here first.

The bus stops to Schools, universities and colleges are situated metres away on Green lane. Many women and children use these services, to travel from the many social, and sporting events held in Cheshire, Macclesfield and Manchester.

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?

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. With shutters closed during the day, the ST Club presents it's self as another failed business.

The council and local businesses have undertaken significant activities to make Grove Street an attractive and vibrant family shopping area, with market stalls, coffee shops and on street programmes. This is out of character with the purpose and activities of a late evening into the early hours lap dancing /strip club in the centre of Wilmslow family shopping zone.

Please refuse to renew the License to Sexually Entertain and decline the license application for ST Lounge on Grove Street.

I believe that the ST Club is in the wrong location, in the heart of the main street of a small town, close to residents, schools, shops and churches; 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.

Yours faithfully,





The Licensing Authority,
Cheshire East Borough Council

10 February 2013

By email : licensing@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Lounge, Wilmslow

We wish to register our strong objection to the granting of a renewed Sexual Entertainment Licence to the lap dancing club in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

We have lived in Wilmslow for all of 68 years. We are local shop keepers in Wilmslow and have been for 45 years. We have never seen the economy in Wilmslow as bad as it is now. It is our view that establishments, such as this, destroy the heart of the village by promoting entirely the wrong image of what Wilmslow is all about. This type of late night sex club brings totally the wrong type of people into Wilmslow causing the local villagers to stay away which in turn is having a negative effect on the whole of the community and economy.

Our parents were also local retailers in Wilmslow as Wilmslow used to be, the place to have a business, the place where quality was assured. The presence of this Club on our high street has lowered the tone and image of the village and created an unsafe, threatening environment.

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

The Council have destroyed the heart and soul of Wilmslow by adopting the "cafe culture". Don't make the same mistake again by allowing this Club; whose purpose is to sexually excite its audience, a continued Sexual Entertainment Licence. Don't wait until there is nothing else in the village but a Sex Club, Tattoo parlours, Betting Shops and Charity Shops.

That does not draw business into Wilmslow and therefore, contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow and is preventing the economy of those trying to run other businesses in Wilmslow centre.

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

The Council should be striving to make the town as safe and as prestigious as possible.

Please do not renew the License to Sexually Entertain on Grove Street and invest your energies in bringing Wilmslow back to the fantastic thriving economy it has been.

Yours faithfully,



CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 12 February 2013 15:27
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow - Please refuse the license application

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2013 14:55
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: FITZGERALD, Wesley (Councillor); BARTON, Gary (Councillor); [REDACTED]
Subject: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow - Please refuse the license application

My wife and I are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the ST lap dancing club in Wilmslow. We are asking you to refuse to renew their licence in Grove Street for the following reasons:-

1. We have lived in Wilmslow for over twenty years and have largely felt safe here; now, with the lap-dancing club, we feel much more vulnerable and are reluctant to walk along Grove Street in the evening. We are especially concerned for our teenage daughter who effectively has to walk past the club if she wishes to get from the station to our house. This can be particularly intimidating for a teenage girl;
2. The ST Lounge is 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. The shutters down all day makes it look like it is a failed business.
3. Very few people saw the original advert, placed just once, in the Manchester Evening News the day before New Years Eve! Many people, including ourselves were unable to object, as we did not even know that an application had been made.
4. We consider that a main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club. In your 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of a Sexual Entertainment Venue ("SEV") licence, it is stated that the 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.
5. We ask that you refuse to grant the licence on the grounds that it is "inappropriate to the relevant locality". Around corner from the Club is Saint Teresa's Church in Green Lane; two more churches with large congregations, the Methodist Church and St Bartholomew's, are very close by. The churches were In Wilmslow before the club.
6. The SEV policy also states that under s.3.7, 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 centre of Wilmslow 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.

7. Residents such as ourselves in Hawthorn Park and our fellow residents from Hawthorn Lane, Hawthorn Grove and Grove way would normally have to pass in front of the ST Club, to go to restaurants or just to meet friends. Many now purposely avoid the centre of town and do not walk to friends houses, but drive instead.
8. 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!

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

Kind regards.

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 13 February 2013 08:41
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Grove Street Lap Dancing Club

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2013 18:05
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Grove Street Lap Dancing Club

As a resident of East Cheshire I strongly urge you to deny the licence renewal for the lap dancing club on Grove St.

I would like my children to grow up with healthy attitudes towards sex and not assume that it is a commodity to be bought or sold.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
9th February 2013

To Cheshire East Council

Dear Councillors

Re: ST Lounge Grove Street Wilmslow

I am writing to express my strong objections to granting renewal of the Licence enabling the ST Lounge on Grove Street, Wilmslow to offer sexual entertainment. I urge you to refuse to renew the SEV Licence to the ST Lounge on the following grounds.

- 1 **The ST Lounge is situated on the main pedestrianized street of Wilmslow, Grove Street, which is in the middle of a retail and residential area. This is a totally unsuitable location for premises licensed to offer sexual entertainment.**
- 2 **By day the premises, with their shuttered appearance and black styling, detract from the sense of Grove Street as an attractive pedestrianized street, furnished with benches, and with a healthy mixture of shops, family-friendly cafes, banks, building societies, and a cheerful flower stall. Children enjoy walking along this safe street and are puzzled by the obvious incongruity of the ST Lounge. Furthermore, the area outside the doorway is littered with cigarette ends.**
- 3 **In the evening, during the ST Lounge opening hours, it is impossible to be unaware of the use to which the premises is put, and hard to feel unaffected by this. When I walk through Grove Street in the evening, I feel vulnerable as a woman on my own. I am a resident of Wilmslow who enjoys being within walking distance of the amenities of the town, am a frequent user of public transport, and someone who participates in local activities, and enjoys meeting friends in the cafes of the town. My sense of vulnerability in walking along Grove Street in the evening was certainly heightened by the incident of the performer from the club who was attacked.**
- 4 **There are several churches and schools in the vicinity of the ST Lounge, the leisure centre and railway station are nearby, and the main bus routes all pass along Green Lane, one of the roads adjacent to Grove Street. I am very concerned that young people especially should feel safe as they walk through Grove Street in the evening, and I believe that the presence of the ST Lounge compromises their sense of safety.**

In your 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence, it is stated that the Sexual Entertainment licence is generally considered inappropriate where there are schools, places of worship, leisure centres and residential areas. I therefore urge that you refuse to renew the SEV licence of the ST Lounge on the grounds that it is totally inappropriate to its locality on Grove Street. In doing so, you will be showing respect for the views of huge numbers of residents in Wilmslow who are strongly opposed to allowing the ST Lounge to renew its licence for sexual entertainment.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
CW11 1H2

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Renewal of Sexual Entertainment Licence at ST Lounge, Wilmslow

I am writing to express my objection to the above application. As a resident of Wilmslow for the past 25 years I was appalled when the Council deemed it appropriate to grant a licence to the ST Lounge in the first place.

As a mother of two teenage daughters who frequently visit Wilmslow in the evenings, I am very concerned for their welfare. They frequently walk via Grove Street to visit the various restaurants/public houses in the vicinity and I object strongly to the possibility that they may be accosted by males who have been 'sexually excited' by clients of the ST Lounge – sadly they and the women of Wilmslow are very much at risk of abuse and at worst an attack.

I understand that the management at the ST Lounge, insist that female employees of the ST Lounge are escorted to their vehicles at the end of their shift to ensure their safety. It goes without saying, then, that the women of Wilmslow who are quite innocently and honestly going about their own business are deemed to be in a dangerous predicament if they happen to be in the vicinity of the ST Lounge, due to the fact that the clientele who have been aroused by what they have seen and experienced in this sordid establishment, may take things further when they come across members of the opposite sex!

I am not ashamed to say that I am a 'Christian' with a strong moral ethic, something that appears to be 'sniggered' or 'jeered' at these days – yes it is 'unfashionable' to be a Christian, it is unfashionable to have 'moral' values – but that does not mean to say that as a result, those of us, who follow such values should not have a voice. As a resident of Wilmslow I do have a voice and whether it is fashionable or not it deserves to be heard.

I would urge, therefore, that all those in a position to consider the renewal of the Sexual Entertainments Licence to the ST Lounge, should consider first and foremost the views of residents like myself and refuse this application.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Sir/Sirs/Councillors/

Re: ST Lounge Wilmslow

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

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 areas to go to restaurants and to meet our friends.

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.

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.

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.

Do not give this License to the ST Lounge.

I 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; I 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.

Yours sincerely,



13 February 2013

To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

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

Very few people saw the original advert, placed just once, in the Manchester Evening News the day before New Years Eve! Not surprisingly few people objected, as they did not even know that an application had been made I consider that a main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club.

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. I lived in Wilmslow for many years until recently and raised my children there and ask you to refuse grant on the grounds that it is "inappropriate to the relevant locality".

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. my own children attended Wilmslow High School and still occasionally have nights out in the town. 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 Leisure Centre is a popular and well-used venue, open till 10.15 some nights and later when they are host to the many school and theatre events throughout the year.

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 me, it is a travesty of what Wilmslow represents.

Yours faithfully,

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 13 February 2013 11:26
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Objection to Wilmslow Sex/lap top club

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 February 2013 10:39
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East); [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to Wilmslow Sex/lap top club

PLEASE COPY AND PASTE A:

1, GREETINGS, 2, OBJECTION, 3/4, EXPLANATIONS, AND 5, A CONCLUSION THAT IS RELEVANT TO YOU,
THEN SIGN OFF AND EMAIL TO: licensing@cheshireeast.gov.uk

ALSO, PLEASE FORWARD A COPY TO: makewilmslowmatter@gmail.com

THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF WILMSLOW FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

1.

Dear Sir/Sirs/Councillors/

Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

My family and I are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club/ST Club.

We are writing to ask you to refuse to renew the licence for the ST Club in Grove Street.

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

We are very concerned that the ST Club in Wilmslow has applied to have its licence renewed and we request that you deny the renewal of the SEV Licence to Wilmslow's ST Club. We ask you to consider in detail the effect the existence of such a club is having on Wilmslow's town centre.

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. 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.

We have been living in Wilmslow for many 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.

When my wife and daughter attend an evening event in Wilmslow, they feel more vulnerable and at risk walking along Grove Street past the lap-dancing club, as the majority of shoppers have gone home.

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

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

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 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?

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

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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?

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?

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.

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

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

Conclusion

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

Do not give this License to the ST Lounge.

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of the [REDACTED] which has been resident in Wilmslow for 25 years,

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 13 February 2013 11:28
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Objection to ST Lounge Sexual Entertainment License Application

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Tel: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 February 2013 11:24
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Objection to ST Lounge Sexual Entertainment License Application

Objection to the ST Lounge, Wilmslow application to renew a 'Sexual Entertainment Licence'

A 'sexual entertainment venue' for the purposes of the 1982 Act is "any premises at which relevant entertainment is provided before an audience for the financial gain of the organiser or the entertainer." 'Relevant entertainment' means "any live performance or any live display of nudity which is of such a nature that, ignoring financial gain, it must reasonably be assumed solely or principally for the purpose of sexually stimulating any member of the audience (whether by verbal or other means)." (Cheshire East website)

For further information, the Cheshire East website refers us to Home Office Guidance on Sexual Entertainment Venues (PDF, 137KB). The guidance (Section 3.34) states that 'A license may be refused where: the grant or renewal of the licence would be inappropriate, having regard - to the character of the relevant locality'. The guidance goes on to state that 'a local authority's view on what constitutes a locality could be open to challenge if they took a completely unreasonable view of the area covered' (Section 3.36). Section 3.46 outlines 'A licensing policy for sex establishments might include statements about where local authorities are likely to consider to be appropriate locations for such venues. This could be set out in general terms by reference to a particular type of premises, such as a school or place of worship.'

Cheshire East outlines 5 conditions in which a license will be considered inappropriate where the characteristics of the locality include the following sensitive issues (all of which apply to the proposed STs Lounge in Wilmslow)

- A) an area predominantly comprising residential accommodation;
- B) parks and children's play areas;
- C) schools and youth centres;
- D) places of worship; and
- E) community facilities

Other councils such as Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council identify up to 12 areas in which applications would be unlikely to be successful, the overwhelming majority of which apply to this venue.

Additional criteria include:

- A pre-school facility
- A market
- A public building open to the general public
- A community meeting place
- A community leisure facility
- A location where children may be at risk
- A conservation area

Cornwall Council's Sex Establishment Policy includes:

- Parks and children's play areas
- Residential and sheltered accommodation
- Alcohol or entertainment licensed premises
- Other retail units

In May 2012 (BBC News Cornwall) Inspector Ian Drummond-Smith from Devon and Cornwall Police stated in relation to application for a sex establishment club in Newquay that he was not linking the 14 rapes and 30 sexual assaults directly to the clubs, but their presence "could have been a contributing factor". Tracy Earnshaw (Newquay residents' group said in relation to Newquay's sexual establishments "We have seen an increase in low-level sexual harassment and offensive comments and that's not just at night after nine o'clock, 10 or 11 - this is during the day,"

As a mother of three daughters ranging in age from 18 to 10 years of age I am strongly opposed to the application. I hope that we are never in the position of reflecting on the inappropriateness of or the lack of 'reasonable view of the area covered'. On countless grounds this venue is highly inappropriate and puts the people of Wilmslow, young and old at risk.

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 13 February 2013 14:19
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge Licensing Renewal Application

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 February 2013 14:13
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge Licensing Renewal Application

Dear Sir/Madam

I very much object to the renewal of the ST Lounge's licence renewal as a lapdancing venue and hope that this will be denied. Lapdancing clubs have been shown to increase harassment and sex attacks on women. Indeed, I myself have been harassed as a direct result of the lapdancing club in Altrincham precinct. Since then I have not visited Altrincham, and since I discovered there was a lapdancing club on Grove Street in Wilmslow I have not visited there either. I have no desire to suffer similar harassment and verbal abuse.

While having an enjoyable shopping trip in Altrincham a few years ago my sister, my niece and I took a welcome break in a bar near to the Totties club. A group of men came in and they started joking about the fact they were going to the lapdancing club. They then suggested (in front of my seven year old niece) that my sister and I should go topless for them to save them the cost of going to the club. We were mortified and, for our own and my niece's sake, we felt forced to leave the bar, our lovely family day ruined.

Such venues cause problems for local people and visitors to the town, giving a sleazy air which definitely does not belong in a place like Wilmslow. The detritus left by the club's patrons is unacceptable and the club's presence is most off-putting to shoppers. Women and children should not have to be subject to a sexual entertainment venue in a family shopping area. It demeans women, is often associated and encourages sexual harassment and potentially violence.

Please do not renew the ST Lounge's licence.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Wilmslow Town Council

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13 February 2013

ST Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar **Sexual Entertainment Venue License.**

Wilmslow Town Council in response to the renewal application referred to above would repeat its earlier comments sent to the Chief Executive of Cheshire East Council in August 2013.

The Town Council consider that Wilmslow Town Centre is an inappropriate location as a sexual entertainment venue and that a 'zero' or 'nil' quota for sexual entertainment premises should apply.

This request for refusal of the application relates to the provisions set out in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009, and other appropriate legislation and Government guidance.

Matthew Jackson

Town Clerk
Wilmslow Town Council

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 13 February 2013 15:28
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: re-licensing of ST Lounge

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 February 2013 15:04
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: re-licensing of ST Lounge

We are writing to add our weight to what surely must be an enormous amount of objections to the current location of the ST Lounge in Wilmslow. How councillors can support the existence of such a venue close to residences, schools, churches and parks is beyond our comprehension. Especially when it is ourselves the residents who vote these councillors in to make responsible decisions on our behalf. Quite what relevance or benefit this particular business has in relation to other local businesses has never been explained or justified.

We also think that the location of this club must be having a negative effect on the local area in general and that crime is more likely to occur as a result of its presence. What possible positive benefits it brings to the community are hard to see. Please see commonsense and refuse the renewal of this licence and save the integrity of Wilmslow and its community.

[REDACTED]

10th February 2013

ST Lounge, Wilmslow

The ST Lounge is totally inappropriate for its

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]



12th February 2013

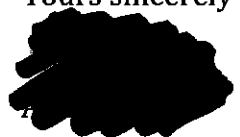
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Dear Councillors,

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

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 sincerely



To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

[REDACTED]

10 February 2013

Dear Councillors,

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

[Redacted address]

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

7th Feb. '13.

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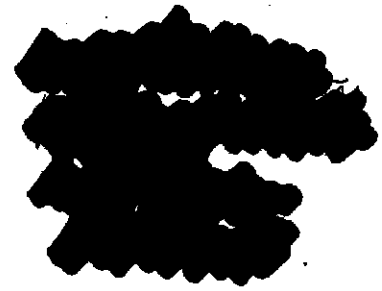
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Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature and address block]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

05/FEB/2013



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Yours faithfully,



To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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08/02/2013

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Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

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Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

[REDACTED]
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4.2.13

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

6th February, 2013

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

6.2.2013

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Yours faithfully,

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[Redacted address block]

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

8th Feb. 2013

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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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RE: ST LOUNGE, Page 165
WILMSLOW

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8/2/2013

Dear Sirs

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

I ask that the Licensing Committee reconsider the issue of granting a licence to this Club. Very few people saw the original advert. I believe it was placed just once, in the MEN Newspaper on Dec 30th! Many people did not object, as they did not even know that an application had been made. They may indeed have followed the Letter of the Law, but the way they did this suggests a wish to avoid public knowledge & their rightful input.

We have lived in Wilmslow for 30 years and have always felt safe here; but now, with the lap-dancing club, we feel much more vulnerable and consequently quite reluctant to walk along Grove Street in the evening. We have heard about the 'dancer' who was attacked by a 'client' from this ST Lounge.

In our opinion 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 absolutely does not fit in with the local businesses.

If my daughters ever go to an evening event in Wilmslow, they say they feel more vulnerable and at risk walking along Grove Street past the lap-dancing club; especially as the majority of shoppers have gone home. On our way home from Strada we always avoid Grove Street nowadays because we feel quite uncomfortable walking past this seedy site. In fact we now go to other places altogether.

I read on their FaceBook site that they are at times on the streets of Wilmslow offering "free tickets" for the ST Lounge strip club. They are already stating they are open at different times to their license application!

The Wilmslow Vision document, which was endorsed by many in the Council—even if by not all members... apparently—wishes to foster "a vibrant, welcoming and accessible town-centre, with a high-quality environment, to draw people into Wilmslow"; it even 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 claiming to seek to provide for the people of Wilmslow.

According to your policy document on the licensing of such sexual entertainment premises, my family and I 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 in this liberal society we live in, 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?

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.

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 I believe are held by the great majority of Wilmslow residents.

On behalf of a family with 4 children & which has been resident in Wilmslow for 30 years

yours concernedly

7th February 2013

The Councillors
Licensing Department
Town Hall
Market Place
Macclesfield
SK10 1DX

Dear Sirs

ST LOUNGE, GROVE ST, WILMSLOW

I am writing to object to the location of the ST Lounge, Grove St, Wilmslow. I feel that it is inappropriate in location - close to residences, churches, schools and parks and is totally out of character with other local businesses.

The club's location has a negative impact on the local area. Please refuse the renewal of the licence.

Yours faithfully





The Licensing Council

Dear Sirs,

27 JAN 013

I am writing to object to the application for a sexual entertainment venue in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

I object on the following grounds:

1. The proposed venue is in the centre of our main street.
2. Wilmslow is too small for this type of business.
3. Such a business is unsuitable within a main shopping area.
4. Such a business is unsuitable in a residential area.
5. Youngster under the age of 16 gather in Wilmslow in the evenings, particularly at weekends.
6. Such a business will devalue our town.
7. It will make groups of women or women on their own feel vulnerable, which they will be!
8. It may encourage illegal behaviour such as prostitution in the town.

I feel that Wilmslow is completely unsuitable for this type of business. What we want to encourage is a good, safe family spirit and community!

Yours faithfully,



To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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

6 February 2013

Dear Councillors,

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

To: The Licensing
Section
Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

We are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club. We have been living in Wilmslow for quite a while and have always felt safe here; now, with the lap-dancing club, we dislike having to walk along Grove Street in the evening.

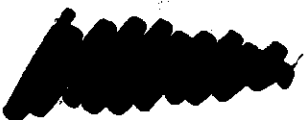



Why does the Council feel that such a venue is acceptable in the main street of a small market town, when it is surrounded by shops, cafes, restaurants, bakers, jewellers, opticians etc? It is completely at odds with the rest of the town. This club is not justified in our local area, with its many residential streets.

We feel that there are other issues you should be considering, too. The future of Wilmslow town centre is at risk 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. We must all do whatever we can to make Wilmslow town centre as good and prosperous as it can possibly be!

We hope for your understanding and ask you to refuse to renew the ST Lounge's licence in Wilmslow.

Yours sincerely,

The Licensing Section
At Cheshire East Council

15.2.13

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: The ST Lounge

We are writing to ask that the Licensing Committee should refuse to grant an SEV licence to the ST Lounge. I, like many people, did not object last time, as I did not even know that an application had been made!

Grove Street is surrounded by residential streets and facilities for the whole community, including children and young adults. Every day, schoolchildren walk past the club, which is next to coffee shops, clothes shops, shoe shops, charity shops and banks. The ST Lounge is in a very inappropriate location, in the middle of a family shopping area. Its very name seems to suggest that it is a strip club!

The police have stated that performers from the club should be safely escorted to their cars; presumably to avoid the attentions of sexually-stimulated customers. It is worrying to think what could happen to young women who might be nearby. Are they going to fall victim to the sexually-stimulated customers from the ST Lounge?

We totally believe that the ST Lounge is in the wrong location, in the heart of the main street of a small town, close to a large number of residents, schools, shops and churches; we feel that it is completely out of character in the area.

Please consider this very carefully. We ask you to refuse the request for a renewal of the ST Lounge's SEV licence.

Yours faithfully,

To: The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: The ST Lounge.

I am writing to object to the application for the renewal of the licence for the ST Lounge. As far as I am concerned, it is appalling that such a place exists in a small town, quite contrary to the ministerial forward, written when the legislation was introduced!

Cheshire East Council has granted a licence to the strip club, situated as it is in Wilmslow's main shopping street, close to several churches, schools and nurseries, the Leisure Centre, the train station and surrounded by family shops, very close to several residential roads where hundreds of people live. It is completely in the wrong location!

Are you not fearful of the consequences? Your decision to grant the application could lead to a very serious attack on local residents by one of the customers from the ST Lounge.

I urge you to think again, carefully, and refuse to renew the SEV licence.

Yours sincerely,

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

Wilmslow High School

Headteacher: [REDACTED]

Holly Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 1LZ

Tel: [REDACTED] • Fax: [REDACTED] • Email: [REDACTED]

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Cheshire East Council
Macclesfield Licensing Office
Town Hall
Market Place
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK10 1DX

5th February 2013

To whom it may concern

Please find attached a letter we wrote in 2012 concerning 'The ST Lounge' in Wilmslow: we understand that the owners have re-applied for a license.

We would like to repeat our concerns about such a facility in Wilmslow.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Headteacher

Wilmslow High School

Headteacher: [REDACTED]

Holly Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 1LZ

Tel: [REDACTED] • Fax: [REDACTED] • Email: [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]
Wilmslow Prep School
Grove Avenue
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5EG

13th June 2012

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 31st May 2012 and the 'Make Wilmslow Matter' mission statement regarding 'The ST Lounge'.

I am happy to support your objections particularly on the grounds that 'this facility is inappropriate to the character of the relevant locality'. Although the school is not adjacent to this club students do live in the community and frequent the centre with family and friends outside school hours.

If nothing else many students do walk to and from school via Grove Street and the values and attitudes, standards and expectations we promote in school are not reflected in this type of activity.

I wish you well in your campaign.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Headteacher

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

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Dear Wilmslow Council

I am over 60, and live in a retirement apartment in Wilmslow centre. Because you have granted a Sex Licence to a club in the centre of Wilmslow, I now feel uncomfortable walking in this area.

I read in the paper that Wilmslow Town Council are unhappy with this venue and voted unanimously that Wilmslow is the wrong location for any type of sex club.

I urge you to do the same.

Many thanks,

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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

7th February 2013

Dear Councillors,


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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


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

13th February 2013

Dear Sirs

ST Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar, Wilmslow

My wife & I note with great alarm the application for renewal of a licence for these premises to enable *"Lap Dancing, Table Dancing, Strip Shows, Full Nudity."*

The use of these premises for this purpose is most undesirable. We have lived in central Wilmslow many years and we are most concerned that all efforts should be made to avoid central Wilmslow becoming blighted by this club continuing to operate this type of entertainment here. We and other residents we know avoid walking down Grove Street or along adjacent streets in the evening when returning from restaurants because of the customers the club attracts. Indeed instead of walking home from the Station in the evening we now have to take a taxi for the short ride.

Wilmslow is a residential town whose quality and high reputation it is essential to maintain. If not maintained the community and businesses will suffer, and the town will not prosper, it will go into decline.

Our understanding is that a Sexual Entertainment license is considered inappropriate "where there are schools, places of worship, leisure centres and residential areas." Given that there are schools, places of worship, residential areas and leisure centre in Central Wilmslow in close proximity to Grove Street surely the renewal of this license is totally inappropriate. We request that the license / renewal of the license is refused

Yours faithfully



From: Make Wilmslow Matter, makewilmslowmatter@gmail.com

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.

[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

Dear Councillors,

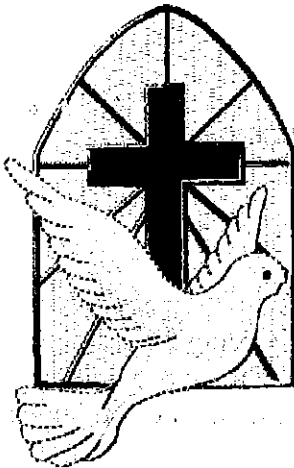
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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Chester

THE PARISH OF WILMSLOW

St. Anne's

St. Bartholomew's

Lacey Green

The Rectory,
15 Parkway,
Wilmslow, SK9 1LS

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

13th February 2013

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Rector of the Parish of Wilmslow and Chair of Churches Together in Wilmslow to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap-dancing club/ST Lounge on Grove Street in Wilmslow because it is not appropriate to the relevant locality. A main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club.

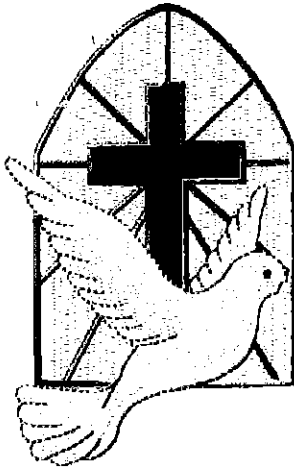
In my opinion, the Council needs to be sensitive to the uses to which Grove Street is principally put. It is an area used by local people young and old alike. It is surrounded by cafés where people meet, by shops and residential streets and facilities for the community in general. Local people make their way to and from schools, shops and churches along Grove Street. Wilmslow Preparatory School is very close by, as are St Teresa's Church and St Bartholomew's Church. Many teenagers from Wilmslow High School walk through town after school and in the evening.

Speaking personally, my teenage daughter walks along Grove Street from our home on Parkway to services and events in the evening at church and the parish hall. She and her friends meet at the local cafes and coffee shops. I am concerned for the safety of young women like her with an establishment like the ST Lounge on Grove Street.

The Parish Office
Wilmslow Parish Hall, Cliff Road, WILMSLOW, Cheshire SK9 4AA
Tel: 01625 555555

e-mail: office@wilmslowparish.org

Wilmslow Parish is a Registered Charity, our Charity Commission number is: 1131056



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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". The presence of the ST Lounge in its present location contradicts this worthwhile aspiration.

I would strongly urge you to refuse to renew the ST Club's licence for its outlet in Wilmslow.

Yours sincerely,

(Rector of Wilmslow Parish and Chair of Churches Together in Wilmslow)

**The Parish Office
Wilmslow Parish Hall, Cliff Road, WILMSLOW, Cheshire SK9 4AA
Tel: **

e-mail: 

Wilmslow Parish is a Registered Charity, our Charity Commission number is: 1131056

Feb 13th 2013

Dear Mrs Cadoux,

I am writing to object to the location of the ST lounge in Wilmslow,

I am objecting on the following grounds,

- 1) As a retired social worker/university lecturer I well know that young girls, especially those lacking real love & affection at home, can easily be attracted to town centre entertainment ~~sites~~ sites, particularly which may be forbidden or dangerous. There are many men, sexual predators, who are only too willing to exploit them. A strip club can easily give such men an opportunity to meet these young girls. The problem is that this may already have happened - and it

may only come to light many years later. See The Guardian Feb 12th 2013 re what was happening in the 1980s & 1990s at Lereham's School.

- (2) The club may be or may become a centre for drugs or money laundering.

Do we really need this?!

- (3) Wilbur is a very pleasant, sophisticated town, quite inappropriate for something as dangerous & tacky as a strip club.

- (4) I was appalled to learn that the club is advertising on the internet, try to cast its membership wider by offering cheap drinks & opportunities for stag nights

- (5) A strip club should be far away from residential areas & schools. Many people who live near the club are fearful of going out at night — according to members ~~who~~ of a group I attended and who live near.

With many thanks



Yours sincerely




CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 13 February 2013 16:50
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW:

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Licensing Administrative Officer
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ
Tel: 

From: 
Sent: 13 February 2013 15:34
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject:

Sent from Windows Mail
DearSirs

I am writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club/ST club situated in Grove Street Wilmslow.
I believe this club to be in a totally inappropriate position to be of any benefit to the residents of Wilmslow.
This establishment would be better suited for a city environment where there are no residents nearby.

yours



CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 14 February 2013 08:34
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Renewal of Licence for strip club

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[REDACTED]
Licensing Administrative Officer
Westfields
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ
Tel: 01273 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 February 2013 18:30
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Renewal of Licence for strip club

Dear Sirs

Re: ST Club in Grove Street, Wilmslow

I am writing to express my objection to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club in Grove Street, Wilmslow. I think it is appalling that such an establishment is located in the heart of our lovely old town and near the church. It makes the area unsafe at night and it gives Wilmslow a bad reputation. I read in the local paper that the owner thinks there are only objections from a "moral minority". I believe that the ordinary decent people of Wilmslow do not want this kind of entertainment and I hope that more people will now make their objections heard.

I have lived in Wilmslow for 25 years and I hope that residents' views will be taken seriously when you come to make your decision about the licence.

Yours faithfully
[REDACTED]

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m [REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 14 February 2013 08:34
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Lap Dancing Club Wilmslow

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Amanda Hinton

Licensing Administrative Officer
Westfields
Middlewich Road
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Cheshire
CW11 1HZ
Tel: 01270 371116

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 February 2013 23:26
To: [REDACTED]; LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Lap Dancing Club Wilmslow

Dear Sir Madam

I wish to object to the lap dancing license renewal for the ST Lounge in Wilmslow. I do not feel it is sited at an appropriate location. Several businesses around are aimed towards children & families & the fully nude element of the club is dis-tasteful. The club has contributed to the breakdown of one of my personal friends marriages as my friends husband spent several hundred pounds in the club. Had this not been as easy an option to finish off the night in the club he may still have his wife & kids.

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 14 February 2013 09:39
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Application for Renewal of Licence for the ST Lounge, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2013 09:33
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Re: Application for Renewal of Licence for the ST Lounge, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

Dear Councillors

Re: Application for Renewal of Licence for the ST Lounge, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

Before you decide to renew the SEV Licence, for the ST Lounge, I am asking you to consider in detail the effect the existence of such a club has on the ambience and safety of Wilmslow's town centre.

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 Lounge is to sexually excite its audience. That does not draw most people into Wilmslow and therefore contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow.

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If out on my own in Wilmslow in the evening I would feel more vulnerable and at risk walking along Grove Street past the ST Lounge as the majority of shoppers would have gone home. I would choose another route to avoid having to pass the club. I strongly resent that I now do not feel at ease in the town centre at night in a place where I have lived for 24 years.

I believe that the ST Lounge is in the wrong location, in the heart of the main street of a small town, close to residential areas, schools, shops and churches. I feel that it is completely out of character in the area. I also believe that it prejudices the safety of women out at night in the town centre. I ask you to consider all these points most carefully, when you are making your decision about whether to grant the licence renewal.

Yours faithfully

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To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Sirs

Re: ST Lounge in Wilmslow's main street

My family and I are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club/ST Club.

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.

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 areas to go to restaurants and to meet our friends.

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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?

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The Leisure Centre is a popular and well-used venue, open till 10.15 some nights and later when they are host to the many school and theatre events throughout the year.

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

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

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? My family and I 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?

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 police have stipulated/made the condition/insisted that performers from the club should be safely escorted to their cars as they are vulnerable (presumably to avoid the attentions of sexually-stimulated customers), it is worrying to think what might happen to other young women, who might be in the vicinity. Are they going to fall prey to the sexually-stimulated?

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

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

Yours faithfully,



CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 14 February 2013 11:01
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Licence Renewal Application - ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2013 10:50
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Licence Renewal Application - ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

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

I consider that a main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club, especially one with full nudity, given the large number of family / children orientated businesses in the vicinity. The club does not fit in with the local businesses. The web site states they can open for private groups "when they are closed to the public". They are already stating they are open at different times to their license application!

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

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

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

In 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.

The Leisure Centre is a popular and well-used venue, open till 10.15 some nights and later when they are host to the many school and theatre events throughout the year.

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

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". I would argue that a lap dancing club does NOT maintain the quality of Wilmslow.

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, another barrier to the rejuvenation of the 'High Street'.

In conclusion, please refuse to renew the License to Sexually Entertain on Grove Street. I believe that the ST Club is in the wrong location, in the heart of the main street of a small town, close to residents, schools, shops and churches; I feel that it is completely out of character in the area. I ask you to consider this most carefully, when you are making your decision about whether to grant the licence renewal. Far from being a part of the 'moral minority' (according to today's Wilmslow Express!), I believe I am part of the majority - moral or otherwise - who want to see the best interests of Wilmslow served.

Yours sincerely,

A blacked-out signature, likely of the sender, located below the closing "Yours sincerely,".

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 14 February 2013 12:02
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: objection to license renewal for ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2013 11:40
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: objection to license renewal for ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

To whom it may concern,

Please let it be officially noted that as a resident of Wilmslow, I strongly object to the license of the ST lounge on Grove Street being renewed.

Wilmslow is supposed to be a family-orientated town and a sexual entertainment club has no place on the main shopping street, where many families, young children and teenagers pass by each day and evening. Grove Street, our main shopping area, is near several churches, several primary schools and Wilmslow High School, not to mention the Leisure Centre, several churches and the railway station. A sex club is certainly not appropriate to be placed in the same area as these.

I am aware that the lounge only operates late evening, however, many families/teenagers/children are around the town centre 9pm or later because of visiting friends or relatives, travelling from Manchester, going to evening events at the schools or churches, going out to a restaurant, etc and surely these vulnerable groups should not be exposed to a sex club in the middle of the high street?

As a woman, I used to feel safe going into Manchester and coming back later at 11pm or so, happy to safely walk home. I was also happy to walk through Wilmslow at night after giving custom to one of the many restaurants or bars, however, since the opening of this club, I no longer feel safe to go out at night and if I do venture into Manchester, I have to go to the expense of getting a taxi from the station as I no longer feel safe walking home through the centre of Wilmslow when it is full of testosterone-fuelled males visiting this sex establishment. I object to the fact that my safety feels threatened in my own town because of this club....I have a right to walk safely without fear in my own town. I was under the impression that Wilmslow had a zero-tolerance to the blatant exposure of such a club in the middle of a family community.

Please make sure my objections to this club are noted.

[REDACTED]
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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 14 February 2013 14:25
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Club, Grove Street, Wilmslow - Sexual Entertainment Venue License

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2013 14:13
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: ST Club, Grove Street, Wilmslow - Sexual Entertainment Venue License

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was alarmed to see in the local press that the ST Club on Grove Street Wilmslow, have applied for a renewal of their 'Sexual Entertainment Venue License'. I strongly object to this renewal being granted as I believe Grove Street is a highly inappropriate location for this type of club.

Grove Street is a pedestrianised, family shopping area and this club does not belong where children and families pass by on their way to school or church.

I urge you not to grant this renewal as it is not in keeping with a rural, family-orientated town.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 14 February 2013 14:42
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Objection

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2013 14:41
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: [REDACTED] m
Subject: Objection

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the renewing of the "strip club" license at the ST Lounge on Grove Street, Wilmslow.

As a resident of Wilmslow for the past 40 years, we feel that we have been barred from the main shopping street in the town in the evening, as the whole area feels unsafe and unclean and not in keeping with a residential Town.

Please do not renew this license.

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 14 February 2013 15:11
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ugent attention please

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2013 15:00
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ugent attention please

Dear Licensing Authority,

My eldest sister moved to Wilmslow 15 years ago. We have loved visiting her at her retirement apartment, and many happy family celebrations have been held there. I write to tell you that we are most upset that a strip club opened last year, and that [REDACTED] is not going out in the evenings and is reconsidering whether she should stay in Wilmslow. She loves her little apartment and has made many friends and used to have an excellent social life, which if I am honest we all envied. We saw Wilmslow as that 'up market' town, the envy of most of people. Surely you cannot allow this deterioration without something of a conscience.

She has told me that an 'ST Lounge' applied for a license to Sexually Entertain last year. She heard about this and rang the Council to say she was very worried. She tells me that **she was told by someone in your office** that she was too late to object, that she should have seen it in the paper. She has since found out that the advert she **"Should have seen" was in the Manchester Evening News the day before New Years Eve.** My sister was away for New year with family, probably just like most of you. We hear such tales of manipulation of the public and burying news at certain times of the year, yet I cannot believe such practice applies and is condoned by Cheshire East. Surely Not.

Also, because she lives in Cheshire she does not buy the Manchester papers. **The lady also informed her that the other way to discover if this sort of thing is happening is by reading notices on the front of the strip club.** Perhaps you would allow me to ask you all when you last read notices in front of a strip club? My sister says that she does not like looking in the window of strip clubs, probably just like most of you. Apparently she has discovered that the place has reapplied! We all decided to visit and look at this place, we read the notice this time. **It is a discreet notice in white in a lovely frame on the front of the place.** Shocking, truly shocking, that the vulnerable elderly, as well as local children, attending the school close to this 'place' should be subjected to such places within their vicinity.

I am writing to tell you there must be a mistake. I think planning notices should be brightly coloured to attract attention. Also, I am informed that the neighbours and residents must be informed in order to allow objection. When my friend wanted to make slight changes to her property she had to have a bright blue notice on the lamppost AND the council wrote to her neighbours. I am sure that your Council must have the same policy, particularly as this type of thing has a massive effect on an area, obviously a detrimental one. Surely you write to members of the community to let them know that such a massive change is going to occur? After all Councils write to residents when they want to be elected, they use electoral registers. Why are the residents not informed? Perhaps you would be kind enough to inform me why has not happened?

May I remind you that the application is for "FULLY NUDE LAP DANCES. TABLE DANCES AND STRIP SHOWS" This is all near [REDACTED] Retirement apartment, yards from the bus stop where she used to get off returning from the Bridgewater Hall, and on the pedestrian way to her local shop. Now she says if she has run out of milk in the evening, she does without, probably just like you.

Please look into this as a matter of urgency. I think some one has made a terrible mistake with some rather tragic consequences.

12 February 2013

Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council
Town Hall
Market Place
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK10 1DX

Dear Sir

ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow – SEV Licence Renewal

I am writing to object to the renewal of the above licence and request that you refuse on the grounds that the club is having a detrimental effect on the character of the town centre and on the many small shops and businesses whose continued existence may be put at risk.

Having worked in Wilmslow for nearly 20 years I have witnessed its steady decline and another "shuttered" shop front during normal shopping hours just adds to the general rundown appearance of Grove Street.

But perhaps of more significance are the comments I hear particularly from our female and more elderly patients who refer to their sense of unease and discomfort when passing the Club when it is open in the evenings, often preferring not to walk past it at all. This is surely not conducive to the Council's stated aim "to foster a vibrant, welcoming and accessible town centre".

I do recognise that there is a market for such venues but they should be located where their presence does not have such a negative effect on their immediate business neighbours and on the very character or the town centre. What message does this send out about Wilmslow and its leadership?

I therefore ask that you consider carefully the wider consequences of a decision to renew the licence and to exercise courage to do what is right, not what is easiest.

Yours faithfully

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 15 February 2013 08:54
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2013 22:24
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow.

I believe the licence for this club is due for renewal, and I would just like to add my voice to the considerable number who would prefer not to have premises of this nature in the centre of our small town, on a busy pedestrianised way.

I realise that there is a demand for clubs of this nature, but I don't think that this is the place.

During the day, the shuttered and rather scruffy frontage does nothing to enhance the town, and at night, I feel it is bringing a kind of notoriety that Wilmslow can well do without.

I hope you will not renew the licence.

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 15 February 2013 08:55
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: S.T.Lounge Wilmslow

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 February 2013 00:22
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: S.T.Lounge Wilmslow

Please do not allow this venue to continue, we need more general shops not sex clubs. Manchester is the place for this type of entertainment. We are already plagued by drunks at closing time from the so called wine bars. Lets try to raise our game and attract some decent shops and businesses. Class not crass.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Via Email: licensing@cheshireeast.gov.uk

14th February 2013

Dear Sirs

Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

I am writing to ask you to refuse to renew the licence for the ST lounge in Grove Street.

I have lived in the Wilmslow area for over 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.

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 entirely and has become a no go area for women and children. My partner and I now visit other areas to go to restaurants and to meet our friends.

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 15 February 2013 10:12
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Licensing of ST Lounge in Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 February 2013 09:12
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Licensing of ST Lounge in Wilmslow

To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Councillors,

Re: ST Lounge in Wilmslow's main street

My husband and I are writing to request that you give very serious consideration to refusing to renew the SEV Licence to the St Club in Grove Street, Wilmslow. We ask you to consider in detail the effect the existence of such a club is having on Wilmslow's town centre. We believe that the first licence was granted without the knowledge of most Wilmslow inhabitants, as the original advert was placed just once, in the Manchester Evening News the day before New Year's Eve! Many people, including us, did not object then, as we did not even know that an application had been made.

We consider that a main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club. There are many shops catering specially for children close by, so it does not fit in at all with the local businesses. The building itself has become an eyesore; having the shutters down all day makes it look like yet another failed business. 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.

Grove Street is an area used by all the locals, young and old. 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. Teenagers from Wilmslow High School often walk through town, after school and the many evening sporting events. The bus stops to Schools, universities and colleges are situated metres away on Green lane. Many thousands of women and children use these services. Nearby, the train station transports a million passengers from the Wilmslow area per year, at all times of the day and night. This is just not the right place to site a fully nude lap dancing/strip club.

We were also very concerned when we heard about the performer who was attacked by a client from the St Lounge, and left injured by the roadside. This client is not the sort of person we want to have wandering around our fairly small town! Why should people be wary or fearful of strolling along their main street at night? The Council should be striving to make the town as safe as possible .

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, which seems to be quite at odds with what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow.

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". I would ask the Council to determine that the appropriate number of SEV's in this locality is indeed nil. The fact that the Committee granted the SEV licence for ST Lounge in 2012 should have no bearing on the outcome of the application for renewal. The Committee should consider each application afresh and is entitled to determine on renewal that the grant would be inappropriate having regard to the character of the relevant locality or the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put.

We hope you will refuse to renew the ST Club's licence for its outlet in Wilmslow. To us, it is a travesty of what Wilmslow represents.

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

Yours faithfully,

A blacked-out signature, likely of a council member or representative, used to redact the name of the person sending the letter.

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 15 February 2013 11:01
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST LOUNGE : WILMSLOW. -- RENEWAL OF LICENSE.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 February 2013 10:24
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST LOUNGE : WILMSLOW. -- RENEWAL OF LICENSE.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the renewal of the St Lounge license to continue operating on Grove Street in Wilmslow.

I support the view of the Town Council that Wilmslow should be designated a "zero locality" for sexual entertainment venues by the licensing authority.

The argument that closing St Lounge would visually add to the number of empty shops on Grove St. doesn't hold water as St Lounge is closed up all day and already appears to be a dead business with it's ugly roller shutter door. It certainly doesn't improve the street scene. The 'empty shops' problem is symptomatic of the present economic difficulties and requires a more creative solution.

I do not have a problem with lap dancing clubs or any other forms of sexual entertainment venues however softcore or hardcore they purport to be. It is the LOCATION of these venues which is the issue and I don't consider a small Rural town to be appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 15 February 2013 11:06
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 February 2013 11:03
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Re: ST Club, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

The Licensing Department, Cheshire East.

I am requesting that you consider seriously this, my letter of complaint and upset at the application for renewal of the SEV licence to the ST Club in Grove Street, Wilmslow. Please consider the following points to be worth noting.

I gather that the application for the licence renewal was "publicly noticed" in the Manchester Evening News last New Year's Eve. Not something widely read by the local resident at that particular date, myself included. This style of behaviour smacks of the underhand.

Yes, I am a long time resident of the place, having been born here. And I may add, carried on a business years ago in the adjoining Hawthorn Lane, therefore I'm not averse to proper progress. I do not consider a Lap Club to be proper progress for this town. However, if a Lap Club is now considered progress, then not in the main shopping street.

As many of your objectors will no doubt have stressed, the site during the day is particularly unpleasant. It presents a seedy large frontage.

At night the same can be said for it in another presentation. It is not the nicest of viewing. I do not feel at all comfortable in that area, in fact, somehow, I feel threatened and avoid it.

A Lap Club will certainly prevent families going out for meals to restaurants and cafes in the surrounding area.

Is not Cheshire East speaking favourably of the "Wilmslow Vision" which to my, and many folks I know, is giving a ray of hope and uplift to a Town Centre desperately in need of restoration and revival. Restoration to the homely and even vibrant and clean and happy place most people want to live and work in.

You in officialdom, know what I am saying, but I'm just using layman's words. Please accept this letter as a serious and heartfelt plea to you to refuse the application for an SEV licence for:

The ST Club at 16, Grove Street Wilmslow. Cheshire.

[REDACTED]

9:2:13.

Dear members of the Licensing Committee please give this letter a few minutes of your precious time as you are about to make a decision to grant or reject a renewal license for the ST lounge. Grove St. Wilmslow. I would like to say we are proud of our family reputation here, legittably the shops are no longer family run but are kept to a high standard.

Wilmslow once a village, now a delightful town to live in. On reflection back over 50 yrs life has changed dramatically we can hardly believe this possible, we all have to be a part of change whether or not we want to be. We only get one chance to live our lives on this earth to the best of our ability. A sexual club needed by so few does not help to keep our well earned reputation here. Could you please consider a possible alternative to absorb this club maybe the city of Manchester where it is likely to be accepted by all.

I feel very strongly about this, surely Wilmslow is not the place, it has caused such discontent. With your diligence in this matter we could enjoy a contented life once again.

Yours hopefully


8th Feb 2013

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


Re: St Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar, Wilmslow. Notice of
application for the Renewal of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We see the ST lounge in Wilmslow has applied to renew their Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence.

We wish to object most strongly on the following grounds:

Grove Street is not a suitable location for this type of business. It is the main pedestrian thoroughfare in Wilmslow; linking schools, churches, public transport, the leisure centre, the library, the 'Carrs', retail outlets and residential areas. It is vital to the town that everyone should feel comfortable using this route at all times of the day.

In addition the club has not adhered to its all its license conditions; namely condition 10, agreeing not to solicit for business. Some months ago, whilst walking past the ST lounge I () was handed a very graphic business card promoting their trade.

We understand the ST Lounge has signed the Archangel Agreement, promoting responsible drinking. Yet despite prompting from the Senior Enforcement Officer (Licensing) to remove the offer, 'shots from a pound' are still being promoted on their website.

In light of the above we ask you to reject this application.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

6 February 2013

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

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Lounge Grove Street Wilmslow

I write in respect of the aforementioned business in Wilmslow.

Having been established for the last 13 years we as an Independent business are in the process of opening another two operations in the local area. We wanted to mirror our existing business and offer an up market individual Continental Bistro in Wilmslow town centre.

We have spent a considerable amount of time and effort in trying to find the right location in the town only to find that we would be in the same vicinity as a 'Lap Dancing and Gentlemen's Club'. The clients that are attracted to this sort of establishment and are not in keeping with our 'family friendly' clean image. With that in mind we have made a decision NOT to bring our business investment into Wilmslow at this present time.

On a personal level as a former resident of Wilmslow and having been educated in the town I feel, that allowing such a distasteful enterprise to 'ply its wares' in a prominent high street position shows a total disregard for the residents in the immediate. I would also suggest that as children use the street to commute back and forth to school does this type of establishment set the right example to young minds?

Yours faithfully,
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10.2.2013

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Dear Licensing,

When I have been to the theatre or leisure centre, to watch a show at my grandson's school or sporting event we often walk home together down Grove street.

Last summer, I noticed a thick set man standing on his own outside with his arms folded. I felt threatened by his presence. I was curious because there was a purple light coming from the front of a shop. Imagine my horror when I realized that a group of men in front of us were going into a strip club on Grove Street! I clutched my boy's hand and we swerved to avoid them.

Surely this type of entertainment should not be on the pedestrianized area where the over 60's and children walk home from the leisure centre or just between homes. I now will not walk down Grove Street after 5p.m. or when it is dark. Nor will I let my grandson and his friends-honestly it upsets me and makes me feel uncomfortable and unsafe.

I feel strongly that this type of "entertainment" should not be situated in a family area next to family shops. In Manchester, I believe they are situated down side streets and in down-market areas. Please consider the effect the existence of such a club is having on Wilmslow's town centre and deny the renewal of the Sex License to Wilmslow's ST Club. Also I do not want my address to be given out to them.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

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31/01/13-

RE: ST Lounge, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my objections to the application for an SEV licence for the above premises.

The grounds of my objections are as follows:

The ST Lounge is within a residential area.

There are many residences within a short distance of the club, in Grove Avenue, in Green Lane and in Hawthorn Lane. Water Lane, with many residential roads off, is close, too.

The lounge is near to schools, nurseries and the Leisure Centre.

Grove Street, a pedestrianised area, is probably the most focal part of the town. During term-time, the lounge is passed many times a day, by children making their way to schools and nurseries, such as Wilmslow Prep, Wilmslow High, the nursery near Ten Little Monkeys, the Leisure Centre, which is used regularly by children.

The ST Lounge is near parks and other recreational areas used by children.

Although it is not a designated recreational area, Grove Street is an area where people sit, on the many benches provided, outside the many cafes located there and it is an area where youngsters meet and stay late into the evening. In addition, many children pass the lounge on the way to access facilities in the Carrs.

The ST Lounge is situated near churches.

The lounge is probably less than 100 yards from St Teresa's Church, and maybe 200 yards to St Bartholomew's and to Wilmslow Methodist Church. Why should parishioners have to pass the lounge on their way to worship? Grove Street provides the most direct route and the safest route, as it is pedestrianised.

For years, residents have been concerned about anti-social behavior that emanates from the existing licensed premises in the town centre. Surely the fact that the ST Lounge is open until very late will encourage excessive alcohol intake? This, added to the fact that the purpose of the club is to "sexually stimulate" its customers, could cause real problems as far as the level of crime and anti-social behaviour is concerned!

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

8th Feb., 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge in Wilmslow.

We wish to object to the above application for a sex establishment venue licence, because, in our view, it will adversely affect the future of Wilmslow; it will not be in the interests of local residents; it will give an inappropriate message both to visitors to the town and to the large numbers of families with children of school age, who regularly use the town for commercial and entertainment purposes.

We note that in your policy statement, that you make conditions about granting an SEV licence; in Wilmslow, we have the following sensitive uses in the location of the lounge: there are play areas not far away; there are three places of worship within 200 metres; there is a prep school, a nursery and a high school not far away; there is a huge amount of residential accommodation, in Hawthorn Lane, Green Lane and Grove Avenue and much more off Water Lane; there is a well-used Leisure Centre.

Whilst we regret that anyone feels the need for sex establishments, we are realistic enough to know that the sex industry will always exist. Our objection is based on the fact that such places would be better located in larger urban areas, away from residential streets and facilities used by local residents, particularly by young people.

Please help to protect our town.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

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The Licensing Team
Cheshire East Council

08/02/2013

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, the ST Lounge 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. Hopefully, in future, they might no longer allow that when they consider what possible crimes it might provoke, such as prostitution and rape! The club's website advertises "50 nude babes" for hire at private parties. Is this really the way forward?

With great concern, yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

[REDACTED]

9th February 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

The premises are inappropriately situated in the centre of the town, in a pedestrianised street, used regularly by families and children. Such an establishment would be better situated in a large urban area, away from the residential streets of Wilmslow; Grove Avenue, Grove Street, Hawthorn Lane and residential streets off Water Lane are all very close by.

The lounge makes no positive contribution to the town at all, and will tend to drive away other businesses. It is an eyesore during the day, with its shutters down.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council

28.1.13

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: The ST Lounge.

I am writing to object to the application for the renewal of the licence for the ST Lounge. As far as I am concerned, it is appalling that such a place exists in the midst of a small town, quite contrary to the ministerial forward, written when the legislation was introduced!

Cheshire East Council has granted a licence to the strip club, situated as it is in Wilmslow's main shopping street, close to several churches, schools and nurseries, the Leisure Centre, the train station and surrounded by normal family shops, very close to several residential roads where hundreds of people live. It is completely in the wrong location!

Are you not fearful of the consequences? Your decision to grant the application could lead to a very serious attack on local residents.

I urge you to think again, carefully, and refuse to renew the SEV licence.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

The Licensing Committee

Cheshire East

27.1.13

Dear Committee

Re: St Lounge

I am writing to object to the application for a renewal of the licence for the ST Lounge in Grove Street.

The location, right in the centre of town is not suitable; it is the main focus of many community events, such as the Artisan Market and the fundraising by Rotary at Christmas.

Wilmslow is family oriented, with churches, clothes shops, jewellers, flower shops, opticians, banks, building societies, shoe shops, a department store, cafes and restaurants, not in keeping with a sex establishment at all! It is amazing that the licence was ever granted, as the location is entirely contradictory to your stipulations of where such a business can be sited.

The benches just outside the club are used regularly by teenagers going to and from Wilmslow High School; the club is only about 200 yards from Wilmslow Prep School and Nursery; it is about 200 yards from Kiddy Creche on Alderley Road and the little Teddy Bear shop in Wilmslow Arcade. The club is set in a particularly inappropriate location!

Who, in our community, is going to benefit from the club? House prices could easily suffer. Wouldn't it be more suitable to encourage retail outlets, instead? The shop next to it has been vacant for over a year now, probably as it is off-putting to normal businesses. Will drunk or aroused customers threaten the safety of women locally? Unfortunately, it is all too possible! This is the wrong location for a sex establishment. Please reconsider.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

To: The Licensing Dept.,
Cheshire East Council

Dear Councillors,

Re: The ST Lounge,

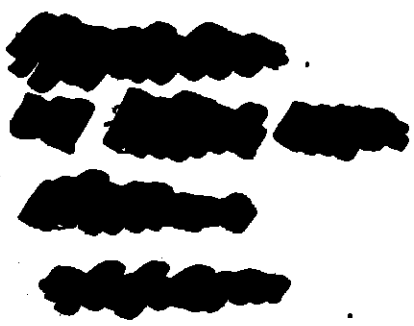

Wilmslow

We are writing to let you know that we strongly disapprove of the granting of a licence for the strip club in Grove Street.

It is our firm belief that the St Lounge is inappropriate to the relevant locality. It is situated in the main street of a small local town, with clothes and shoe shops, bakeries, shoe repair shops, banks and cafés all around it. There are also several churches and schools nearby, as well as a great many flats and houses! It seems totally obvious that the strip club is absolutely in the wrong location and that it should never have been allowed to exist in Wilmslow.

Please take careful note of our very strong objection and make the decision to remove the SEV licence from the ST Lounge. Wilmslow Town Council has already made contact with you over this issue, as reported in the Express Advertiser. Please listen to them, as they represent our views!

Yours faithfully,



27/1/13.

The Licensing Committee
Cheshire East Council

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Dear Sir

28/11/2013

I wish to object to the ST Lounge's application for a licence.

The licence would be inappropriate because:

- The club is near a residential area.
- It is in an area frequented by children going to and from school and visiting local shops.
- It is en route to The Carrs, which houses a playground and a park.
- It is close to three churches, St Teresa's, St Bartholomew's and Wilmslow Methodist Church.
- It is located in the pedestrianised main shopping street of Wilmslow.
- As it opens late, it attracts customers from closing pubs and restaurants in surrounding areas, thus making Grove Street a no-go area for residents.

For the future of our town, for its inhabitants and businesses, it is important to conserve the character of Wilmslow. Great care should be taken to ensure that enterprises in Wilmslow help and support the town and its struggling shops and businesses. I firmly believe that the ST Lounge has the opposite effect on Wilmslow!

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

The Licensing Committee,
Cheshire East Council

28.1.13

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: the lap dancing club in Wilmslow.

My family and I are disturbed by the presence of the ST Lounge in Grove Street and feel that its location is totally inappropriate, considering that it is surrounded by what we consider to be much more normal shops and businesses, mainly for family use.

A measure was introduced to give Councils the right to have no SEVs in their area; indeed the ministerial foreword emphasises that particular freedom of choice, without fear of reprisal or court action. I urge the Council to revisit the legislation and see!

Please help to restore the true nature of Wilmslow's character, by refusing to allow the planning application for the renewal of the ST Lounge's SEV licence.

Yours Sincerely,

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The Licensing Office

Cheshire East Council

28 January 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Licensing application for ST Lounge in Grove Street.

I object to the application. The location of the premises is very close to three residential roads, Grove Avenue, Hawthorn Lane and Green Lane and is also close to churches and schools.

In your own criteria, you seem to be against the juxtaposition of such clubs with housing, shops, schools and places of worship, so how can you consider granting this application?

It is also a pedestrianised road, where Wilmslow residents linger, sitting on the benches, where there are charity shops, shoe shops, banks, restaurants, and gift shops for all members of the family. It is where we have a regular artisan market, selling cheeses, cooked meats, bread, cakes, jewellery, toys, bags etc, as opposed to the ST Lounge which sells sex!

The stated purpose of the ST Lounge is to stimulate its customers sexually. How is it appropriate to grant a licence to a sex establishment, in the heart of Wilmslow's main street, in which our traditional values are represented, in which we put up Christmas decorations and where the rotary Club raises money for charity?

Please reject the application.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]



2nd Feb. 2013

The Licensing Council

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the application for a sexual entertainment venue in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

I object on the following grounds:

1. The proposed venue is in the centre of our main street.
2. Wilmslow is too small for this type of business.
3. Such a business is unsuitable within a main shopping area.
4. Such a business is unsuitable in a residential area.
5. Youngster under the age of 16 gather in Wilmslow in the evenings, particularly at weekends.
6. Such a business will devalue our town.
7. It will make groups of women or women on their own feel vulnerable, which they will be!
8. It may encourage illegal behaviour such as prostitution in the town.

I feel that Wilmslow is completely unsuitable for this type of business. What we want to encourage is a good, safe family spirit and community!

Yours faithfully,



The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

3. 2. 13

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Grove Street, a pedestrianised area, is probably the most focal part of the town. During term-time, the lounge is passed many times a day, by children making their way to schools and nurseries, such as Wilmslow Prep, Wilmslow High, the nursery near Ten Little Monkeys, the Leisure Centre, which is used regularly by children.

The ST Lounge is near parks and other recreational areas used by children.

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Yours faithfully,

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To: The Licensing Section

Cheshire East Council

27.1.13

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

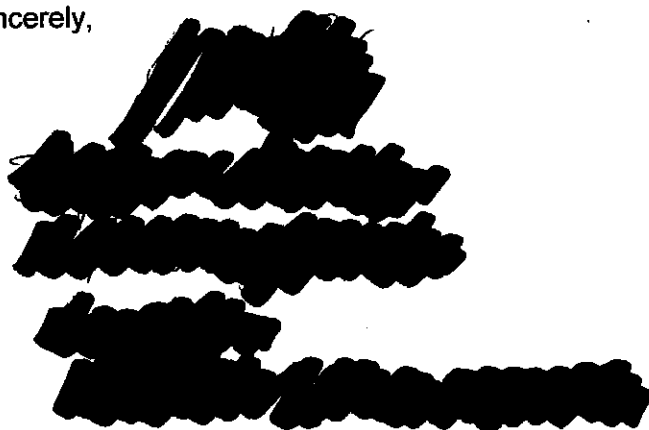
We are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club. We have been living in Wilmslow for quite a while and have always felt safe here; now, with the lap-dancing club, we dread having to walk along Grove Street in the evening.

Why does the Council feel that such a venue is acceptable in the main street of a small market town, when it is surrounded by normal shops, cafes, restaurants, bakers, jewellers, opticians etc? It is completely at odds with the rest of the town. This venue is not justified in our local area, with its many residential streets.

We feel that there are other issues you should be considering, too. The future of Wilmslow town centre is at risk 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?

We hope for your understanding and ask you to refuse to renew the ST Lounge's licence in Wilmslow.

Yours sincerely,



The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

28.1.2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

The premises are inappropriately situated in the centre of the town, in a pedestrianised street, used regularly by families and children. Such an establishment would be better situated in a large urban area, away from the residential streets of Wilmslow; Grove Avenue, Grove Street, Hawthorn Lane and residential streets off Water Lane are all very close by.

The lounge makes no positive contribution to the town at all, and will tend to drive away other businesses. It is an eyesore during the day, with its shutters down.

Yours faithfully,



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3.2.2013

Dear Licensing Committee,

I wish to object to the renewal of the Sexual Entertainment License by a premises on Grove Street.

This club is used as a late night drinking premises by local people , with which I do not have a problem. The granting of a Sexual Entertainment license, however, has had the effect of attracting the wrong crowd into Wilmslow, and lowers the tone of the area.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

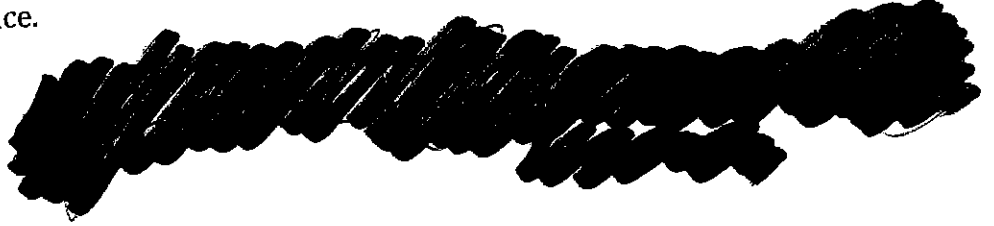
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We also think that the location of the club is having a negative effect on the local area, in that crime is more likely as a result of its presence. Please refuse to renew the SEV licence.

5.2.13

Yours faithfully,



To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

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1-2-13

Dear Licensing,

I have lived in this area for many years and many friends and family members have been shocked and extremely concerned that you granted a License to perform fully nude strip shows and lap dances most evenings in the heart of Wilmslow.

Stag nights now come to the area for this type of club. This area is just wrong, and inappropriate for Sexual Entertainment, so near schools, churches and in the heart of Wilmslow, a residential town according to the Councils web site. Please refuse to renew the Sexual Entertainment License you gave to the ST Lounge, and make Wilmslow a better place.

Yours truly,

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The Licensing Officer

Cheshire East Council.

29.01.03

Dear Sir

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,

The Licensing Council

29th January 2013

Dear Sirs,

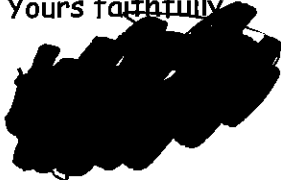
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3. Such a business is unsuitable within a main shopping area.
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5. Youngster under the age of 16 gather in Wilmslow in the evenings, particularly at weekends.
6. Such a business will devalue our town.
7. It will make groups of women or women on their own feel vulnerable, which they will be!
8. It may encourage illegal behaviour such as prostitution in the town.

I feel that Wilmslow is completely unsuitable for this type of business. What we want to encourage is a good, safe family spirit and community!

Yours faithfully,



The Licensing Department,
Cheshire

29.01.03

Dear Sirs,

Application for a sex establishment in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

We write to express our objection to the above application. We are residents of Wilmslow and use the town centre frequently, both in the daytime, and in the evening, to shop and to frequent restaurants and other facilities.

Although we have no moral objection to sex establishments, such as this lap-dancing club, we do not believe that the site in Grove Street is the right place for its location.

As a general point, Wilmslow has its own identity, as a small market town; having such a club right in the centre is plainly out of keeping with the character of the locality and could be damaging to Wilmslow's attempts to attract greater footfall to the town.

The most important thing about the site is that it could not be closer to the heart of the town, right on the main street, close to a shop where children's shoes are sold, Clark's, and opposite Claire's, a gift shop, frequented mainly by children and teenagers.

It is in an area which has a high footfall of people of all ages, as they go about their daily business. It also has benches for people to sit and enjoy the town. More often than not, the benches are occupied by small groups of young people from Wilmslow High School, on schooldays and at weekends, enjoying the company of their friends.

It is in a prime spot, in the centre of Wilmslow, which should be available for the community as a whole. It is clearly the wrong location for a business of this type.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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Dear Councillors,

3.2.13

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

The Licensing Committee
Cheshire East Council

[REDACTED]

31st January 2013

Dear Sir

I wish to object to the ST Lounge's application for a licence.

The licence would be inappropriate because:

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- It is in an area frequented by children going to and from school and visiting local shops.
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Cheshire East council

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Yours faithfully,

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4/2/13

The Licensing Committee
East Cheshire Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application for a Sex Establishment Licence
Grove Street, Wilmslow

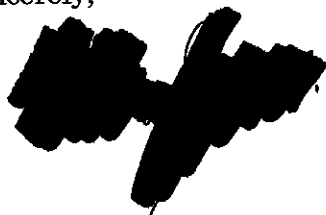
29th Jan 2013.

We object to the application for a Sex Establishment licence, in respect of Grove Street, Wilmslow for the following reasons:

1. The location is in a small market town, in its main street, at the heart of Wilmslow and its shopping area. Seating is provided nearby in this pedestrianised street and it is a social area where people gather, especially children and young people.
2. Grove Street is the venue for community events, including the regular artisan market, fundraising at Christmas by the Rotary Club, with Santa and his sleigh, and the formal switching on of Christmas lights.
3. Wilmslow already attracts large numbers of revellers at night, especially at the weekend. There is frequent late-night noise, rowdy behaviour, criminal damage and there are occasional assaults in the town centre. A sex establishment attracts even more visitors and escalates these problems.
4. The premises are close to private dwelling houses and residential apartments, in Hawthorn Lane, Grove Avenue and Green Lane.
5. There are bus-stops in Green Lane, where many young people wait for public transport, about 50 yards from the ST Lounge, via the passageway from Grove Street to Green Lane.

We submit that the aforementioned reasons make the location in question wholly unsuitable for the activities allowed by the granting of a Sex Establishment Licence. We urge the Council to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely,



28/01/2013

Dear Licensing

My family and I have lived in Wilmslow for over 12 years and have seen the detrimental effects on the area by poor decisions by the Council. What used to be a safe, pedestrianised haven for families is now a blighted part of town with a sex shop on the main shopping street.

I think that this is now not a safe place to eat and drink in the evenings. I am desperately concerned that this type of business is located so near my place of worship, St Theresa's Church, Wilmslow.

Having lived on Hawthorn lane for many years, I moved to Bollin Hill to be further away from the seedy part of town. When you granted a license to perform fully nude strip and table dances every evening on Grove Street, I was sickened and shocked that anyone would consider this location appropriate so near schools and churches. I read that the Councils policy said that clubs near schools and churches were considered inappropriate for Sex Licences so what extenuating circumstances made you go against your own protocol?

I managed to sell my house and have now moved away from the area. Think carefully about the effect of Sex Clubs on a location, the community and the churches and their congregations. Please refuse to grant the renewal of the SEV License to the club on Grove Street, it has had a significantly negative impact on the area, and it must not be allowed to continue.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

31/1/13

Dear Sir/Madam,

With regard to THE ST Lounge in Wilmslow

I wish to object to the application to renew the SEV licence for 16 Grove Street.

My objection is based on the fact that the premises adversely affect particular parts of the community, such as those listed in your criteria for objections. It is totally inappropriate for Wilmslow.

The lounge is in a residential area, with Grove Avenue, Green Lane and Hawthorn Lane close by.

The lounge is in an area frequented by children under 16, walking to and from schools, nurseries, the playground at The Carrs, the Leisure Centre etc.

The lounge is sited close to three churches.

Wilmslow already has some unruly behaviour at night, particularly when the pubs close and there has been heavy drinking. The ST Lounge is open until 3am, so there is even more scope for drinking. What kind of state are the customers in when they leave the lounge, having been drinking and "sexually stimulated"? This is, after all, one of the main aims of the lounge! What kind of character is being enticed into Wilmslow? What kind of crime will eventually be committed?

Please do not approve the application.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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The Licensing Team,
Cheshire East Council

29-1-13

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of the application made by the ST Lounge for an SEV licence, for its premises in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

The property is central to the town, right in the heart of Wilmslow. No matter how discreet it might be, it changes the character of the town.

The area directly in front of the club has benches, where teenagers and children meet regularly. They should not be exposed to wondering what a "Gentlemen's Club" is for. I am not against the idea, in principle, of this sort of venue coming to a town, as I am sure that, in a large city centre, far from housing, it could be run successfully and bring employment.

However, the location in this case is the issue and, as such, should be enough to make the idea a non-starter. It is situated near shops, cafes, charity shops, restaurants, churches and houses. It is inappropriate in the centre of Wilmslow.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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30th January 2013

To the Licensing Committee with regards to the ST Lounge application.

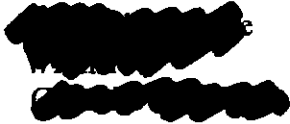
Dear Committee,

Firstly let me say that I am appalled that this club has been allowed to trade in Wilmslow for so long. It's about time the committee saw sense and listened to how the people of Wilmslow feel about this. I had no idea we could object until a friend directed me to the tiny application printed in last week's express, on page 40. If this club had nothing to hide and feels that local people want it to stay where it is then why don't they take out a bigger advert near the front? The reason is that they know that if Wilmslow people knew they had a choice they would object.

This club is situated on a public area where children can run free in the knowledge there are no cars. It just brings the whole towns' reputation into disrepute. I have friends in Bramhall who say they wouldn't move here because of it. I came to live in the town nearly eighteen years ago and have seen some wonderful outlets close down so we have a centre with hardly any shops in it; how on earth can we persuade businesses to open up here? They will find out what sort of shops are popping up in our high street, what next a brothel? No I am not a prude I just object to where it is. When I came here my son was small and it was a lovely peaceful town with great schools, I now have a daughter who is 12 and I can't let her go anywhere near Wilmslow on her own. I feel we have encouraged some dirty old men into our lovely town and I really can't understand why? They offer cheap drinks to lure people is this what you want for people. You have a church and private school nearby and I'm sure it reflects badly on their congregation/intake.

There's not much more to say, other than I strongly object and if this does go through again the corruption of the Licensing Committee should come under scrutiny,

Yours hopefully,


January 30, 2013

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

Dear Sirs,

ST CLUB, WILMSLOW

I write to you to urge you not to renew the licence for this lap-dancing club.



Unfortunately, I was unable to object to the application for a licence in December 2011, as I do not normally buy the Manchester Evening News, where the notice was placed. In fact, very few people did see the notice, so the granting of a licence in no way reflected the feelings of the residents of Wilmslow.

My objection is based on the inappropriateness of such a venue in the small, pleasant market town of Wilmslow. It is not a city, where such a business could possibly be accommodated. Grove Street itself is a much-used pedestrianised thoroughfare, frequented by people of all ages, with benches for relaxing and a flower stall. Close to it are residential streets, St. Teresa's Catholic Church and Wilmslow Preparatory School. On the street are cafes and shops to which parents take their children. Indeed, Clarks Shoes, Tiny Soles, Foot Asylum and Claire's Accessories are just yards from the club. All in all, it is a family shopping and leisure area.

I feel that the issue of safety should not be overlooked, especially as there was a recent vicious attack on a woman who had been performing in the club. I, for one, would avoid Grove Street in the evening and I believe others feel the same. This avoidance will do nothing to help Wilmslow to be a vibrant centre and could have an adverse effect on its prosperity.

In the light of the fact that the Cheshire East policy on the licensing of sexual entertainment venues is to consider "the character of the relevant locality" I beg you to reconsider and to refuse renewal of the licence for this strip club.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

To: The Licensing Committee

Dear Sirs

Although I do not live in Wilmslow, I do visit the area for shopping, meeting friends and going to the many family restaurants that are situated there.

I feel strongly that the Council should reconsider the location of a sex club offering sexual entertainment. This club has to be walked past when going to the leisure centre, train station and bus stops, to and from restaurants such as Pizza Express and Gourmet Burger. The Stolen Lamb, Barinda and Ayo Gurkhali are just a few metres from the club.

School facilities and the leisure centre are now open very late in the evening, as are DVD shops, Tesco Express, the BP Garage shop and Morrisons. Also, many Churches have evening Mass and events.

All these events, plus friends simply visiting friends, and children just visiting other children, often necessitate walking past this club. I feel that situating a club so near Churches, residential areas and parks and leisure centres is not only totally inappropriate, but will inevitably lead to businesses closing down as other people boycott the area.

Since I first became aware of what has been happening, all the publicity about Jimmy Saville has come to light, and this has made me feel all the more strongly that this sort of club should not be allowed to operate in Wilmslow. I hope that you agree.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

The Licensing Team
Cheshire East Council

29.01.13.

To whom it may concern

Re: Application for an SEV at the ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow.

We would like to make the following representations regarding this application. Cheshire East resolved that to adopt the provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by the Policing and crime Act 2009, and apply them within its borough. This particularly refers to the "character of the relevant locality" and "the use to which premises in the vicinity are put".

The character of the relevant locality.

Residential areas.

The St Lounge is located very near to a large number of residential areas- most of the area within a 100 metre radius is residential. In particular, many elderly residents have no choice but to use Boots' pharmacy, which forces them to walk past the establishment.

Central location.

The establishment is located in an area which people who need to travel from one end of town to the other would be forced to pass, whether they want to or not. Why should we force people to pass something which might distress them?

Women, in particular, returning home from Wilmslow Station may be put under stress and suffer harassment, by having to walk past a queue of customers for the establishment. Patrons of sex establishments are almost exclusively male, often under the influence of alcohol; this would make the likelihood of harassment even greater.

The use to which premises in the vicinity are put.

Churches

St Teresa's, St Bartholomew's and Wilmslow Methodist Church are all within 200 metres of the establishment. The proximity to these places of worship is a gross affront to the sensibilities of religious members of our community and their families.


Establishments used by families, children and the elderly.

The location is very close to coffee shops, a charity shop, a pharmacy, banks, cafés and restaurants which are all frequented by families, children and the elderly.

We would like the application to be refused.

Yours faithfully,



The Licensing Officer
Cheshire East Council
Westfields
Middlewich Rd
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HZ

Dear Sir

Re: ST Club in Wilmslow's main 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 in the Manchester Evening News last December. Many people did not object, as they did not even know that an application had been made.

We consider that a main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club.

In your 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence, it is stated that the licence could be refused on the grounds that it is "inappropriate to the relevant locality". Did the Council seriously consider this issue when it granted the licence initially?

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

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

Yours faithfully,



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To: The Licensing Section

Cheshire East Council

27. 1. 13

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

We are writing to express our objections to the presence of a strip club in Grove Street, in the middle of Wilmslow.

The ST Club is not "appropriate to the relevant locality". That is to say, it is situated in the main street of a small local town, next to clothes and shoe shops, opticians, building societies, banks and cafés. This does not provide a relevant locality for a strip club. What is more, there are many residential roads, several churches, schools, nurseries and parks nearby.

The Leisure Centre, too, is a popular venue, not far from the ST Lounge. Apart from the sporting activities, it also hosts the Wilmslow Symphony Orchestra and puts on theatrical productions. Out of choice, many local residents would go through Grove Street, to access the Leisure Centre, but many try to avoid it at the moment, because of the strip club.

According to Home Office guidelines, in the preface, the new legislation was brought in, to empower local authorities to give people a voice. We, the people of Wilmslow do not want a lap-dancing club in the middle of our main street, or indeed anywhere in Wilmslow. We live in a small town, which is not able to accommodate it.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

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Licensing Enquiries
Cheshire East Council

27.1.13

Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: Licensing renewal application for the ST Lounge.

As a long-term resident of Wilmslow, I strongly object to the application for an SEV licence at the ST Lounge.

Wilmslow is a small market-town, with a lively town centre. The ST Lounge has quite a large frontage onto Grove Street, a traffic-free area in the heart of Wilmslow. Grove Street houses a large number of shops, restaurants and cafes, all of which are targeted to a family-based community, unlike the ST Lounge.

The area around Grove Street is residential; Grove Avenue, Water lane, Green Lane and Hawthorn Lane have many shops and houses. Surely the club's existence in their midst just adds to the pressure of the current social environment? Should they wish to sell their houses, the residents might find that having such a venue close by is enough to devalue them. There are already a large number of licensed premises in the immediate area, as well as two licensed retailers. Do we really need the ST Lounge at all, with or without its SEV licence?

Young people congregate in Grove Street every day, on their way to and from school or for longer periods in the summer holidays, often just outside the ST Lounge. How unsuitable the venue is! What message are we giving to our young? Is it that the Council condones the degradation of women for money? There is a definite question of gender inequality here! Not only that, but there are three churches nearby, whose parishioners do not wish to have to walk past the club.

Regarding the kind of customer who is attracted into the club, is this who we want to be attracted into Wilmslow? How long will it be before the customers of the ST Lounge who leave sexually stimulated, but aroused and unsatisfied, prey on vulnerable young women? Does the Council feel that it can abdicate responsibility in this area? I think that the residents of Wilmslow would, indeed, feel that the Council were to blame if anything like that happened! There could indeed be legal action in the offing, if such an attack occurred.

Please take note of our grave concerns that the ST Lounge is in totally the wrong location. Please refuse to renew.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

27/1/13

RE: ST Lounge, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my objections to the application for an SEV licence for the above premises.

The grounds of my objections are as follows:

The ST Lounge is within a residential area.

There are many residences within a short distance of the club, in Grove Avenue, in Green Lane and in Hawthorn Lane. Water Lane, with many residential roads off, is close, too.

The lounge is near to schools, nurseries and the Leisure Centre.

Grove Street, a pedestrianised area, is probably the most focal part of the town. During term-time, the lounge is passed many times a day, by children making their way to schools and nurseries, such as Wilmslow Prep, Wilmslow High, the nursery near Ten Little Monkeys, the Leisure Centre, which is used regularly by children.

The ST Lounge is near parks and other recreational areas used by children.

Although it is not a designated recreational area, Grove Street is an area where people sit, on the many benches provided, outside the many cafes located there and it is an area where youngsters meet and stay late into the evening. In addition, many children pass the lounge on the way to access facilities in the Carrs.

The ST Lounge is situated near churches.

The lounge is probably less than 100 yards from St Teresa's Church, and maybe 200 yards to St Bartholomew's and to Wilmslow Methodist Church. Why should parishioners have to pass the lounge on their way to worship? Grove Street provides the most direct route and the safest route, as it is pedestrianised.

For years, residents have been concerned about anti-social behavior that emanates from the existing licensed premises in the town centre. Surely the fact that the ST Lounge is open until very late will encourage excessive alcohol intake? This, added to the fact that the purpose of the club is to "sexually stimulate" its customers, could cause real problems as far as the level of crime and anti-social behaviour is concerned!

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

The Licensing Committee
East Cheshire Council

27/1/13

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application for a Sex Establishment Licence
Grove Street, Wilmslow

We object to the application for a Sex Establishment licence, in respect of Grove Street, Wilmslow for the following reasons:

1. The location is in a small market town, in its main street, at the heart of Wilmslow and its shopping area. Seating is provided nearby in this pedestrianised street and it is a social area where people gather, especially children and young people.
2. Grove Street is the venue for community events, including the regular artisan market, fundraising at Christmas by the Rotary Club, with Santa and his sleigh, and the formal switching on of Christmas lights.
3. Wilmslow already attracts large numbers of revellers at night, especially at the weekend. There is frequent late-night noise, rowdy behaviour, criminal damage and there are occasional assaults in the town centre. A sex establishment attracts even more visitors and escalates these problems.
4. The premises are close to private dwelling houses and residential apartments, in Hawthorn Lane, Grove Avenue and Green Lane.
5. There are bus-stops in Green Lane, where many young people wait for public transport, about 50 yards from the ST Lounge, via the passageway from Grove Street to Green Lane.

We submit that the aforementioned reasons make the location in question wholly unsuitable for the activities allowed by the granting of a Sex Establishment Licence. We urge the Council to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

To: The Licensing Section

Cheshire East Council

27.1.13

Dear Councillors,

Re: ST Lounge, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

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

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, who might then prey on others; therefore, this contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow!

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? This is quite aside from the fact that there are several churches, schools and parks nearby!

The Leisure Centre is a popular and well-used venue, not far from the ST Club. Apart from its sporting use, it also plays host to the Wilmslow Symphony Orchestra and mounts theatrical productions. Residents from Hawthorn Lane would normally have to pass in front of the ST Lounge, on their way to and from the Leisure Centre, unless they deliberately plan to avoid it. Hawthorn Lane is full of residential properties and is at right angles to Grove Street.

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

We ask that you take our objections very seriously.

Yours faithfully,

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The Licensing Department

Cheshire East Council

28.1.12

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: The St Lounge's request for a renewal of its licence.

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

On our way home from any of the restaurants off Grove Street, such as The Burinda, or Eastern Revive, we avoid walking past the lap-dancing club, as it makes us feel uneasy. I usually walk along Green Lane instead, simply to avoid having to pass in front of the club, even though the route is slightly longer.

The police has stipulated that the female performers from the club should be escorted to their cars, so as to avoid the attentions of sexually-stimulated customers; it is worrying to think what could happen to other young women, who might be in the vicinity or even leaving the club itself. Are they going to fall prey to the sexually-stimulated? It puts us all at risk! We should feel safe in our small town centre. There is no doubt whatsoever that the ST Lounge is inappropriately situated, particularly as it is surrounded by normal shops and several residential roads.

We look forward to your co-operation and understanding and ask you to refuse to renew the ST Lounge's licence for its outlet in Wilmslow.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

[REDACTED]

27/1/13

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, eg: 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 Bartholomew'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 extremely inappropriate location.

Please consider these views carefully and refuse the application for an SEV licence.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

The Licensing Council
Cheshire East

Dear Sir

Re: the ST Lounge, Wilmslow.

27.1.13

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.

[Redacted signature]

To: The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council

Dear Sirs,

28.1.13

Re: ST Club in Wilmslow's main street.

We are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club. We have been living in Wilmslow for over 20 years and have always felt safe here; now, with the lap-dancing club, we feel much more vulnerable and are quite reluctant to walk along Grove Street in the evening. If we do, we make sure that it is before the Club opens.

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, when it is surrounded by normal shops, cafes, restaurants, bakers, jewellers, opticians etc? It is completely at odds with the rest of the town. How can the venue be justified in our local area? It is completely inappropriate, according to your own guidelines.

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

Yours sincerely,



The Licensing Section

At Cheshire East Council

27th January 2013.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: The ST Lounge

We are writing to ask that the Licensing Committee should refuse to grant an SEV licence to the ST Lounge. I, like many people, did not object previously, as I did not even know that an application had been made!

Grove Street is surrounded by residential streets and facilities for the whole community, including children and young adults. Every day, schoolchildren walk past the club, which is next to coffee shops, clothes shops, shoe shops, charity shops and banks. The ST Lounge is in a very inappropriate location, in the middle of a family shopping area. Its very name seems to suggest that it is a strip club!

The police have stated that performers from the club should be safely escorted to their cars, presumably to avoid the attentions of sexually-stimulated customers. It is worrying to think what could happen to young women who might be nearby. Are they going to fall victim to the sexually-stimulated customers from the ST Lounge?

We totally believe that the ST Lounge is in the wrong location, in the heart of the main street of a small town, close to a large number of residents, schools, shops and churches; we feel that it is completely out of character in the area.

Please consider this very carefully. We ask you to refuse the request for a renewal of the ST Lounge's SEV licence.

Yours faithfully,

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The Licensing Team,
Cheshire East Council

26 Jan., 2013

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of the application made by the ST Lounge for an SEV licence, for its premises in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

The property is central to the town, right in the heart of Wilmslow. No matter how discreet it might be, it changes the character of the town.

The area directly in front of the club has benches, where teenagers and children meet regularly. They should not be exposed to wondering what a "Gentlemen's Club" is for. I am not against the idea, in principle, of this sort of venue coming to a town, as I am sure that, in a large city centre, far from housing, it could be run successfully and bring employment.

However, the location in this case is the issue and, as such, should be enough to make the idea a non-starter. It is situated near shops, cafes, charity shops, restaurants, churches and houses. It is inappropriate in the centre of Wilmslow.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

The Licensing Department,
Cheshire

[REDACTED]

27/1/13

Dear Sirs,

Application for a sex establishment in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

We write to express our objection to the above application. We are residents of Wilmslow and use the town centre frequently, both in the daytime, and in the evening, to shop and to frequent restaurants and other facilities.

Although we have no moral objection to sex establishments, such as this lap-dancing club, we do not believe that the site in Grove Street is the right place for its location.

As a general point, Wilmslow has its own identity, as a small market town; having such a club right in the centre is plainly out of keeping with the character of the locality and could be damaging to Wilmslow's attempts to attract greater footfall to the town.

The most important thing about the site is that it could not be closer to the heart of the town, right on the main street, close to a shop where children's shoes are sold, Clark's, and opposite Claire's, a gift shop, frequented mainly by children and teenagers.

It is in an area which has a high footfall of people of all ages, as they go about their daily business. It also has benches for people to sit and enjoy the town. More often than not, the benches are occupied by small groups of young people from Wilmslow High School, on schooldays and at weekends, enjoying the company of their friends.

It is in a prime spot, in the centre of Wilmslow, which should be available for the community as a whole. It is clearly the wrong location for a business of this type.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

The Licensing Team
Cheshire East Council

27 January 2017

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, the ST Lounge 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. Hopefully, in future, they might no longer allow that when they consider what possible crimes it might provoke, such as prostitution and rape! The club's website advertises "50 nude babes" for hire at private parties. Is this really the way forward?

With great concern, yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

The Licensing Committee
East Cheshire Council

28 Jan 2013.

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the ST Lounge in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

We urge you to consider refusing the relicensing of the ST Lounge, as you have the right to do, on the grounds that it is in a totally inappropriate location, close to several residential streets, schools, shops, churches, parks, crèches etc, totally at odds with the rest of the immediate area!

In considering the facts, the Committee should also be aware of the fact that Cheshire East Council has a duty to enforce the Gender Equality Act of 2007, which legally requires councils to promote equality between men and women in everything they do. It has a great relevance to lap dancing clubs, where women become sexual objects in the eyes of men, thereby contradicting all equality between the sexes!

This matter is incredibly serious. Please consider it from every angle and refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

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Licensing department
Cheshire East council




27th January 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: ST Lounge's application

We would like to register our objection to the above application for a renewed SEV licence.

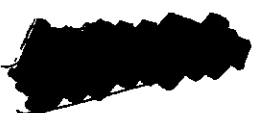
The venue is in the heart of Wilmslow. In our opinion, the club is having a detrimental effect on the town as it undermines our family-based community spirit and values. Since Grove Street is traffic-free, it houses the Artisan Market, every month, and the Rotary Club's efforts to raise money at Christmas, with Santa and the sleigh. The kind of customer the sex venue wants is not the kind of customer who uses all the other venues. Without a doubt, the sex club is at odds with its neighbours! It is in completely the wrong location!

In the vicinity, apart from the bookie's, every other shop is family orientated, with jewellers, clothes shops, shoe shops, opticians, Boots, Clarks, mobile phone shops, cafes and restaurants. The sex establishment is inappropriate in the location and out of sync with all the other businesses.

Also, in the area, within a few hundred metres, we have schools, crèches and churches and several residential roads; this are yet more reasons why the ST Lounge is not correctly situated. A small market town like Wilmslow really has no need of a lap dancing club!

Please take these objections into account and refuse to grant a renewal.

Yours faithfully



The Licensing Team
Cheshire East Council

28th January 2013.

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 many years and 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; Grove Street also leads to Hawthorn Lane, which is 95% residential. The parallel road, Green Lane, 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 reports show that a town, which has strip clubs and betting shops, is in 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,

[Redacted signature]

The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

27th Jan 13

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow.

I would like to register my objection to the ST Lounge's application for a renewal of its licence.

Wilmslow is an attractive smallmarket town, which has attracted retailers in the past. I firmly believe that the presence of a lap dancing club deters potential businesses from setting up in wilmslow; indeed, the adjacent shop has been shut for almost two years.

The lounge is in close proximity to three residential roads, Grove Avenue, Green Lane and Hawthorn Lane; Water Lane with residential roads off, is perpendicular to Grove Street.

There are three churches close by, local bus-stops, the Leisure Centre and several schools.

Grove Street is an extremely well-used thoroughfare by all members of the community, young and old. It attracts people in its own right, to its shops, cafés and restaurants but is also a gateway to other areas of the town, being a much safer route than along Green Lane, as it has no traffic.

There is sometimes a disturbance in Wilmslow late at night. I live in Hawthorn Lane and am woken by the noise, at times. I feel that a lap dancing club could potentially attract undesirable, drunken behaviour; its customers, who have been sexually stimulated, are free to wander our streets at night and possibly to prey on innocent women.

Please reject the application before a serious crime is committed! It is worth bearing in mind that the Council could well be held partly responsible, if an attack happened, as Councillors granted the last licence in the full knowledge that the ST Lounge is very close to many residential roads and despite receiving a petition of 500 signatures.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

The Licensing Committee
Cheshire East Council

27.1.13

Dear Sir

I wish to object to the ST Lounge's application for a licence.

The licence would be inappropriate because:

- The club is near a residential area.
- It is in an area frequented by children going to and from school and visiting local shops.
- It is en route to The Carrs, which houses a playground and a park.
- It is close to three churches, St Teresa's, St Bartholomew's and Wilmslow Methodist Church.
- It is located in the pedestrianised main shopping street of Wilmslow.
- As it opens late, it attracts customers from closing pubs and restaurants in surrounding areas, thus making Grove Street a no-go area for residents.

For the future of our town, for its inhabitants and businesses, it is important to conserve the character of Wilmslow. Great care should be taken to ensure that enterprises in Wilmslow help and support the town and its struggling shops and businesses. I firmly believe that the ST Lounge has the opposite effect on Wilmslow!

Yours faithfully,

The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

27/1/13

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

I have a number of concerns:

Commercial impact:

Many small businesses and shops are clustered in the centre of Wilmslow; the sex establishment is in the main pedestrianised street. This is off-putting to potential customers and businesses; in fact, I think the shop next to the lounge has been empty for over 18 months. There is a pharmacy close by, a shoe shop, a chocolate shop, charity and gift shops, a teddy-bear shop in the arcade, restaurants, cafes and banks in the same street. In what way can this street be described as an appropriate venue for a lap dancing club, as it has absolutely nothing in common with the shops around it?

Impact on the environment.

The visual impact of having shuttered windows throughout the day jars with the rest of Grove Street.

Impact on residents.

We live close to the proposed venue, about 100 yards away, and we suffer from the after-effects of late-night drinking in Wilmslow. The police have made a huge effort to work with licence holders to reduce poor behaviour and alcohol-related crime but, because of the late drinking licence and the sexual stimulation, we feel that a crime is waiting to happen, here in Wilmslow.

The venue is very close to many residential properties in Grove Avenue, Green Lane, Hawthorn Lane and various developments off Water Lane; it is close to three churches, to nurseries and schools; the benches opposite it are often populated by residents, particularly teenagers, believing it to be a safe and convenient place to congregate.

My own children walk past it every day; I really do not want to have to explain what goes on behind the shutters, nor to explain what a "Gentlemen's Club" is used for.

Impact on safety and crime figures.

We have a duty of care towards the young. We need to know that our children are safe. Recent evidence from other towns about the impact of such establishments, eg: from Henley-on-Thames, indicates that such venues do lead to an increase in crime, particularly sex crimes, such as rape and prostitution. The existence of this club is totally unacceptable in our small residential centre.

I strongly object to the application.

Yours faithfully,



[REDACTED]

Dear Sirs

We would urge Cheshire East Council to refuse the application for renewal of a Sexual Entertainment License.

The premises of the ST Lounge is situated in a locality which is highly inappropriate for sexual entertainment given that it is surrounded by residential areas including Hawthorn Lane, Hawthorn Grove, Grove Way and Kennerleys Lane.

It is currently situated metres away from St Theresa's Church, and a short walk to St Bartholomew's, the Methodist and the United Reform Church. These are substantial sized venues for regular worship. They are attended by hundreds, and are also the host of many community, school and family events. A strip club within such close range of important religious and social sites is inappropriate and offensive.

The position of the club is on a busy thoroughfare, used by all members of the community as they walk from the train station and bus stops to the many family facilities such as restaurants, DVD shops, leisure centre and Church and school events.

The club is also in the wrong location as it is literally round the corner from the prestigious Wilmslow Preparatory School for Girls and also children from the other schools in close proximity will use this busy pedestrianized thoroughfare to get home after school, sporting and social events.

The Councillors of Wilmslow Town Council unanimously agreed that the location of the ST Strip Club is detrimental to Wilmslow and inappropriately located. As they are local people concerned for the local community and the future of Wilmslow, I hope the Licensing Committee agree and refuse to renew the application for sexual entertainment on Grove Street.

With Appreciation

[REDACTED]

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,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Licensing Team

Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir or Madam

Ref: ST Lounge's application for a renewal of the SEV licence.

I would like to register my objection to the application.

The venue has a significant frontage in the town centre, with its shutters down during the day. Wilmslow is a small, family-centred market town; the club is against our ethos and could well deter potential visitors from spending time here, thereby putting established businesses at risk.

Although the hours of opening are after 9pm, to the general public, the website advertises 'private parties' at other times. This could well mean that the club is open in the daytime; 'sexually stimulated' but potentially unfulfilled customers could well be leaving the club at a time when schoolchildren are in the offing. This is very dangerous and could lead to a serious crime being committed!

Many women and girls I know feel uncomfortable at the thought of passing this venue, particularly at night or late in the evening; they avoid Grove Street and take a longer route home. It is wrong to have created a no-go area in the heart of Wilmslow! This is the wrong location for this club, surrounded as it is by family orientated shops and restaurants.

Please reconsider. Do not grant a renewal.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

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[REDACTED]
28.11.2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

I don't live in W'imslow, but used to go there a lot with my elderly mother. She really enjoyed looking round the shops on Grove Street and then having a coffee or lunch there.

Because of the sex club that is there I won't take her any more. I would be very embarrassed and she would feel very uncomfortable in the vicinity of the club.

I hope that you will consider this when renewing the licence.

Yours Faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

Dear Councillors,

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Dear Councilors

28:1:2013

Though I do not live in Wilmslow, I do visit the area for shopping, meeting friends and the many family restaurants that are situated there.

I feel strongly that the Council should reconsider the location of a sex club offering sexual entertainment. This club has to be walked past when going to the leisure centre, train station and bus stops, from restaurants such as Pizza Express and Gourmet Burger. The Stolen Lamb, Barinda and Ayo Gurkhali are just a few metres from the club.

Recently, I attended a school event with friends. School facilities and the leisure centre are now open very late in the evening, as are DVD shops, Tesco Express, the BP Garage shop and Morrisons. Also, many Churches have evening Mass and events.

All these events, plus friends simply visiting friends, and children simply visiting other children, often necessitate walking past this club. I feel that situating a club so near Churches, residential areas and parks and leisure centres is totally inappropriate. I hope that you agree.

Best wishes,

[Redacted signature]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

Dear Councillors,

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

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

The premises should be used to meet the needs of the local community.
Yours faithfully,



02.02.2013

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
31st January 2013

Cheshire East Licensing

Dear Sirs,

With Reference: ST Lounge licence renewal

We wish to object to the above renewal.

We find a lap dancing club completely inappropriate in the heart of our family orientated community.

1. The location itself; the club is placed on a pedestrian area, used by young families. a busy shopping town. The area is a meeting-place for people of all ages.
2. The location is close to, Grove Avenue, Hawthorn Lane and Green Lane and is near residential developments on Water Lane.
3. Wilmslow Prep and Monkey Puzzle Nursery School is close by, as is Wilmslow High School and pupils and their families walk past these premises on the way to and from their studies.
4. There are 3 places of worship within a short walk, the Parish Church, the Methodist Church and St Teresa's Church.
5. Performances take place after 9pm, but the Club opens for private parties at other times. This could mean that 'sexually stimulated' men, who have just left the club have the potential to mingle with our schoolchildren.
6. Wilmslow is a small market town of significant character, which is not reflected by the lap dancing establishment.

Yours faithfully,

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[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

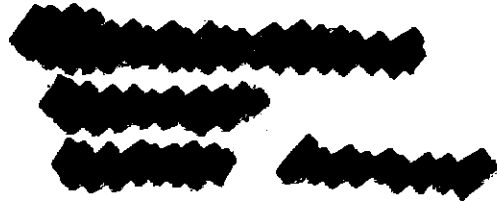
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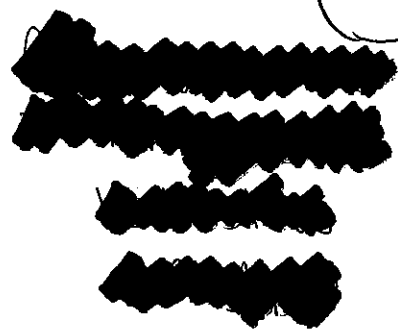
We also think that the location of the club is having a negative effect on the local area, in that crime is more likely as a result of its presence. Please refuse to renew the SEV licence.

Yours faithfully,

3/2/13



The Licensing Committee
East Cheshire Council



Dear Sir/Madam,

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Application for a Sex Establishment Licence
Grove Street, Wilmslow

We object to the application for a Sex Establishment licence, in respect of Grove Street, Wilmslow for the following reasons:

1. The location is in a small market town, in its main street, at the heart of Wilmslow and its shopping area. Seating is provided nearby in this pedestrianised street and it is a social area where people gather, especially children and young people.
2. Grove Street is the venue for community events, including the regular artisan market, fundraising by the Rotary Club, with Santa and his sleigh, and the formal switching on of Christmas lights.
3. Wilmslow already attracts large numbers of revellers at night, especially at the weekend. There is frequent late-night noise, rowdy behaviour, criminal damage and there are occasional assaults in the town centre. A sex establishment attracts even more visitors and escalates these problems.
4. The premises are close to private dwelling houses and residential apartments, in Hawthorn Lane, Grove Avenue and Green Lane.
5. There are bus-stops in Green Lane, where many young people wait for public transport, about 50 yards from the ST Lounge, via the passageway from Grove Street to Green Lane.

We submit that the aforementioned reasons make the location in question wholly unsuitable for the activities allowed by the granting of a Sex Establishment Licence. We urge the Council to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely,

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Yours faithfully,

Dear Councillors,

1st February 2013

Re: ST Club Grove Street, Wilmslow

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

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

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 avoid walking past the lap-dancing club, as it makes us feel uneasy.

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 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 Councils own policy. We would ask you to refuse grant on the grounds that it is "inappropriate to the relevant locality".

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?

Every day, huge numbers of schoolchildren walk past the club. 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.

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.

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?

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.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

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.

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.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The Licensing Officer

Cheshire East

4/02/13

Dear Mr Whiteley and other officers,

Re: ST Club Grove Street, Wilmslow.

We are writing to ask you to refuse to renew the licence for the ST Club in Grove Street. Please consider the effect such a venue is having on Wilmslow's town centre.

We consider that a main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club; the ST Lounge is surrounded by ordinary everyday shops used by families and people of all ages. We consider that the ST Lounge is inappropriate to the relevant locality and fail to understand why an SEV licence was granted initially, in such an inappropriate area, completely contrary to your own guidelines!

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. St Teresa's Church is very close by, in Green Lane; the Methodist Church and St Bartholomew's Church are close by, as are the Leisure Centre and Wilmslow Prep & Nursery School. Many teenagers from Wilmslow High School are very often to be seen in the street, after school and later, in the evening, meeting friends. The bus-stops to Macclesfield, Manchester and other local areas are in Green lane, linked to Grove Street by an arcade.

We know that many people avoid this area in the evening, particularly after the pubs have closed. People should not have to 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.

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 in decline; is this what you want for the future of our town? It is not what the residents want!

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

Yours faithfully,

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The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council

27TH JANUARY 2013

Dear Sir

Re: The ST Lounge, Wilmslow

We are asking you to introduce a zero policy for SEVs in Wilmslow, as is allowed for in Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act of 1982 and amended in the Policing and Crime Act 2009, in Section 27.

It is quite justified; Philip Kelvin, when he was Chair of the Institute of Licensing, stated that the "provision gives the authority a high degree of control, even amounting to an embargo" on the granting of SEV licences, within certain areas. He continues: "the width of the discretion is consolidated by the absence of any appeal against a refusal on these grounds". You, the Licensing Team, have the right to cap the number of SEVs in Wilmslow at zero. We urge you to do this.

The legislation allows you to prevent sex establishments from starting up in "sensitive areas", where they might cause concern. We believe that Wilmslow is such a "sensitive area", being a small town, mainly residential, with several churches, schools, nurseries, community facilities, restaurants and shops; it is totally unsuitable for the location of the ST Lounge. Please refuse its application to renew its SEV licence.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]
[Redacted name]
[Redacted title]

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5th Feb 2008

To: The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: The ST Lounge in Wilmslow.

We are writing with regard to the renewal of the licence for the ST Lounge. We live in Wilmslow and have always loved the town but now, with the presence of the lap-dancing club, we feel unhappy about walking in Grove Street in the evening. We are sure that there is a greater risk of a sexual attack nowadays, from the customers who have been stimulated by what they have seen in the ST Lounge.

We find it almost impossible to believe that the strip club was ever granted an SEV licence, in such a small town as Wilmslow, a residential area, full of families! This clashes totally with the original idea of the new law, particularly considering the Ministerial forward. It seems only a matter of time before something serious happens!

As intelligent members of the community, Council members must be aware of this. Wilmslow

Town Council is indeed aware and has asked the Council to enforce a policy of zero SEVs.

Will Cheshire East Council be ready to defend its decision to allow the existence of the ST Lounge, with full nudity, in the centre of Wilmslow, when the person who is attacked takes them to court? It is extremely worrying but also completely unnecessary! The St Lounge should not be sited in Wilmslow!

Yours faithfully,

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To: The Licensing
Department
Cheshire East Council

27/1/13

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Club in Wilmslow's main street.

We are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club. We have been living in Wilmslow for over 20 years and have always felt safe here; now, with the lap-dancing club, we feel much more vulnerable and are quite reluctant to walk along Grove Street in the evening. If we do, we make sure that it is before the Club opens.

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, when it is surrounded by normal shops, cafes, restaurants, bakers, jewellers, opticians etc? It is completely at odds with the rest of the town. How can the venue be justified in our local area? It is completely inappropriate, according to your own guidelines.

We feel that there are other issues you should be considering, too. The future of Wilmslow town centre is at stake here; we have two betting shops and a strip club in a very small area.

Economists' projections show that this kind of development leads to the decline of a town. Shouldn't the aim be to protect and enhance our town centre?

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, located in Grove Avenue just off Grove Street. Why should they have to go the long way round, to get home in the evening?

We look forward to your co-operation and understanding and

ask you not 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; to us, it is a travesty of what Wilmslow represents.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

The Licensing Officer
Cheshire East

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28/1/13

Dear Mr Whiteley and other officers,

Re: ST Club Grove Street, Wilmslow.

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We know that many people avoid this area in the evening, particularly after the pubs have closed. 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.

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 in decline; is this what you want for the future of our town? It is not what the residents want!

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

Yours faithfully,

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[REDACTED]

The Licensing Office

Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge in Wilmslow.

We wish to object to the above application for a sex establishment venue licence, because, in our view, it will adversely affect the future of Wilmslow; it will not be in the interests of local residents; it will give an inappropriate message both to visitors to the town and to the large numbers of families with children of school age, who regularly use the town for commercial and entertainment purposes. No-one I speak to about the ST Lounge can quite believe where it is situated!

We note that in your policy statement you make conditions about granting an SEV licence. In Wilmslow, we have the following sensitive uses in the location of the lounge: there are play areas not far away; there are three places of worship within 200 metres; there is a prep school, a nursery and a high school not far away; there is a huge amount of residential accommodation, in Hawthorn Lane, Green Lane and Grove Avenue and much more off Water Lane; there is a well-used Leisure Centre.

We are realistic enough to know that the sex industry will always exist, because it brings in huge profits. Our objection is based on the fact that such a place would be better located in a larger urban area, away from residential streets and facilities used by local residents, particularly by young people.

Please help to protect our town.

Yours faithfully



3.02.13

The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow.

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Wilmslow is a characterful market town, which has attracted retailers in the past. I firmly believe that the presence of a lap dancing club deters potential businesses from setting up in Wilmslow; indeed, the adjacent shop has been shut for almost two years.

The lounge is in close proximity to three residential roads, Grove Avenue, Green Lane and Hawthorn Lane; Water Lane with residential roads off, is perpendicular to Grove Street.

There are three churches close by, local bus-stops, the Leisure Centre and several schools.

Grove Street is an extremely well-used thoroughfare by all members of the community, young and old. It attracts people in its own right, to its shops, cafés and restaurants but is also a gateway to other areas of the town, being a much safer route than along Green Lane, as it has no traffic.

There is sometimes a disturbance in Wilmslow late at night. I live in Hawthorn Lane and am woken by the noise, at times. I feel that a lap dancing club could potentially attract undesirable, perhaps drunken, behaviour; its customers, who have been sexually stimulated, are free to wander our streets at night and possibly to prey on innocent women.

Please reject the application before a serious crime is committed!

Yours sincerely,



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The Licensing Committee
East Cheshire Council

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3.2.13

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the ST Lounge in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

We urge you to consider refusing the relicensing of the ST Lounge, as you have the right to do, on the grounds that it is in a totally inappropriate location, close to several residential streets, schools, shops, churches, parks, crèches etc, totally at odds with the rest of the immediate area!

In considering the facts, the Committee should also be aware of the fact that Cheshire East Council has a duty to enforce the Gender Equality Act of 2007, which legally requires councils to promote equality between men and women in everything they do. It has a great relevance to lap dancing clubs, where women become sexual objects in the eyes of men, thereby contradicting all equality between the sexes!

This matter is incredibly serious. Please consider it from every angle and refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,

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The Licensing Committee
East Cheshire Council

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3rd February 2013

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3/2/2013

The Licensing Council

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the application for a sexual entertainment venue in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

I object on the following grounds:

1. The proposed venue is in the centre of our main street.
2. Wilmslow is too small for this type of business.
3. Such a business is unsuitable within a main shopping area.
4. Such a business is unsuitable in a residential area.
5. Youngster under the age of 16 gather in Wilmslow in the evenings, particularly at weekends.
6. Such a business will devalue our town.
7. It will make groups of women or women on their own feel vulnerable, which they will be!
8. It may encourage illegal behaviour such as prostitution in the town.

I feel that Wilmslow is completely unsuitable for this type of business. What we want to encourage is a good, safe family spirit and community!

Yours faithfully,




The Licensing Committee,
Cheshire East Council

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3rd February 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: the lap dancing club in Wilmslow.

My family and I are disturbed by the presence of the ST Lounge in Grove Street and feel that its location is totally inappropriate, considering that it is surrounded by what we consider to be much more normal shops and businesses, mainly for family use.

A measure was introduced to give Councils the right to have no SEVs in their area; indeed the ministerial foreword emphasises that particular freedom of choice, without fear of reprisal or court action. I urge the Council to revisit the legislation and see!

Please help to restore the true nature of Wilmslow's character, by refusing to allow the planning application for the renewal of the ST Lounge's SEV licence.

Yours Sincerely,

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The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

3rd February 2013

RE: ST Lounge, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my objections to the application for an SEV licence for the above premises.

The grounds of my objections are as follows:

The ST Lounge is within a residential area.

There are many residences within a short distance of the club, in Grove Avenue, in Green Lane and in Hawthorn Lane. Water Lane, with many residential roads off, is close, too.

The lounge is near to schools, nurseries and the Leisure Centre.

Grove Street, a pedestrianised area, is probably the most focal part of the town. During term-time, the lounge is passed many times a day, by children making their way to schools and nurseries, such as Wilmslow Prep, Wilmslow High, the nursery near Ten Little Monkeys, the Leisure Centre, which is used regularly by children.

The ST Lounge is near parks and other recreational areas used by children.

Although it is not a designated recreational area, Grove Street is an area where people sit, on the many benches provided, outside the many cafes located there and it is an area where youngsters meet and stay late into the evening. In addition, many children pass the lounge on the way to access facilities in the Carrs.

The ST Lounge is situated near churches.

The lounge is probably less than 100 yards from St Teresa's Church, and maybe 200 yards to St Bartholomew's and to Wilmslow Methodist Church. Why should parishioners have to pass the lounge on their way to worship? Grove Street provides the most direct route and the safest route, as it is pedestrianised.

For years, residents have been concerned about anti-social behavior that emanates from the existing licensed premises in the town centre. Surely the fact that the ST Lounge is open until very late will encourage excessive alcohol intake? This, added to the fact that the purpose of the club is to "sexually stimulate" its customers, could cause real problems as far as the level of crime and anti-social behaviour is concerned!

Yours faithfully,



The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

4th Feb. 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

The premises are inappropriately situated in the centre of the town , in a pedestrianised street, used regularly by families and children. Such an establishment would be better situated in a large urban area, away from the residential streets of Wilmslow; Grove Avenue, Grove Street, Hawthorn Lane and residential streets off Water Lane are all very close by.

The lounge makes no positive contribution to the town at all, and tends to drive away other potential businesses. It is an eyesore during the day, with its shutters down.

Yours faithfully,

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03rd February

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Cheshire East Council

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27th January 2013

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Re: Application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge at 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow.

I would like to formally object to the renewal of the licence for the ST Lounge.

There are already many licensed premises in Wilmslow, to name but a few: The Swan, Miller and Carter, The Bollin Fee, The Samuel Finney, etc. This causes sufficient disruption to town-centre life, as it is, because of poor behaviour, fuelled by drinking too much alcohol.

These premises, with a late licence and an SEV licence make Grove Street a no-go area at night for many locals, particularly for young girls and women, who feel vulnerable and rightly so!

The pedestrianised street, where the lap dancing club is located, is used regularly by all members of the community, from the very young to the old. The artisan market takes place there on a monthly basis, when the street is literally full of families enjoying the day. The street is full of 'normal' shops, jewellers, bakers, shoe shops, clothes shops, banks, charity shop, phone shops, a children's teddy bear shop in the arcade and then....it has the ST lounge. How inappropriate! It is completely at odds with all the other facilities there.

Grove Street itself runs parallel to Green Lane, which is residential, it is at right angles to residential Grove Avenue and to Water Lane, which has many housing developments off it; the ST Lounge is about 50 yards from Hawthorn Lane, which is a very long road and primarily residential. How can it be right to allow a sex establishment to exist so close to all these houses?

Please give these objections the fullest consideration possible,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Licensing Department

Cheshire East Council

Re: ST Lounge Wilmslow

Dear Sir,

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

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

In your 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence, it is stated that the licence could be refused on the grounds that it is "inappropriate to the relevant locality". Did the Council seriously consider this issue when it granted the licence initially?

My friend was shopping in Foot Asylum, opposite the ST Club, with her son, when he saw the ST Lounge sign and wanted to know what a 'gentleman's club' was! Surely the club is inappropriately situated? Grove Street has jewellers, opticians, bakers, banks, clothes and food shops etc, places we use in our everyday family lives. Surely the ST Lounge is absolutely inappropriate to the locality, as it has nothing whatsoever in common with the rest of the shops?

Do the many residents who live nearby, in Grove Avenue, Green Lane and Hawthorn Lane really have to dread that some awful crime will be committed before the Council acknowledges that the location of this club is inappropriate?

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

Yours faithfully,



The Licensing Team

At Cheshire East Council

27-1-13

Dear Councillors,

Re: ST Lounge

We ask that the Licensing Committee reconsider the issue of granting a licence to the ST Club; very few people saw the original advert in the Manchester Evening News last December. Many people did not object, as they did not even know that an application had been made!

The Wilmslow Vision document, which was supported by the Council, wishes to engender "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, which in turn might provoke them to prey on others, particularly young women, and, therefore, contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for Wilmslow.

The police have stipulated that performers from the club should be safely escorted to their cars, presumably to avoid the attentions of sexually-stimulated customers; it is worrying to think what could happen to other young women, who might be in the vicinity. Are they going to fall prey to the sexually-stimulated?

In our opinion, the Council needs to be sensitive to the uses to which Grove Street is principally put; it is surrounded by residential streets and facilities for the community in general, including children and young adults. Every day, huge numbers of schoolchildren walk past the club, which is adjacent to coffee shops, clothes shops, shoe shops, charity shops and banks. The ST Club is in a very inappropriate location, in the middle of a family shopping area.

We do not want Grove Street to be a blighted area, avoided by residents. Walking past the ST Lounge makes many of us feel uncomfortable. There are quite a few elderly residents in Canterbury Grange, just off Grove Street. Is it right that they should have to make a detour, to avoid the ST Lounge?

We totally 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.

Yours faithfully,



To: The Licensing
Department
Cheshire East Council

February 2nd 2013

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Club in Wilmslow's main
street.

With regard to the application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge, we are very worried about the effects on the town centre, for various reasons.


In particular, we quite firmly believe that the ST Lounge is inappropriately situated, especially according to East Cheshire Guidelines and to the original purpose of the legislation, as expressed in the ministerial foreward.

The club's official opening hours may generally be restricted to the times when the majority of other businesses have closed but its website promises that the club is available for private hire when it is closed to the public. That effectively means that it can open at any time!

This is a very grave cause for concern. At many points during the day, making their way to schools and nurseries, we have young people, who might then be preyed upon by sexually excited customers, who are presumably unfulfilled! We feel that there is a very real danger that young girls might be attacked in the area.

Do you really want Wilmslow to degenerate into crime and seediness? I am sure that you are fully aware of the terms of the new legislation, specifically introduced to make town centres safer and to give local people a voice; it gives you the right to deny strip clubs in inappropriate locations – please do not grant the licence!

Yours faithfully,



Licensing Officers

Cheshire East Council

28.1.13

Dear Licensing Team,

Re: SEV at the ST Lounge, Grove Street

We are strongly opposed to the renewing the licence at 16 Grove Street.

To renew the licence would be inappropriate, considering:

- The character of the vicinity; Grove Street houses many family oriented shops, cafes and restaurants.
- The premises are in the heart of our town, with a large frontage, so they are hard to miss, not at all subtle, especially with the name **ST Lounge**!
- Grove Street is a popular community space, used by the Artisan Market every month, the Rotary Club at Christmas to raise money for charity. It is an ideal road for public gatherings, as it is traffic-free.
- The police has worked hard to reduce anti-social behaviour in Wilmslow. Sexually stimulated adults, who have drunk alcohol, will find it hard to control themselves; this could lead to a serious attack and makes local women feel quite vulnerable, at night in particular.
- The Council should be taking every step to make us as safe as possible; they could also find themselves open to serious legal action if such an attack occurred, as they have been made aware of the danger!

Yours faithfully,

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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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28/01/13

The Licensing Office

Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge in Wilmslow.

We wish to object to the above application for a sex establishment venue licence, because, in our view, it will adversely affect the future of Wilmslow; it will not be in the interests of local residents; it will give an inappropriate message both to visitors to the town and to the large numbers of families with children of school age, who regularly use the town for commercial and entertainment purposes. No-one I speak to about the ST Lounge can quite believe where it is situated!

We note that in your policy statement you make conditions about granting an SEV licence. In Wilmslow, we have the following sensitive uses in the location of the lounge: there are play areas not far away; there are three places of worship within 200 metres; there is a prep school, a nursery and a high school not far away; there is a huge amount of residential accommodation, in Hawthorn Lane, Green Lane and Grove Avenue and much more off Water Lane; there is a well-used Leisure Centre.

We are realistic enough to know that the sex industry will always exist, because it brings in huge profits. Our objection is based on the fact that such a place would be better located in a larger urban area, away from residential streets and facilities used by local residents, particularly by young people.

Please help to protect our town.

Yours faithfully,

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To: The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council

27 January 2013.

Dear Sirs,

Re: The ST Lounge in Grove Street.

I wish to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club. I have been living in Wilmslow for over 20 years and 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 do not linger anywhere near the strip club!

How can it be right to have live strip shows taking place, amongst normal, ordinary family shops, close to residential roads and schools? How can the Council have given permission for such a venue in our main shopping street, when it is surrounded by normal shops, cafes, restaurants, bakers, jewellers, opticians etc? It clashes absolutely with the character of the rest of the town!

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

I look forward to your co-operation and understanding and I exhort you to refuse to grant the application for the ST Lounge's licence in Wilmslow.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

The Licensing Section

Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir,

Re: ST Club in Wilmslow's main street.

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The Wilmslow Vision document, which the Council endorsed, 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 purpose of the ST Club is to sexually excite its audience, and contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow!

To us, this is an inappropriate area for a strip club. In your policy document, you state 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. We do not think so! Grove Avenue, houses many local residents, as do the roads off water lane; Green Lane also leads to Hawthorn Lane, which is 95% residential and to Green Lane, which has residential apartments.

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

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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29/1/13

The Licensing Office

Cheshire East Council

23rd January
2013

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, eg: 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 Bartholomew'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 extremely inappropriate location.

Please consider these views carefully and refuse the application for an SEV licence.

Yours sincerely,

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To: The Licensing
Department,
Cheshire East Council


28th January 2013

Re: ST Lounge

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are aware that the St lounge has applied for a renewal of its licence, to our great disappointment, as we believe that the strip club has had a significant negative effect on the centre of Wilmslow.

Since we would have to walk past the ST Lounge, my family and I feel that we are better off avoiding Grove Street at night, even though it is theoretically the safest route, as it is pedestrianised.

It seems quite wrong that we have had to change our behaviour because there is a strip club on our main street, in the middle of safe, ordinary shops. We know that the club exists to sexually stimulate its customers for money, which causes us to worry about the potential consequences for young girls in the area at night! We have heard that the doormen sometimes call out to passers-by, giving them leaflets and inviting them in, which we feel sure is quite illegal!

Please consider the possible negative effects here, both to vulnerable individuals in the area at night, and also to other businesses in the area.

Yours faithfully,



The Licensing Authority,
Cheshire East Borough Council

1st February 2013

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Club in Wilmslow's main street

Although I am not a resident in Wilmslow I am a frequent visitor and have been for many years. As such I would ask you to consider, in detail, the effect the existence of such a club is having on Wilmslow's town centre, before you decide to renew the SEV Licence, for the ST Club.

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

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?

To me 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 the town, near homes and their families, schools and their pupils, and churches and their congregations? I think not!

Apart from my own personal observations, a female member of staff at the company where I work, after a night out in Wilmslow with her male sales force colleagues was persuaded to visit the club. Against her better judgement she agreed to go but almost immediately upon entering the club regretted her decision. Her first observation was how sticky the floor was, not a good impression, she was then propositioned by another customer who offered her a sizeable amount of money if she would give him a private topless lap dance!! She refused but the same person approached her on several occasions during her time in the club.

This I feel is an indication that the some of the clients at the club obviously think that any female on the premises is 'fair game' and willing to prostitute themselves, and that these clients are persistent even when given a very clear NO to their advances. In the time it took for my colleague to organise a taxi she had to have two of the men from her group with her at all times to keep this person from harassing her.

I ask that you take serious heed of the objections and observations which you have received and been made aware of and therefore ultimately refuse to renew the License to Sexually Entertain on Grove Street in the interests of the people of Wilmslow.

Yours sincerely,

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The Licensing Section

East Cheshire Council

Re: The lap dancing club on Grove Street.

Dear Sir/Madam

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DEAR SIR OR MADAM

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How can it be right to have live strip shows taking place, amongst ordinary family shops, close to residential roads and schools? How can the Council have given permission for such a venue in our main shopping street, when it is surrounded by normal shops, cafes, restaurants, bakers, jewellers, opticians etc?

It clashes absolutely with the character of the rest of the town! I do not want Wilmslow to have a zone which residents seek to avoid. Walking past the ST Lounge makes many of us feel very uncomfortable. There are many residents in Grove Avenue, Hawthorn Lane and Green Lane. Why should they have to go the long way round, to get home in the evening?

I look forward to your co-operation and understanding and I exhort you to refuse to grant the application for the ST Lounge's licence in Wilmslow.

Yours faithfully,

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To: The Licensing Section

Cheshire East Council

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

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The Licensing Office
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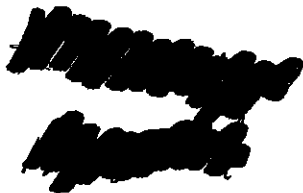
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9/2/2013

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

14th February 2013

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I am writing to you as a concerned parent and local primary school Governor to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club/ST Lounge on Grove Street in Wilmslow because it is not appropriate to the relevant locality. Grove Street is the main shopping thoroughfare in our small town and desperately needs businesses which will make a positive contribution to the retail and community life of our community.

In my opinion, the Council needs to be sensitive to the uses to which Grove Street is principally put. It is an area used by local people young and old alike. It is surrounded by cafés where people meet, by shops and residential streets and facilities for the community in general. Local people make their way to and from schools, shops and churches along Grove Street. Wilmslow Preparatory School is very close by, as are St Teresa's Church and St Bartholomew's Church. Many teenagers from Wilmslow High School walk through town after school and in the evening.


My teenage daughter walks through Grove Street often to attend events and her Youth Group at St Bartholomew's Church and Parish Hall. She also spends much of her leisure time in Grove Street along with her friends who often meet at the local cafes and coffee shops. The ST Lounge club states that through lap and pole dancing and strip shows it seeks to 'sexually stimulate its audience' who I'm presuming will be mostly young men. In this sense I am concerned for the safety of young women like my daughter when the people who frequent the club will inevitably spill out onto the pedestrianised area at night to smoke and come out of the club.

In our town we have an excellent and very large High School; Grove Street is a place where many of them congregate. It also concerns me greatly that such a club sets an appalling example for young women like her and sets up the model that women are simply sexual objects to be lusted after as opposed to intelligent people to be respected. I understand that recently one of the employees was followed and attacked when walking home after work.

Wilmslow is full of people who are working hard at not only creating a sense of community but in making the town a place where people want to come to live and work. 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". The presence of the ST Lounge in its present location contradicts this worthwhile aspiration.

I would strongly urge you to refuse to renew the ST Club's licence for its outlet in Wilmslow.

Yours sincerely,

Parent and Governor at St Anne's Fulshaw Church School

13th February 2013.

Dear Mr Whiteley,

SI Club, Grove Street, Wilmslow

We are writing to you in regards of the SI Club on Grove St, Wilmslow.

A SI Club in Grove Street, Wilmslow is totally inappropriate for the area, particularly taking into account its locality to the Churches close by, prep school and the fact that the children from Wilmslow High School in particular frequent Grove Street after school and in the evening.

We and many of our friends avoid Grove Street in the evening particularly late evening as we do not consider it to be a safe place.

Our concern is also for Wilmslow the club can only lead to a decline in further businesses establishing themselves on Grove Street. Residents and businesses should feel that Grove Street is a family-oriented pedestrianised area.

Taking into account that Grove Street is the main thoroughfare through Wilmslow where people from the residential areas nearby can ~~potentially~~ walk to the Leisure Centre, the Carrs play area, the shops and bus stops it would appear that the SI Club would be more suited to a urban environment than the centre of Wilmslow.

We therefore would ask you to review your decision to grant a licence to the ST Club for the future of Wilmslow.

Yours Sincerely.



CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 17 February 2013 16:41
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge's license application

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Licensing Authority,
Cheshire East Council,
Westfields,
Sandbach.

15th February 2013

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Re: ST Lounge, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow - SEV locense application

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At nights it engenders a threatening feeling to passers by, so much so that many avoid going into that part of town in the evenings.

As long time residents of Wilmslow, we are seeing the utter decline of our town centre into a trashy, gaudy, shuttered up place, not inviting for to attract out of town people to visit. Is this what our Council wish to further turn our town centre into? It is not what the vast majority of townspeople wish it to be. We are currently being asked our views on how the town should evolve and later on how the town centre should be shaped. On this basis, the ST Lounge renewal license application is counter to these aspirations.

Neither Grove Street or the central area of Wilmslow is the right place for such an establishment, In fact it will be more suited to a city or town centre like Manchester or Stockport.

We strongly oppose the granting of a further SEV license and urge the appropriate authority to refuse the granting of such a license.

Yours faithfully,

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14 February 2013

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I am writing re the renewal of the licence of the lap-dancing club on Grove Street. We know now that the last time this licence was renewed, virtually no one saw the advert alerting the public because it appeared on News Years Eve in the Manchester Evening News, not a local Wilmslow paper. Thus we were denied the opportunity to object to its renewal at that time.

I have twin daughters, now 21, who would like to be able to go out in Wilmslow without having the sort of lewd comments that have been made to them whilst passing this club. They find this "disgusting and pervy". What sort of message is this sending to young women and girls, and indeed young men. My daughters now never walk this way home (to [REDACTED]). They have a right to walk about town without feeling preyed on.

Personally I don't like to walk that way late of night. There are a lot of dubious characters hanging around the doorway when it is open and it makes me feel uncomfortable. I go another way. Nowhere else in the town centre makes me feel not quite safe.

This is not the right location for this sort of business. This is a main shopping street by day and by night many families are out perhaps going to a local restaurant or indeed escorting children from the Leisure Centre after late evening sports activities or attending churches nearby or walking home after using public transport. Grove Street is surrounded by and in close proximity by residential areas. We want Wilmslow to be a place where everyone feels comfortable and safe at all times. We aspire to a high quality environment and this club significantly detracts from that.

This club is adding to the overall shabbiness of Grove Street because of the large shutters on display all day which give a suggestion of dereliction. The location looks grubby with all the cigarette ends and gives an air of general untidiness. There should be a shop or restaurant at this location which is open to everyone, would bring the public into Wilmslow and which would benefit the community.

You have 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence. 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 and this club is in the heart of Wilmslow with its Leisure Centre, places of worship, schools and residential areas. It is therefore located in an inappropriate area according to the Council's own policy. I would urge you to refuse to grant the licence 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.

Wilmslow town centre is an inappropriate location for this type of business and the licence should be refused.

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From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 15 February 2013 16:52
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Lap Dancing Club Grove St Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 February 2013 17:24
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Lap Dancing Club Grove St Wilmslow

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Subject: Re: ST Lounge, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

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Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to register our objection to the application for an SEV licence for the above mentioned premises.

The grounds for our objection are that the ST Lounge is within a residential area and totally inappropriate to be positioned in Grove Street which is regularly passed by children. Children are naturally inquisitive and are well aware of the purpose of the ST Lounge. I think we are all aware of the early sexualisation of our children and this makes a parents job so much more difficult when our children regularly pass it. I feel it is everyone's responsibility to protect our children and young people and that includes Cheshire East Council in adopting a responsible attitude to issuing licenses.

Grove St in Wilmslow is both an important shopping and social area for residents of Wilmslow to meet and visit cafes. Why therefore do residents need to have this club so high profile as to offend its residents. It has a negative effect on the town centre .

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Yours Faithfully
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Subject: ST lounge

Dear Sir / Madam

I am the mother of 2 boys & live in Wilmslow.

I feel the presence of the ST lounge is not appropriate in our main town centre shopping street.

When my eldest boy was in infants they did a geography project about each type of shop in the town centre, they can't do that now because the teachers cannot be expected to explain what a "gentleman's club" is to children!

The club does not promote for our 1800 Wilmslow High school children that women are to be viewed as equals & not merely as sexual objects.

I also know of a recent sexual assault on a worker at the club, this typifies the type of client who uses the club.

Yours Sincerely
[REDACTED]

Date: 16th of February 2013

To: The Licensing Department,
Cheshire East Council
Westfields,
Middlewich Road,
Sandbach, CW11 1HZ
Email: licensing@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Dear Sir,

Re: ST Lounge Grove Street Wilmslow
Application for a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence – Written Objection

I am writing to express my strong objection to the Council granting a Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) licence for adult entertainment at the premises mentioned above. The premises have been operating as a lap dancing club since 2009 in what is a totally inappropriate location and venue.

The Cheshire East Council policy for a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence states as follows:

"Whilst each application will be determined on its own individual merits, the grant of a licence will generally be considered inappropriate where the characteristics of the locality include the following sensitive uses:

- (a) an area predominantly comprising residential accommodation;
- (b) parks and children's play areas;
- (c) schools and youth centres;
- (d) places of worship; and
- (e) community facilities."

I would request that the Committee refuse the application on the grounds that a sexual entertainment venue at the premises would be inappropriate, having regard to the character of the relevant locality and the use to which other premises in the vicinity are put.

The premises are located on Grove Street in the heart of the centre of Wilmslow and are therefore in an inappropriate place in accordance with the above characteristics of the locality.

Whilst I do not live in Wilmslow it is part of Cheshire East and does have an impact.

For example, I recently emailed a Senior Democratic Officer of Cheshire East who has consulted upon potential venues for future Council meetings, to make the following comment

"In relation to the recent member consultation on venues for future council meetings.

I note that it has been suggested that *Consideration should be given to earlier start times for Council meetings and they should not end very late in the evening.*

In addition Wilmslow Leisure Centre has been suggested as a venue.

A recent council meeting in Congleton finished around midnight and I felt uncomfortable walking to my car alone at that time of night even though it was parked only a short distance away.

Wilmslow has a sexual entertainment venue in the centre of town on Grove Street called ST Lounge.

I understand from looking at the map of the centre of Wilmslow that the Leisure Centre and station are fairly close by and the ST Lounge is in the heart of Wilmslow.

<http://www.wilmslow.co.uk/assets/wilmslow/files/07045-wilmslow-map.pdf>

<http://www.stlounge.com/>

It means that by using the Wilmslow Leisure Centre late at night allows for the possibility of encountering stag parties and/ or men who may be under the influence of either or both alcohol and sexual stimulation. The ST Lounge is only a few minutes walk to or from the Leisure Centre which is close to the station.

Lap dancing is currently licensed from Monday to Thursday from 2130 to 0330 at the ST Lounge at Grove Street, Wilmslow, so leaving a late Council meeting would coincide with their times of opening.

For the female lap dancing entertainers the police added the licence condition that:

"Where performers who are not being collected from the door of the premises by taxi or other transport, they will be chaperoned back to their vehicle by escorts provided by the licence holder. This is necessary as there is no car park within sight of the premises and for the safety of persons performing in the premises".

It is bad enough feeling uncomfortable/unsafe walking alone at night to your car without the added threat from this type of entertainment as there will always be some distance to walk from the building.

I would therefore request that Wilmslow Leisure Centre is not used as a future venue for Council meetings as I consider that this type of premises located in the centre of Wilmslow acts as a no go area for the centre of Wilmslow for females alone who like me feel uncomfortable with the prospect of being near the town centre late at night and impacts upon therefore impacts upon the potential use of other premises in the vicinity.

I am not sure whether or not there will be any changes in venue but I am emailing to request that the suggestion of Wilmslow Leisure Centre is not used as I prefer not to be near Wilmslow town centre late at night.

Please could these views be taken into consideration if there are any future venue changes for Council meetings."

I understand that the Leisure centre is open till 10.15 for sports most nights. I am concerned that there is an overlap where under 18s may be in the vicinity of The Stag Night trade.

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure_culture_and_tourism/leisure_facilities/my_nearest_centre/wilmslow_leisure_centre.aspx

The situation has substantially changed in Wilmslow since the last application for a licence was granted as Cheshire East has now published a Cheshire East Local Plan Wilmslow Town Strategy. A sexual entertainment venue within the heart of the town centre of Wilmslow is contrary to that vision including the objectives for realising the vision. It certainly cannot even be a welcoming town when there is an area of town where residents and visitors alike may well seek to avoid particularly after 930pm at night, because of having a sexual entertainment venue in the town centre of Wilmslow.

<http://www.wilmslow-tc.org.uk/userfiles/files/Wilmslow%20Town%20Strategy%20Final%20Document.pdf>

Lap dancing licences have been refused elsewhere including one in Lambeth which has been operating for 6 years.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-16869029>

<http://www.brixtonblog.com/residents-celebrate-as-brixton-road-strip-club-application-refused/8956>

<http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventrytimes/2011/06/29/lap-dance-club-licence-refused-92746-28963828/>

I would request that the Licensing Committee refuse the application on the grounds that a sexual entertainment venue at the premises would be inappropriate, having regard to the character of the relevant locality and the use to which other premises in the vicinity are put.

Yours faithfully

Cllr Dr Louise Brown
Broken Cross and Upton Ward
Macclesfield

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15 February 2013

To The Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council

Dear Sir/Sirs/Councillors/

Re: ST Lounge Wilmslow

I am writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club. Very few people saw the original advert, placed just once, in the Manchester Evening News the day before New Year's Eve! Many people did not object, as they did not even know that an application had been made.

A main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club. There is a lovely shoe shop for children next door, a children's accessory shop nearly opposite, monsoon children's shop very near and even an exclusive teddy bear shop, so it does not fit in with the local businesses. The shutters down all day makes it look like it is a failed business. There are always cigarette ends and cigarette packets in the doorway.

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?

The Council needs to be sensitive to the uses to which Grove Street is principally put. It is an area used by all the locals, young and old, 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.

I feel that there are other issues you should be also considering. There are now 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. How can this be the right way forward? Shouldn't we all be doing our utmost to protect and enhance our town centre?

Please, refuse to renew the License to the ST Lounge.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 18 February 2013 09:25
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge Willmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 February 2013 09:17
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge Willmslow

Dear Councillors

As a Wilmslow resident, I wish to object to the location of the ST Lounge in Grove St, Wilmslow as being inappropriate with regards to its close proximity to churches, schools and parks and is totally out of character with other local businesses.

The location of the club has a negative effect on the local area. I ask you to refuse the renewal of the SEV license.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 17 February 2013 19:47
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge in Wilmslow

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 February 2013 18:04
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: ST Lounge in Wilmslow

To whom it may concern

We would like to lodge an appeal against the renewal of the licence for the sexual entertainment venue 'ST Lounge' on Grove Street in Wilmslow. A club of this nature should not be situated on a shopping street adjacent to a residential area. We have objected to this establishment from the outset and are dismayed to find that it continues to exist here in Wilmslow with the approval of our council. Please listen to the residents of Wilmslow. We do not want sex clubs in the town.

[REDACTED]
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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 17 February 2013 19:47
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: objection to renew the licence for the ST Club in Grove Street.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 February 2013 19:27
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: objection to renew the licence for the ST Club in Grove Street.

Dear Committee

RE: renew the licence for the ST Club in Grove Street.

My wife, family and I are writing you to in the hope that you will consider refusing the sexual entertainment venue licence for ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

We would have refused the first time but they hid their application by having the notification come out during the Christmas holidays.

This club is located in the wrong area situated as it is in a family shopping area.

During the day at the best of times it is an ugly shuttered unmarked eyesore that is difficult to explain to my children.

At night it makes me uncomfortable allowing my teenage daughter into Grove Street, knowing the kind of people that this club attracts.

I find it hard to see how the committee can find a location next to a children shoe shop a suitable location in accordance with the "appropriate to the relevant locality" test.

Since this club has been allowed to open some of the shops near it have closed and the landlord has been unable to rent these premises.

This in contrast to most other areas in Wilmslow that are constantly opening new business. This is in my opinion not a coincidence.

Please act now before what was once a lovely and lively street becomes a dead eyesore.

We ask that you serious consider the our objects which we where unable to provide last time.

[REDACTED]

Make Wilmslow Matter

makewilmslowmatter@gmail.com

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15.2.2013

**Letter of objection to the renewal of a Sexual Entertainment Licence
for the ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We write on behalf of 'Make Wilmslow Matter', an independent group of Wilmslow residents. Last year we submitted our objections to the SEV application by the ST Lounge too late, and the applicant was not afforded the time to verify our petition. We understated the details of our objections. However, over the past year, these objections have grown and we feel it our civic duty as local people to bring our serious concerns to your attention.

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 Licensing Committee must now 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.

Wilmslow Town Council has unanimously voted for and made representation to Cheshire East, that Wilmslow should have a nil policy for Sexual Entertainment venues as is possible under Council Policy. Furthermore, Cheshire East councilors, Wesley Fitzgerald, Gary Barton and Rod Menlove, local people with local knowledge, have all publicly stated that Grove Street is a wholly inappropriate location for premises having an SEV licence.

Our objections can be summarized under a number of headings:

1) Sexual Entertainment Venue Licences – new measures

As the Licensing Committee will be aware, section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 gives local authorities the right to control sexual entertainment venues under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. The ministerial forward to the act explains that this measure was specifically intended to empower local communities, giving local people greater say over the number and location of lap dancing clubs in their area. Cheshire East Council adopted these new provisions with effect from April 4th 2011.

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 to set the appropriate number for a locality as 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.

We are aware that when considering an application for a sexual entertainment venue licence from an existing operator the Committee must be mindful of paragraph 4.19 of the Home Office Guidance and take into account

the operator's rights under Articles 1 and 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights (concerning peaceful enjoyment of their possessions and freedom of expression). However we consider that provided the licensing authority's decision is reached on a rational basis the refusal of a license would not contravene an applicants' Convention rights. We think it highly unlikely that any appeal against a rational licence refusal on these grounds would be successful, as it is totally lawful for councils to set 'nil' policies. Furthermore, the two rights above are qualified and not absolute. Philip Kolvin QC, former Chairman of the Institute of Licensing, has 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."

2) Grove Street, families and young people (see appendices 2, 3 and 4)

Cheshire East Council's policy on the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues (3.8) clearly states:-

"...a licence will generally be considered inappropriate where the characteristics of the locality include the following sensitive uses:

- a) an area comprising predominantly residential accommodation
- b) parks and children's play areas
- c) schools and youth centres
- d) places of worship; and
- e) community facilities

The ST Lounge is set within a pedestrian shopping area, near to residential streets, public green space, several schools, three churches and community facilities. This location directly exposes residents, shoppers and commuters to the inappropriate presence of a sexual entertainment venue in the town centre.

Grove Street is a family shopping street designed to appeal to pedestrians of all ages, especially mothers with prams and buggies. It offers public seating areas as well as cafes with outdoor tables. The shops include a wide range of national chains alongside up-market hairdressers and exclusive jewellers. There is a children's shoe shop next door to the ST Lounge and a shop appealing to teenagers and young adults directly opposite the club.

Grove Street is frequently used by people walking to bus stops on Green Lane or the train station on Station Road. Wilmslow train station services nearly a million commuters a year, and the buses and trains are used well into the night. Many travelers are young people attending educational facilities such as the universities in Manchester, Stockport College, Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, Altrincham Grammar School for Girls, and Kings School, Macclesfield.

Grove Street has benches and open areas where children and young people congregate at different times of the day and night. They also gather at Tesco Express, Morrison's and Wilmslow Leisure Centre which are often open after 10.15p.m. The police were called to an incident involving about 15 young teenagers at Subway, near Grove Street, at 10 pm on Saturday 3rd November 2012. A further 10 young people were near Tesco's. This disproves the ST Lounge's contention that their premises are only open after young people are no longer on the street.

In the case of Vimax Leisure and Durham City Council the factor of local transport hubs was cited as a legitimate ground for the refusal of a premises license with attached adult entertainment provisions, given the numbers of minors congregating in the region of a local bus and railway station. We contend that the same concerns apply to central Wilmslow.

3) Proximity to places of Worship (see appendices 2, 3 and 4)

The applicant's premises are very close to St Theresa's Catholic Church and St Bartholomew's Parish Church, with Wilmslow Methodist Church a short distance away on Water Lane. These churches have large congregations who regularly attend services and evening meetings. These substantially sized venues also host School events, Harvest Festivals, Easter celebrations and festivities during the Christmas period. Many family and children's events take place in these churches throughout the year including meetings of scouts, guides, cubs, brownies, beavers and rainbows. Adults and young people attending evening meetings on foot in these places of worship are highly likely to find themselves passing the open premises of the club on Grove Street.

4) Proximity to schools and youth centres (see appendices 2, 3 and 4)

The applicant's premises are near to several schools. Wilmslow Preparatory School for Girls' headmaster, [REDACTED], has already objected to this application. Wilmslow High School head, [REDACTED], has objected to the ST Lounge location. Staff and parents have also written to Licensing expressing their concerns. Many of the 2000 students from Wilmslow High School walk along Grove Street on their way to and from school, sporting and social events. Whilst formal education is usually between 8.30am and 4.p.m, preschool and after school clubs offer a host of facilities and sporting events to children up to 18 years of age. School premises are also used for a wide range of after school activities from sporting events to the end of school disco and leavers ball. Many school children and their families will walk past this club, which offers live sexual entertainment each evening. This club is inappropriate to the character of its surrounding locality. Pupils, parents, support staff and teachers are entitled to be in a safe community environment which is not situated in the locality of the sex industry.

5) Proximity to residential accommodation (see appendix 6)

The club is near to Hawthorn Lane, which leads to Hawthorn Grove, Broadwalk, Carrwood Road, Gorsey Road and the prestigious Pownall Park. The centre of Grove Street leads onto Grove Way which is the site of Wilmslow Preparatory School and also has a wide range of luxury apartments, houses and retirement apartments. Many elderly local residents no longer want to walk in this vicinity because of the presence of the club. Many have signed a petition regarding the location of the strip club. Some residents now have concerns about walking home past this club and prefer not to go out in the evening.

6) Proximity to parks and play areas (see appendices 2, 3 and 4)

Rectory Fields, a large public green space used by cricketers and families of all ages for games and picnics, is a short walk from Grove Street. Within these grounds is Wilmslow Leisure Centre, which is usually open till 10.15pm, although much later when there are concerts and shows. Grove Street leads to Church Street and St Bartholomew's Church. Another beautiful area nearby, called The Carrs, consists of 71 acres of picturesque parkland with children's play areas, multi use football, tennis and picnic areas.

7) Adverse impact on local businesses

The Local Government Association has surveyed local councils all over the UK and has reported 76% of council officers blamed strip clubs for undermining the vibrancy of High Streets. This information was requested by the Government and has been reported back to Councils.

The sex industry often has a negative effect on efforts to regenerate areas by driving away the couple, professional and family trade. This is now happening in Wilmslow. Business people have stated that the area

around the club looks seedy, particularly as its shutters are down all day, implying a failed business. The Chinese herbal shop next to the ST Club closed two years ago and the premises remained empty until Christmas 2012. We understand the Licensing Committee will have received a letter of objection from [REDACTED], a business man who decided not to invest in Wilmslow. He felt that the clients attracted to this sort of club would not be in keeping with his hope of building a family friendly business. [REDACTED], owner for 30 years of [REDACTED] Hair salon on Grove Street, has objected in writing that the SEV license cheapens the street and the town.

Residents have complained that they now avoid walking in this area in the evening. You have received letters stating that some local people now choose not to eat and drink in Wilmslow in the evening and take their custom to other places. Women in particular may prefer not to visit the centre of Wilmslow to avoid the risk of being in the vicinity of sexually stimulated men. The application granted by Cheshire East allows performers to lap dance for up to 60 minutes, with the rules to dancers..." knickers MUST be removed!"

You have received a letter from another local hair salon which states that the club serves as a late night drinking venue for locals, but is attracting the wrong crowd into Wilmslow, so lowering the tone of the area. Certainly the Stag Night trade that these premises attract deters locals from the area.

The Wilmslow Vision document states that it aims to foster "a vibrant, welcoming and accessible town centre with a high quality environment that will draw people to Wilmslow". The town should be "community that is safe and welcoming" and the town centre should be enhanced "to achieve Wilmslow's aspirations". Please ask yourselves if granting a Sexual Entertainment Licence to the ST club achieves these aims?

8) Safety, accountability and ST Lounge (see appendix 5)

The ST Lounge was granted the SEV License, with conditions.

Condition 10. "The Licence Holder or any other person concerned in the conduct or management of the premises shall not seek to obtain custom by means of personal solicitation or touting from the premises, immediately outside the premises or in the vicinity of the premises, nor allow the premises to be used by prostitutes. Solicitation shall be taken to include the distribution of leaflets."

In the document provided at the 2012 hearing, prepared by the council for the Licensing committee and attendees, there is a "Start of the night checklist" supplied by the applicant, which states "2 people to go flyering". The ST lounge states on Facebook that people can collect free flyers from reception or "Watch out for one of our flyer team who will be giving out flyers on the street near you.....". Clearly the Club is distributing leaflets. Many residents are extremely disturbed by this activity, particularly as the card contains a salacious photograph with the club's details. You have received a letter from a male resident of Hawthorn Lane objecting because he was approached by staff from the ST Lounge, who gave him the promotional information. We consider that the club has knowingly broken condition 10 of their license.

Condition 34. The Police representative at the March 2012 hearing said that condition 34 had been added in order to protect performers leaving the premises with their takings and chaperone them to their cars, if they were not in a taxi. In November 2012 a performer from the ST Lounge left the club with a customer and was subjected to a vicious attack and theft. After this incident she was seen screaming, banging on a shop window begging to be let in before the police were called and an ambulance came. This incident demonstrates that either the club is not abiding by the rules of the license or the conditions are insufficient to protect the performers. Can Cheshire East

Council provide more protection for these vulnerable performers? Had a gentleman not assisted this lady she could have faced more serious injuries. Who would then have been responsible?

Arcangel Initiative On September 1st 2012 the ST Lounge entered into a contract with Cheshire Constabulary and partners as part of the Arcangel Initiative. All premises agreed not to promote binge drinking by no longer offering fixed price and unlimited drinks promotions. The St Lounge still advertises "shots for a pound" and drinks for "just" 0.99p". This happens despite the manager assuring Vilma Robson, Senior Licensing Officer, and Cheshire Police in November 2012, that they had no idea that this was on their website and agreeing to remove the information. This is a sign of poor management as the club should be aware of the information on their website.

Litter and poor maintenance Management should have an effective cleaning and maintenance policy. The frontage has a range of detritus including cigarette ends and packets. Neighbouring shopholders complain of having to clean vomit from the vicinity and the upstairs window has been broken for months.

Opening times At the hearing in March 2012, the ST Lounge was given a license to open on Monday to Thursday till 3.30am, however the hours of opening they have advertised all year are till 4am on Thursday. Furthermore they state on their website they can open for hire *"even when they are closed to the public."*

No Go area Many residents think that Grove Street is now unsuitable to walk in during the evenings and avoid the area. The Article 8 Human Rights of residents are affected because people feel unable to go about their normal business in the way they usually would. Parents are unwilling to let children walk home from a pizza restaurant, leisure centre, youth club or visit to friends in the evening because of the Stag Night trade attracted to the ST Lounge.

The applicant has repeatedly broken their agreements with Cheshire Constabulary and the Licensing Department.

In conclusion, it is the firm view of Make Wilmslow Matter that for all the reasons outlined above Cheshire East Council should now refuse the renewal of a sexual entertainment licence for the ST Lounge and declare a 'nil' policy for Wilmslow town centre. We are sure the strength of local opposition to this club in this locality will be evident from the letters of local residents, schools and business people. We urge the members of the Licensing Committee to listen to these voices and act accordingly.


Chair of Make Wilmslow Matter

Appendices of additional information provided with this letter:

- 1) **Appendix 1** A summary of the club's previous development and licence applications
- 2) **Appendix 2** Sensitive site location map
- 3) **Appendix 3** Location Map
- 4) **Appendix 4** Photograph file
- 5) **Appendix 5** Information from ST Lounge website
- 6) **Appendix 6** Petition file

We are members of Make Wilmslow Matter Board.

We are in agreement with the letter of objection to the renewal of a Sexual Entertainment Licence for the ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Licensing Committee

East Cheshire Council

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the ST Lounge in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

We urge you to consider refusing the relicensing of the ST Lounge, as you have the right to do, on the grounds that it is in a totally inappropriate location, close to several residential streets, schools, shops, churches, parks, crèches etc, totally at odds with the rest of the immediate area!

In considering the facts, the Committee should also be aware of the fact that Cheshire East Council has a duty to enforce the Gender Equality Act of 2007, which legally requires councils to promote equality between men and women in everything they do. It has a great relevance to lap dancing clubs, where women become sexual objects in the eyes of men, thereby contradicting all equality between the sexes!

This matter is incredibly serious. Please consider it from every angle and refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

The Licensing Committee

Cheshire East

Dear Committee

Re: St Lounge

I am writing to object to the application for a renewal of the licence for the ST Lounge in Grove Street.

The location, right in the centre of town is not suitable; it is the main focus of many community events, such as the Artisan Market and the fundraising by Rotary at Christmas.

Wilmslow is family oriented, with churches, clothes shops, jewellers, flower shops, opticians, banks, building societies, shoe shops, a department store, cafes and restaurants, not in keeping with a sex establishment at all! It is amazing that the licence was ever granted, as the location is entirely contradictory to your stipulations of where such a business can be sited.

The benches just outside the club are used regularly by teenagers going to and from Wilmslow High School; the club is only about 200 yards from Wilmslow Prep School and Nursery; it is about 200 yards from Kiddy Creche on Alderley Road and the little Teddy Bear shop in Wilmslow Arcade. The club is set in a particularly inappropriate location!

Who, in our community, is going to benefit from the club? House prices could easily suffer. Wouldn't it be more suitable to encourage retail outlets, instead? The shop next to it has been vacant for over a year now, probably as it is off-putting to normal businesses. Will drunk or aroused customers threaten the safety of women locally? Unfortunately, it is all too possible! This is the wrong location for a sex establishment. Please reconsider.

Yours faithfully,



The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council

Dear Mr Whiteley,

Re: The St Lounge's request for a renewal of its licence.

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

On our way home from any of the restaurants off Grove Street, such as The Burinda, Trevi's or Eastern Revive, we avoid walking past the lap-dancing club, as it makes us feel uneasy. Eg, Last Saturday, I had to walk along Green Lane instead, simply to avoid having to pass in front of the club, even though the route is slightly longer, and more dangerous at night.

The police have stipulated that the female performers from the club should be safely escorted to their cars, presumably to avoid the attentions of sexually-stimulated customers; it is worrying to think what could happen to other young women, who might be in the vicinity or even leaving the club itself. Are they going to fall prey to the sexually-stimulated? It puts us all at risk! We should feel safe in our small town centre. Surely the ST Lounge is inappropriately situated here?

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

Yours sincerely,



To: The Licensing Section

Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

We are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club. We have been living in Wilmslow for quite a while and have always felt safe here; now, with the lap-dancing club, we dread having to walk along Grove Street in the evening.

Why does the Council feel that such a venue is acceptable in the main street of a small market town, when it is surrounded by normal shops, cafes, restaurants, bakers, jewellers, opticians etc? It is completely at odds with the rest of the town. This venue is not justified in our local area, with its many residential streets.

We feel that there are other issues you should be considering, too. The future of Wilmslow town centre is at risk 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?

We hope for your understanding and ask you to refuse to renew the ST Lounge's licence in Wilmslow.

Yours sincerely,



The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Re: ST Lounge Wilmslow

Dear Sir,

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

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

In your 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence, it is stated that the licence could be refused on the grounds that it is "inappropriate to the relevant locality". Did the Council seriously consider this issue when it granted the licence initially?

My friend was shopping in Foot Asylum, opposite the ST Club, with her son, when he saw the ST Lounge sign and wanted to know what a 'gentleman's club' was! Surely the club is inappropriately situated? Grove Street has jewellers, opticians, bakers, banks, clothes and food shops etc, places we use in our everyday family lives. Surely the ST Lounge is absolutely inappropriate to the locality, as it has nothing whatsoever in common with the rest of the shops?

Do the many residents who live nearby, in Grove Avenue, Green Lane and Hawthorn Lane really have to dread that some awful crime will be committed before the Council acknowledges that the location of this club is inappropriate?

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

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

To: The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: The ST Lounge.

I am writing to object to the application for the renewal of the licence for the ST Lounge. As far as I am concerned, it is appalling that such a place exists in the midst of a small town, quite contrary to the ministerial forward, written when the legislation was introduced!

Cheshire East Council has granted a licence to the strip club, situated as it is in Wilmslow's main shopping street, close to several churches, schools and nurseries, the Leisure Centre, the train station and surrounded by normal family shops, very close to several residential roads where hundreds of people live. It is completely in the wrong location!

Are you not fearful of the consequences? Your decision to grant the application could lead to a very serious attack on local residents.

I urge you to think again, carefully, and refuse to renew the SEV licence.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

The Licensing Committee,
Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: the lap dancing club in Wilmslow.

My family and I are disturbed by the presence of the ST Lounge in Grove Street and feel that its location is totally inappropriate, considering that it is surrounded by what we consider to be much more normal shops and businesses, mainly for family use.

A measure was introduced to give Councils the right to have no SEVs in their area; indeed in the ministerial forward, it emphasises that particular freedom of choice, without fear of reprisal or court action. I urge the Council to revisit the legislation and see!

Please help to restore the true nature of Wilmslow's character, by refusing to allow the planning application for the renewal of the ST Lounge's SEV licence.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted signature block]

The Licensing Section

Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir,

Re: ST Club in Wilmslow's main street.

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

The Wilmslow Vision document, which the Council endorsed, 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 purpose of the ST Club is to sexually excite its audience, and contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow!

To us, this is an inappropriate area for a strip club. In your policy document, you state 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. We do not think so! Grove Avenue, houses many local residents, as do the roads off water lane; Green Lane also leads to Hawthorn Lane, which is 95% residential and to Green Lane, which has residential apartments.

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

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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]

Licensing Enquiries
Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: Licensing renewal application for the ST Lounge.

As a long-term resident of Wilmslow, I strongly object to the application for an SEV licence at the ST Lounge.

Wilmslow is a small market-town, with a lively town centre. The ST Lounge has quite a large frontage onto Grove Street, a traffic-free area in the heart of Wilmslow. Grove Street houses a large number of shops, restaurants and cafes, all of which are targeted to a family-based community, unlike the ST Lounge.

The area around Grove Street is residential; Grove Avenue, Water lane, Green Lane and Hawthorn Lane have many shops and houses. Surely the club's existence in their midst just adds to the pressure of the current social environment? Should they wish to sell their houses, the residents might find that having such a venue close by is enough to devalue them. There are already a large number of licensed premises in the immediate area, as well as two licensed retailers. Do we really need the ST Lounge at all, with or without its SEV licence?

Young people congregate in Grove Street every day, on their way to and from school or for longer periods in the summer holidays, often just outside the ST Lounge. How unsuitable the venue is! What message are we giving to our young? Is it that the Council condones the degradation of women for money? There is a definite question of gender inequality here! Not only that, but there are three churches nearby, whose parishioners do not wish to have to walk past the club.

Regarding the kind of customer who is attracted into the club, is this who we want to be attracted into Wilmslow? How long will it be before the customers of the ST Lounge who leave sexually stimulated, but aroused and unsatisfied, prey on vulnerable young women? Does the Council feel that it can abdicate responsibility in this area? I think that the residents of Wilmslow would, indeed, feel that the Council were to blame if anything like that happened! There could indeed be legal action in the offing, if such an attack occurred.

Please take note of our grave concerns that the ST Lounge is in totally the wrong location. Please refuse to renew.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

Licensing department
Cheshire East council

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: ST Lounge's application

We would like to register our objection to the above application for a renewed SEV licence.

The venue is in the heart of Wilmslow. In our opinion, the club is having a detrimental effect on the town as it undermines our family-based community spirit and values. Since Grove Street is traffic-free, it houses the Artisan Market, every month, and the Rotary Club's efforts to raise money at Christmas, with Santa and the sleigh. The kind of customer the sex venue wants is not the kind of customer who uses all the other venues. Without a doubt, the sex club is at odds with its neighbours! It is in completely the wrong location!

In the vicinity, apart from the bookie's, every other shop is family orientated, with jewellers, clothes shops, shoe shops, opticians, Boots, Clarks, mobile phone shops, cafes and restaurants. The sex establishment is inappropriate in the location and out of sync with all the other businesses.

Also, in the area, within a few hundred metres, we have schools, crèches and churches and several residential roads; this are yet more reasons why the ST Lounge is not correctly situated. A small market town like Wilmslow really has no need of a lap dancing club!

Please take these objections into account and refuse to grant a renewal.

Yours faithfully

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

The Licensing Officer
Cheshire East

Dear Mr Whiteley and other officers,

Re: ST Club Grove Street, Wilmslow.

We are writing to ask you to refuse to renew the licence for the ST Club in Grove Street. Please consider the effect such a venue is having on Wilmslow's town centre.

We consider that a main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club; the ST Lounge is surrounded by ordinary everyday shops used by families and people of all ages. We consider that the ST Lounge is inappropriate to the relevant locality and fail to understand why an SEV licence was granted initially, in such an inappropriate area.

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 & Nursery School, which is in Grove Avenue. Many teenagers from Wilmslow High School are very often to be seen in the street, after school and later, in the evening, meeting friends. The bus-stops to Macclesfield, Manchester and other local areas are in Green lane, linked to Grove Street by an arcade.

We know that many people avoid this area in the evening, particularly after the pubs have closed. 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.

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 in decline; is this what you want for the future of our town? It is not what the residents want!

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

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

The Licensing Team

East Cheshire Council

RE: The ST Lounge in Grove Street

Dear all

I am writing to ask that the Council might consider granting no SEVs in Wilmslow; we have one, the ST Lounge, inappropriately situated, in the heart of our small town. I have to ask you why such an inappropriate business, totally out of character with all the existing businesses, has been allowed to settle in Wilmslow.

When I am out with my family in the evening, I deliberately avoid going along Grove Street, purely to avoid any potential trouble; I often think wonder what kind of physical state of arousal the lap dancing club's customers might be in! This makes me, and my family feel quite vulnerable- this is totally wrong. I should feel safe in my own town!

Please take our views into account and refuse the ST Lounge's application for a renewal of its SEV licence.

Yours faithfully,

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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,

[Redacted signature block]

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,

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

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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Dear Councillors,

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

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

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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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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Wilmslow
Cheshire

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 seem 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]

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 Brown~~ (M)

P.T.O. →

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

~~Wesley Fitzgerald~~

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,



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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

08.02.13

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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January 13th 2013

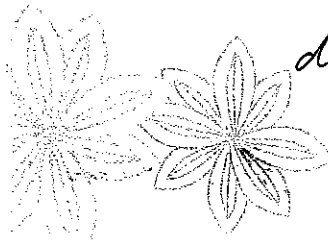
Dear Sir / Madam,

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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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DEAR SIR OR MADAM

Re: ST Club in Wilmslow's main street.

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Town Hall
Market Place
Macclesfield
SK10 1DX

~~Mr. [redacted] [redacted]~~
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11th Feb 2013

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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 New Policy for Sexual Entertainment they agreed that the current location is inappropriate.

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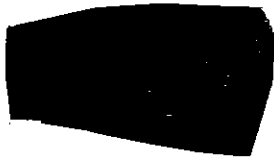
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The Wilmslow Vision document, which the Council endorsed, wishes to foster "a vibrant, welcoming and accessible town-centre, with a high-quality environment, to draw people into Wilmslow"; it talks of "a community that is safe and welcoming". The purpose of the ST Club is to sexually excite its audience, and contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow!

To us, this is an inappropriate area for a strip club. In your policy document, you state 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. We do not think so! Grove Avenue, houses many local residents, as do the roads off water lane; Green Lane also leads to Hawthorn Lane, which is 95% residential and to Green Lane, which has residential apartments.

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

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

I am 15 years old, and have lived in Wilmslow all my life and been very happy here. I would like to tell you how a strip club opening round the corner from my house, has affected me.

*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.

Yours faithfully,

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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,

Cheshire East Council

Dear Councillors,

Re: ST Lounge.

We ask that the Licensing Committee reconsider the issue of granting a licence to the ST Club; very few people saw the original advert in the Manchester Evening News last December. Many people did not object, as they did not even know that an application had been made!

The Wilmslow Vision document, which was supported by the Council, wishes to engender "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, which in turn might provoke them to prey on others, particularly young women, and, therefore, contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for Wilmslow.

The police have stipulated that performers from the club should be safely escorted to their cars, presumably to avoid the attentions of sexually-stimulated customers; it is worrying to think what could happen to other young women, who might be in the vicinity. Are they going to fall prey to the sexually-stimulated?

In our opinion, the Council needs to be sensitive to the uses to which Grove Street is principally put; it is surrounded by residential streets and facilities for the community in general, including children and young adults. Every day, huge numbers of schoolchildren walk past the club, which is adjacent to coffee shops, clothes shops, shoe shops, charity shops and banks. The ST Club is in a very inappropriate location, in the middle of a family shopping area.

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

We 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.

Yours faithfully,

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We know that many people avoid this area in the evening, particularly after the pubs have closed. 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.

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 in decline; is this what you want for the future of our town? It is not what the residents want!

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Yours faithfully,

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,



Re: ST Lounge Wilmslow

Dear Sir,

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

On our way home from The Burinda or Eastern Revive, we avoid walking past the lap-dancing club, as it makes us feel uncomfortable. E.g., last Saturday, we walked along Green Lane instead, even though the route is slightly longer, purely to avoid having to pass the club. Should this be necessary?

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, which could cause them to prey on others when they leave, 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 licence could be refused on the grounds that it is "inappropriate to the relevant locality". Did the Council seriously consider this issue when it granted the licence initially?

My friend was shopping in Foot Asylum, opposite the ST Club, with her son, who saw the ST Lounge sign and wanted to know what a 'gentleman's club' was! Surely the club is inappropriately situated? Grove Street houses jewellers, opticians, bakers, banks, clothes and food shops etc, i.e.: places we use in our everyday family lives. Surely the ST Lounge is "inappropriate to the locality"?

Do the many residents who live nearby, in Grove Avenue, Green Lane and Hawthorn Lane really have to dread that some awful crime will be committed before the Council acknowledges that the location of this club is inappropriate?

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

Yours faithfully,

7th February 2013,
Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my
concern about the proposed renewal
of the licence to the lapdancing club
in Grove Street Wilmslow

Whilst I have not objected morally
to adult entertainment, I feel the
club is situated too near local
amenities, such as schools, shops, etc
for it to be a desirable location.

1 Shop and eat in Wilmslow and
it is not an asset to the area.
Please re-consider extending the
licence further.

Yours faithfully

The Licensing Office

Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

With regard to THE ST Lounge in Wilmslow

I wish to object to the application to renew the SEV licence for 16 Grove Street.

My objection is based on the fact that the premises adversely affect particular parts of the community, such as those listed in your criteria for objections. It is totally inappropriate for Wilmslow.

The lounge is in a residential area, with Grove Avenue, Green Lane and Hawthorn Lane close by.

The lounge is in an area frequented by children under 16, walking to and from schools, nurseries, the playground at The Carrs, the Leisure Centre etc.

The lounge is sited close to three churches.

Wilmslow already has some unruly behaviour at night, particularly when the pubs close and there has been heavy drinking. The ST Lounge is open until 3am, so there is even more scope for drinking. What kind of state are the customers in when they leave the lounge, having been drinking and "sexually stimulated"? This is, after all, one of the main aims of the lounge! What kind of character is being enticed into Wilmslow? What kind of crime will eventually be committed?

Please do not approve the application.

Yours faithfully,

7/2/13

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The Licensing Office

Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge in Wilmslow.

We wish to object to the above application for a sex establishment venue licence, because, in our view, it will adversely affect the future of Wilmslow; it will not be in the interests of local residents; it will give an inappropriate message both to visitors to the town and to the large numbers of families with children of school age, who regularly use the town for commercial and entertainment purposes.

We note that in your policy statement, that you make conditions about granting an SEV licence; in Wilmslow, we have the following sensitive uses in the location of the lounge: there are play areas not far away; there are three places of worship within 200 metres; there is a prep school, a nursery and a high school not far away; there is a huge amount of residential accommodation, in Hawthorn Lane, Green Lane and Grove Avenue and much more off Water Lane; there is a well-used Leisure Centre.

Whilst we regret that anyone feels the need for sex establishments, we are realistic enough to know that the sex industry will always exist. Our objection is based on the fact that such places would be better located in larger urban areas, away from residential streets and facilities used by local residents, particularly by young people.

Please help to protect our town.

Yours faithfully,

7/2/13

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The Licensing Office
Cheshire East Council

12/02/2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application for an SEV licence for the ST Lounge in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

The premises are inappropriately situated in the centre of the town, in a pedestrianised street, used regularly by families and children. Such an establishment would be better situated in a large urban area, away from the residential streets of Wilmslow; Grove Avenue, Grove Street, Hawthorn Lane and residential streets off Water Lane are all very close by.

The lounge makes no positive contribution to the town at all, and tends to drive away other potential businesses. It is an eyesore during the day, with its shutters down.

Yours faithfully,

The Licensing Office

Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Licensing application for ST Lounge in Grove Street.

I object to the application. The location of the premises is very close to three residential roads, Grove Avenue, Hawthorn Lane and Green Lane and is also close to churches and schools.

In your own criteria, you seem to be against the juxtaposition of such clubs with housing, shops, schools and places of worship, so how can you consider granting this application?

It is also a pedestrianised road, where Wilmslow residents linger, sitting on the benches, where there are charity shops, shoe shops, banks, restaurants, and gift shops for all members of the family. It is where we have a regular artisan market, selling cheeses, cooked meats, bread, cakes, jewellery, toys, bags etc, as opposed to the ST Lounge which sells sex!

The stated purpose of the ST Lounge is to stimulate its customers sexually. How is it appropriate to grant a licence to a sex establishment, in the heart of Wilmslow's main street, in which our traditional values are represented, in which we put up Christmas decorations and where the rotary Club raises money for charity?

Please reject the application.

Yours sincerely,

28/1/13.

The Licensing Office

Cheshire East Council

10-2-13

Dear Sirs

Re: Application for a lap-dancing renewal licence.

I would like to voice my concern about the application for the renewal of the licence for the ST Lounge in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

I have enjoyed living in Wilmslow for quite a few years and it has been a mainly quiet and law-abiding community. Grove Street is where people enjoy sitting on the benches and is a place where young people can congregate in the evenings.....unless they are put off by the ST Lounge!

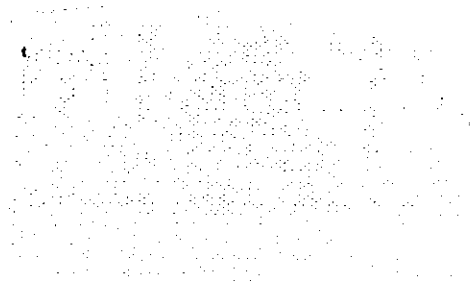
For such a club to be situated in the heart of our community is totally unacceptable and certainly inappropriate for our small market town.

The area is residential with many houses and apartments in the vicinity, as well as commercial businesses, such as Thorntons, Waterstones, Clarks, Boots, as well as various mobile phone shops, jewellers, several banks, building societies, cafes and restaurants in close proximity to the lounge.

I know, from friends who live in Hawthorn Lane, that they have been woken occasionally at night, when alcohol-fuelled revelers leave the lounge; this is totally unacceptable! The stated purpose of the lounge is to sexually stimulate its customers. It is a potent mix, isn't it, alcohol and sexual stimulation? Where will it lead? Will you be held partly responsible for having granted an SEV to a club in such an inappropriate location?

I hope you will rectify this worrying situation.

Yours faithfully,



11th February 2013

Re: The ST Lounge in Grove Street

Dear Councillors

I am writing to ask you not to grant a licence to the St Lounge in Wilmslow's main pedestrianised street. Its very location there does not seem in line with the Council's own guidelines, as it is located near a great many residences, schools, churches and parks and is totally out of character with the surrounding businesses.

Section 27 of the Policing & Crime Act 2009 give Councils the right to regulate lap dancing clubs as sex establishments under Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. This new legislation came into effect in England in 2010 and, fortunately, was later adopted by Cheshire East. It gives you the right, I think, to make fresh decisions.

The purpose of these reforms, according to the Ministerial Foreword, was to empower local communities, to give them a greater say over where and how many lap dancing clubs would open and operate in their area. It seems that Cheshire East Council was very wise to adopt this legislation, and not to continue with the status quo.

Please listen to the local people, most of whom are worried about where the ST Lounge is located. The club seems to be having a negative effect on that end of Grove Street, with its shutters down all day, its litter, urine and vomit in the evenings and early mornings.

Unfortunately, we have heard many tales about the club, including the fact that most locals prefer to avoid Grove Street in the evenings because of it; we have heard that men walking past are actively encouraged to enter and some are even given discount vouchers; we have heard that under 18s are allowed in on a regular basis. Many of us find this truly disturbing.

I really worry about the potential danger to young women in or near that area at night, from men who have been sexually stimulated, and who may be drunk, who might possibly attack a young girl on her way home. There are very many houses close to the ST Lounge, in Green lane, Grove Avenue, Hawthorn Lane, and, off Water Lane. I know that the club targets stag parties as part of its audiences; stag parties are well known for their binge drinking and extreme behaviour. It really seems that the ST Lounge is located in the wrong place.

Please examine the new legislation very carefully. Please consider the impact that the ST Lounge is having on the local community. It concerns me that some businesses are refusing to come to Wilmslow, because they do not wish to open in the vicinity of a strip club. Economically, as I am sure you agree, this is not good for the town.

Interestingly, Local Government Association findings have shown that in towns where there are strip clubs and betting shops, there is a definite economic decline. 76% of Council officers believe this to be the case, apparently.

I am very worried about the future of Wilmslow. I ask you all to reflect on these issues and to refuse the licence to the ST Lounge. I rely on your good judgement.

I wish you to withhold my name and address.

Yours faithfully,

I am happy for Cllr Fitzgerald to speak on my behalf at the forthcoming hearing.

To: The Licensing Section

Cheshire East Council

15/02/13

Dear Councillors,

Re: ST Lounge, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

We are writing to express our strong objection to the granting of a licence for the strip club in Grove Street. 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, who might then prey on others; therefore, this contradicts what the Council is seeking to provide for the people of Wilmslow! 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? This is quite aside from the fact that there are several churches, schools and parks nearby! The Leisure Centre is a popular and well-used venue, not far from the ST Club. Apart from its sporting use, it also plays host to the Wilmslow Symphony Orchestra and mounts theatrical productions. Residents from Hawthorn Lane, Green Lane and Grove Avenue would normally have to pass in front of the ST Lounge, on their way to and from the Leisure Centre, unless they deliberately plan to avoid it. According to Home Office guidelines, in the ministerial foreword, the new regulations are to empower local authorities to give people a voice; please acknowledge that the people of Wilmslow do not want a lap-dancing club in the middle of the main street!

We ask that you take our objections very seriously.

Yours faithfully,

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The Licensing Officer

Cheshire East

Dear Mr Whiteley and other officers,

Re: ST Club Grove Street, Wilmslow.

15/02/13

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We consider that a main family shopping area is the wrong location for a lap dancing club; the ST Lounge is surrounded by ordinary everyday shops used by families and people of all ages. We consider that the ST Lounge is inappropriate to the relevant locality and fail to understand why an SEV licence was granted initially, in such an inappropriate area, completely contrary to your own guidelines!

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. St Teresa's Church is very close by, in Green Lane; the Methodist Church and St Bartholomew's Church are close by, as are the Leisure Centre and Wilmslow Prep & Nursery School. Many teenagers from Wilmslow High School are very often to be seen in the street, after school and later, in the evening, meeting friends. The bus-stops to Macclesfield, Manchester and other local areas are in Green lane, linked to Grove Street by an arcade.

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There is economic data available, which shows that a town with strip clubs and betting shops is in decline; is this what you want for the future of our town? It is not what the residents want!

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

Yours faithfully,

The Licensing Council,
Cheshire East.

12th February 2013

Dear Sir.

Ref: The ST Lounge, Grove St., Wilmslow

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

The Lap Dancing Club is sited in very close proximity to a residential area, Grove Ave., Grove Lane, Hawthorn Lane. There is a fear of crime, anti-social behaviour, noise pollution and disturbance to residents. Furthermore, there is a heightened statistical link to physical, verbal and sexual assaults on women who live or work in the vicinity of such venues. Many local residents must be reluctant to work through Grove St. which is the hub of Wilmslow town centre, for fear of such abuse.

The premises are located in our main shopping street, where seating is provided for young and old, almost directly outside the premises. The location of the club does not fit with other premises 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 town, which is struggling in the current economic climate. The opening of the ST Lounge has not helped at all, having such a club tarnishes the image of the area by giving it a sleazy appearance, thus counteracting 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 the recession, as they see industry devastated 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 such a club, especially those with young children, regardless of the opening hours of the applicant.

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

I urge you to refuse the ST Lounge's application for licence renewal.

Yours faithfully

The Licensing Committee,
Cheshire East Council

12/02/2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: the lap dancing club in Wilmslow.

My family and I are disturbed by the presence of the ST Lounge in Grove Street and feel that its location is totally inappropriate, considering that it is surrounded by what we consider to be much more normal shops and businesses, mainly for family use.

A measure was introduced to give Councils the right to have no SEVs in their area; indeed the ministerial foreword emphasises that particular freedom of choice, without fear of reprisal or court action. I urge the Council to revisit the legislation and see!

Please help to restore the true nature of Wilmslow's character, by refusing to allow the planning application for the renewal of the ST Lounge's SEV licence.

Yours Sincerely,

Dear Mr Whiteley

Please do not renew the license to perform sexual entertainment on Grove Street, Wilmslow. Its current position is neither acceptable nor appropriate to the local community.

This club is very close to residences on Hawthorn Lane. These houses were built over 100 years ago. It is close to Hawthorn Grove, Grove Way and the apartments and houses situated on Green Lane and Kennerlys Lane.

The club's present position is on a busy pedestrianized thoroughfare, used by family members of all ages to shop, visit restaurants and gain access to bus stops on Green Lane (metres away from the club), and the train station on Station Road. The buses and trains are used well into the night. The bus services which operate from Green Lane, and the trains, carry a high volume of female students and workers attending the University of Manchester, Stockport College, Altrincham Grammar School and Loreto Grammar School. There are a high number of minors who congregate near the bus station, train station and indeed Grove Street, Wilmslow, and this alone is a legitimate reason for the refusal of a Sexual Entertainment License which allows nude pole dancing and lap dancing most nights of the week. I am concerned about female commuters, who have to pass the club and its patrons, as Grove Street is the main pedestrian route in the town.

Please reconsider the club's location. It is inappropriately positioned, extremely close to St Theresa's Church, and around the corner from Wilmslow Preparatory School. Many of the 2,000 students from Wilmslow High School also use Grove Street to walk home after school, sporting and social events. Furthermore, there are more Churches and schools just a short walk away.

Businesses are also affected. That end of Grove Street now looks seedy due to the two empty shops next to the club. The club's shutters are down all day long, so the club looks like a failed business. Laudable efforts by a number of store holders to upgrade the area by attracting family trade are being thwarted by a sex club in the centre of Wilmslow's high street.

Wilmslow Town Council voted unanimously that this area is inappropriate for the location of sex clubs, so please listen to your Councilors and residents by refusing to renew the Sexual Entertainment Venue License.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dear Licensing,

Wilmslow residents are extremely concerned that a club has been granted a Licence to perform fully nude Sexual Entertainment. The Council have allowed it to operate all year in Grove Street. Residents are especially worried because a dancer from the club was attacked in the residential area of Racecourse Road.

This area is totally inappropriate, because it is so near residential areas, shops, schools and churches. Also, it is known that the ladies who work in this industry are vulnerable and there appears to be insufficient safeguarding for them.

Yours truly

The Licensing Authority,
Cheshire East Borough Council

15 February 2013

By hand & fax: 01270 529889

Dear Sirs,

Re: ST Lounge, Grove Street, Wilmslow

I WRITE WITH REFERENCE TO THE ABOVE PLANNING APPLICATION AS A BOROUGH COUNCILLOR WHO REPRESENTED WILMSLOW TOWN CENTRE FROM 1985 – 1997.

As a Councillor I was responsible for the promotion of Grove Street as a Pedestrian Area thereby creating a "family friendly heart" to our town.

I also strongly supported the change of premises to the A4 use thereby allowing the town to provide coffee shops and well managed Bar Restaurants for the enjoyment of local residents and visitors. With some exceptions this policy has worked well with the Police and local government ensuring such premises are well managed without causing any concern to "local residents".

I WRITE THEREFORE TO EXPRESS MY STRONG OBJECTION TO THE RENEWAL OF A SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE FOR "A STRIP CLUB" ON GROVE STREET AND ASK YOU TO CONSIDER IN DETAIL THE AFFECT SUCH A CLUB IS HAVING ON THE TOWN CENTRE, WHERE IT IS SITUATED ON THE MAIN SHOPPING CENTRE AND HEART OF OUR TOWN.

If such a club is considered "desirable" by the applicants then ask them to seek a site more private and appropriate with suitable car parking.

Yours faithfully,

14.2.2013

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In addition to the obvious offence this club causes to many local people, there is the wider issue involved. Research clearly shows that the sex trade is linked to human trafficking, as well as to the drugs trade.

I note that Peter Tapper claims in this week's Express Advertiser that the "blue rinse brigade" or the "moral minority" are trying to close this club down. But conversations I have had with local people indicate there is widespread resistance to this type of club from parents with young families.

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15th February 2013

Dear Licensing,

RE: ST Lounge

[REDACTED] has been in business for seven years, as a specialist for children's hairdressing and children's parties.

I feel strongly that such a business as the ST Lounge should not be in prime view of the high traffic of children who frequent Grove Street. As such, I am writing to object to the ST Lounge being granted a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence.

Yours faithfully,

2 February 2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

I don't live in Wilmslow, but my mum really enjoyed looking round the shops on Grove Street and then having a coffee or lunch there. When the sex club opened, I won't take her any more. I would be very embarrassed and she would feel very uncomfortable having a drink nearby, it puts people off.

I hope that you will consider this and don't renew the licence.

Yours sincerely

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4th February

Dear Sir

We are all disgusted that a sex club has been allowed to open down the main shopping street where I come into Wilmslow to meet my friends. They have paid a lot for their houses so they can live in a nice area. Children go to the childrens shops there, everyone used to go out to drinks and dinner. Then you have to walk right past a club where there are stag parties. I would hate to be the mother of a girls walking home.

It is time to do the right thing and stop this business.

Regards,

Dear Licensing

My friends and family members have been shocked and really concerned that you granted a License to perform fully nude strip shows and lap dances most evenings in the heart of Wilmslow.

The location is completely wrong, and inappropriate as it is so near schools, churches and in the heart of Wilmslow, a residential town according to the Councils web site. What residential area has a Sex club in its centre?

Please refuse to renew the Sexual Entertainment License you gave to the ST Lounge, and make Wilmslow a better place for people to live, work and socialize.

Yours truly,

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14th February 2013

The Licensing Department
Cheshire East Council.

RE: The ST Lounge

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been in business for 30 years, on Grove Street, in Wilmslow. I am writing to express my concerns about the ST Lounge being given a sexual entertainment licence.

I feel that this is most inappropriate, as Grove Street is a family High street venue.

We have invested in a second premises, specialising in baby and children's clothing and feel that the ST Lounge is completely out of character with the rest of the local shops.

I would like my name and address withheld from the applicant.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Licensing Committee,

When I have been to Wilmslow, to visit the theatre or leisure centre, or to watch a show at a friends school sporting event we often walk and catch the train home together. No more! It's a car door to door or nothing.

I feel strongly that Sexual Entertainment should not be situated in a family area next to all the amenities which made Wilmslow so popular. In Manchester, I believe such clubs are situated down side streets and in down-market areas. se.

Please consider the effect the existence of such a club is having on Wilmslow's town centre and deny the renewal of the Sex License to Wilmslow's ST Club.

Many thanks

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To East Cheshire Council

Can I urge the council to consider the facts when thinking of renewing a license to the ST Club? This is a residential area; the club is very near to housing on Hawthorn Lane. The situation of the club is in the middle of a busy shopping street where vehicles are not allowed. Also there is a Private School and its nursery nearby. Does the council really believe that the location of this club is appropriate? There are much bigger towns not far away where the club would be better placed.

It is time to consider the views of the local people and shop owners when this comes up for review. I know lots of friends are putting their views in writing; if people are prepared to make the effort of writing a letter then it is time for the council to start listening.

Yours Faithfully

[Faint, illegible signature]

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2nd February 2013

Dear Sir,

I visit Wilmslow to meet relatives and friends. We meet at the wide range of eateries and bars in the town centre. When an Adult Entertainment License was awarded to a club on Grove Street, Wilmslow, many residents and businesses were shocked and deeply concerned. As I was! We now do not take our business to Wilmslow, and you must agree that this type of business is offputting to the majority and deters many.

Thanks to Cheshire East's introduction of the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing Act, the local community and Councilors now have the opportunity to object and the Licensing Department now have the opportunity to do the right thing for Wilmslow.

Looking at a map, everyone can see that:

- i The club on Grove Street is surrounded by residential areas.
- ii The club is metres from a school and nursery and the main pedestrian hub to the others.
- iii The club is very close to St Theresa's and just a short walk from the Methodist and St Bartholomew's Church. These have a large congregation, many of whom will have to walk past the club to attend, which is most inappropriate.

Please do the right thing for Wilmslow and refuse this license.

Yours faithfully,

2. Feb 2013

TO THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR LICENSING

Please do not award a Sexual Entertainment License to the S T Club on Grove Street. Wilmslow is a lovely market town, filled with up-market shops, Churches and wonderful schools.

I believe that the new law, S.E.V. , gives the Licensing Department the opportunity to refuse a license where the location is deemed inappropriate. I am sure you will agree that being surrounded by residential accommodation, round the corner from Churches, nurseries and the prestigious Wilmslow Preparatory School makes the club's proposed location totally unacceptable.

Thankyou

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4th February 2013

Dear Licensing,

Please do not renew the license to perform sexual entertainment on Grove Street, Wilmslow. Its current position is neither acceptable nor appropriate to the community.

Although I do not live in Wilmslow , my friends do, and we used to arrange to meet there. This has now changed. This club is very close to residences over 60 houses on Hawthorn Lane , and 40 houses on Hawthorn Grove. These houses were built over 100 years ago. It is close to the lovely residences and apartments on Grove Way including the Canterbury grange retirement Apartments. There was a time I envied my friends who lived in Wilmslow. No more. They are the receiver of many jokes about their town, pus we just do not feel comfortable meeting there, Obviously we have taken our business elsewhere.

Also ,the buses and trains are used well into the night. The bus services which operate from Green Lane, and the trains, carry many female students and workers attending the many businesses in the area. Plus, the University of Manchester, Stockport College, Altrincham Grammar Schools. There are a large number of minors who congregate near the bus station, train station and indeed Grove Street, Wilmslow, and this alone is a legitimate reason for the refusal of a Sexual Entertainment License which allows nude pole dancing and lap dancing most nights of the week. I am concerned about female commuters, who have to pass the club and its patrons, as Grove Street is the main pedestrian route in the town.

Yours sincerely,

Dear Sirs

I now avoid visiting Wilmslow now so I am writing to object to a Sexual Entertainment License being awarded to the S T Lounge in Street. This is a pedestrianized shopping area near to schools, the leisure centre and shops that children use, such as Claires, DVD shops, and a toddlers' shoe shop. Children and older people alike should feel safe and secure as they go about their daily activities.

This is a residential market town, and has always been known as a family friendly place. It is completely the wrong location for fully nude strip shows every night of the week,

Please do not renew this licence.

Yours faithfully

4th February 2013 .

To license department.

I used to go to Wilmslow and it was a nice place to go and meet friends or shop.

Because of the strip club in the high street,, shops are closing, and that part of the town looks seedy, and run down.

I now go to different shopping areas like Altrincham and Manchester to meet people and do my shopping. I used to spend a lot of money in Wilmslow, but don't any more. I hope something will be done about this situation,

Best wishes,

Dear Licensing

I hope you will agree not to grant the licence for the ST Lounge.

Grove Street, with its shops, coffee shops and restaurants there and nearby, used to be a place for children to meet their friends, and parents were relaxed in the knowledge that they were in a safe environment.

If the licence is granted this will no longer be the case, and Wilmslow's reputation as a family friendly, desirable place to live and/or visit, will be tarnished.

Please do not grant the licence.

Yours truly

[Redacted signature]

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 18 February 2013 14:44
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: ST Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar, Wilmslow

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

From: BARTON, Gary (Councillor)
Sent: 18 February 2013 14:38
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: FITZGERALD, Wesley (Councillor); MENLOVE, Rod (Councillor)
Subject: re: ST Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar, Wilmslow

Regarding the notice of application for the renewal of a sexual entertainment venue licence for the ST Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar, Wilmslow:

I am writing to regsite to objection to this application. Below is a joint statement from myself and Cllrs Fitzgerald and Menlove.

Regards,

Gary

'We believe that the renewal of a sexual entertainment license for the ST Lounge on Grove Street, Wilmslow should be refused. This is not an objection relating to the specific applicant, nor purely a moral objection to such establishments. We believe that Grove Street is a wholly inappropriate location for sexual entertain venues. Grove Street is at the heart of our shopping centre and the presence of a strip club is significantly harmful and a blight on the character of the locality. We are desperately seeking ways to support our struggling shops whilst also encouraging the development of a thriving café and restaurant culture – a process damaged by this application.

The location itself is close to four of the Wilmslow's major churches and almost on the doorstep of Wilmslow Prep as well as being on the route home for a number of Wilmslow High School's pupils. Furthermore, the relatively compact nature of Wilmslow town centre means that the location of this application all but backs on to the primarily residential roads of Hawthorn Street and Grove Avenue. The level of public opposition to this application is significant and we wholeheartedly support our local residents and Wilmslow Town Council in recommending that this application be denied.'

Councillors Gary Barton, Wesley Fitzgerald and Rod Menlove.

To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

14/2/13

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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,

We have nothing against these sort of clip joints in city centres where they are geared up for dealing with litter / late night noise / late night drunks, but it is a really stupid place to put it. Unless of course the council have decided in the long term that is what they want Wilmslow to become.

Y From [REDACTED], [REDACTED],
[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Sorry this is a bit late but our Email has been down.

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 18 February 2013 13:04
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Objection to ST Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar, Wilmslow
Attachments: image.jpeg; ATT00001.txt

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

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 February 2013 12:56
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Objection to ST Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar, Wilmslow

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a Wilmslow family we would like to make our objections known in relation to this application.

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we feel it is inappropriate to have such a venue in the centre of town on the pedestrian street and in such close proximity to local schools.

According to the Wilmslow Express in August 2012 Wilmslow Town Council voted in favour of Wilmslow being designated a "zero locality" for sexual entertainment venues by the licensing authority, Cheshire East Council. Surely to renew the licence at all let alone include Strip Shows and Full Nudity is the complete opposite of Wilmslow Town Council vote!

To promote sexual dancing whilst dressed is bad enough but to allow Strip Shows and Full Nudity is ridiculous for the town centre location.

As a family we have discussed the licence above in an open and non biased way with our two teenage daughters and they were both appalled that the venue was on our doorstep. They were both aware of the shutters during the day. As they grow older they now feel they would no longer feel safe walking in to town to meet friends in the evening as customers of the lounge having had their appetite wetted in the lounge may enter out onto the street and become suggestive to people passing by.

We feel strongly that the venue does not portray the family friendly environment that Wilmslow is trying to portray with the Artisan Market, Scarecrow Festivals, Children's Treasure Hunt, Car Show, etc and that the licence should not be renewed.

Yours Faithfully,


Wilmslow Residents

CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 18 February 2013 16:13
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: lap-dancing club

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 February 2013 16:05
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: lap-dancing club

To whom it may concern:

I would like to add my name to those who oppose the renewal of the licence for the lap-dancing club in Wilmslow. I was born in Chester and I remember Wilmslow from my childhood. I was shocked to hear that a lap-dancing club exists on the High St there now, and it would put me off visiting the town centre. Such places are no-go areas for me as a woman, they make me feel degraded and uncomfortable. It doesn't feel safe. I'm not a prude, I just think sex entertainment should not be on the High St, which should be for all of us, not just the lads. They are sleazy places no matter what the owners would have us believe, not places that women, children and decent men should have to walk past and accept.

It gives Wilmslow a seedy image, and I just thought you might like to know the view of a potential visitor to the town. I am therefore fully in support of the council.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 18 February 2013 15:43
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Renewal of SEV licence for ST Lounge in Wilmslow

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 February 2013 15:32
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Yours faithfully,

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


CADMAN, Nikki

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Sent: 19 February 2013 08:42
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Subject: FW: Lap dancing club

[REDACTED]
 Licensing Administration Officer
 Cheshire East Council
 Westfields
 Middlewich Road
 Sandbach
 CW11 1HZ
 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 February 2013 20:11
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: FW: Lap dancing club

> Subject: Lap dancing club
 > CC: [REDACTED]
 > From: [REDACTED]
 > Date: Mon, 18 Feb 2013 20:06:08 +0000
 > To: [REDACTED]
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 > To the licensing authority, Cheshire East Borough Council
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 >
 > Dear Councillors,
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 > Re: ST Lounge in Wilmslow's main street
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 > My family and I are writing to object to the renewal of the ST Club.
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 > We are requesting that you deny the renewal of the SEV Licence to Wilmslow's STClub.
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 > We consider a high street to be the wrong location for a lap dancing club. It does not fit in with local family friendly businesses.
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 > The Wilmslow Vision document, endorsed by the Council, wishes to foster "a vibrant welcoming and accessible town centre, with a HIGH QUALITY environment...". It talks of a community "that is safe and welcoming". The stated purpose of the lap dancing club is to, "sexually excite its audience". This contradicts what the council is seeking to provide it's Wilmslow residents.
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 > In your 'Discretionary Grounds for Refusal' of an SEV licence, it is stated that the Sexual Entertainment Licence is generally considered inappropriate 'where there are schools, places of worship, leisure centres and residential areas. On the Councils own website it says that Wilmslow is a residential town. Therefore, the club, 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 Council should be sensitive to the principle usage of Grove Street: a residential area with facilities for the community including children who everyday walk by the club, a family area close to schools, coffee and snack shops, churches and toy stores.

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> Grove Street should not be an area to be avoided which would be against the legislation brought in by the government to give residents a say in the way their town is run.
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> We feel that you should be considering the future of Wilmslow town centre. We have two betting shops and a strip club in a very small area. Economists' projections show that this kind of development can lead to the decline of a town.
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> In conclusion, we ask that you take serious heed of our objections,
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> Yours faithfully,
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> Sent from my iPad

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Public Entertainment
Licensing Dept
Cheshire East Council

Dear Sir,

I write to object to the renewal of the licence for S.T. Lounge on Grove St. in Wilmslow. I did not object to the original application because I felt the business should not be discriminated against on principal.

However I now know what a detriment to the street scene an ugly shuttered shop front is, since that is the appearance 365 days a year! Perhaps even more of an issue is the cigarette butts & general litter left by the club's patrons as they smoke outside all evening.

I pass through Grove St at 8.30 am and again at 6pm daily and this detritus is an eyesore & I don't see it outside any other shop, to anything like the same extent.

P.T.O.

The owners of the business clearly have no respect for anyone but their customers & their profits.

It is clear to me that such a high profile area of our village is not suitable for businesses that are boarded up in daytime and creates such a dirty area outside its premises.

yours sincerely


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Ches. [REDACTED]

Tues. 12th Feb.

Re- Application for SEV Licence for ST Lounge, Grove St. Wilmslow.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly object to the renewal of the licence for the above premises. I attend a local church only 100 yds away from the establishment & find the premises offensive not just because of the nature of their use but also because by day they are an ugly blight on one of the main shopping streets of the town.

I believe that in this time of Wilmslow needing to attract new business to the town the unsightly presence of these premises providing this service will deter other businesses from wanting to locate in Grove St.

Also there are several residential areas close by with many families and children using the street on a regular basis. Surely the above establishment is not a commendable influence on impressionable youth.

The residents of Wilmslow are proud of their town and its wholesome nature. This sort of establishment is against all principles of the majority of the residents. It is time Cheshire East made the area a "Zero Tolerance" zone.

Yours faithfully,

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To: Licensing Section
Cheshire East council

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Dear Councillors,

04.02.13.

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Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Cheshire East Council

Licensing Department

MARKET PLACE,

MACCLESFIELD

SK10 1DX

13 February 2013

Re: Objection to the application by Van Leisure Limited to renew its Licence in respect of ST Lounge, Grove St, Wilmslow

As a Wilmslow resident with young children, I object to the application for renewal of the ST Lounge's Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence. A business of this kind is not in keeping with what Wilmslow is aspiring to be - a pleasant, vibrant, family-friendly and community spirited place.

Wilmslow has struggled in recent years despite once being an upmarket retail destination and the jewel in the north west's crown.

This downwards spiral is well recognised and there now seems to be a collective desire to reverse the town's decline and assure Wilmslow's future as a desirable place to live, work and visit. Great efforts have been made by local residents to restore a sense of community in Wilmslow.

We now have a Town Council (which I understand has recommended that the number of sexual entertainment venues for the locality be set at zero); a vibrant monthly artisan market (which has played a pivotal role in encouraging new independent retailers to up business in the town centre); and, innovative community action groups with inspiring local followings, such as Incredible Edible.

Wilmslow is only going to start to truly prosper again if we treat our town centre with the respect it deserves. We need to pay considerable attention to the makeup of the retail environment here and have an approach to town planning / licensing that is in line with the efforts of the wider community to make the town a better place for everyone.

Wilmslow town centre is simply not large enough to accommodate venues of this sort in a discrete way. The very presence of the club on our main shopping street all shuttered up during daylight hours is a constant reminder of the seedy business it is engaged in. When determining the outcome of this licence application Cheshire East (to the extent that it can influence the sorts of businesses that are operated here) should remember that sexual entertainment venues, betting shops and sports bars may have a role to play in a city economy (where stag parties and the like need to be catered for) but Wilmslow isn't Manchester - it's a small, and currently rather vulnerable, town that we need to protect.

A concerned Wilmslow resident.

REPRESENTATION FORM**Responsible Authority: POLICE**

Application Number:

Your Name	Anthony Whitney
Job Title	Licensing Officer
Postal and E-Mail Address	Licensing Section Cheshire Constabulary, Brunswick Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 1HQ macclesfield.licensing@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
Contact Telephone Number	[REDACTED]

Name of the premises you are making a representation about:	S T Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar
Address of the premises you are making a representation about:	16 Grove Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 1DR

1. REPRESENTATION (Please give details)	<p>Application received 29th January 2013 from Van Leisure Ltd for a renewal of the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence at S T Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar, 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 1DR.</p> <p>The application is for the annual renewal with the existing conditions to remain in accordance with Schedule 3, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.</p> <p>There are no Police representations.</p>
Which of the four licensing objectives does your representation relate to?	

<p>Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation.</p>	
<p>Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub-Committee to take into account.</p>	

N.B. If I do make a representation I understand I will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub-Committee and any subsequent appeal proceeding. A full copy of my representation will be forwarded to the applicant.

State the number of representations made: None

Signed:
Licensing Officer Anthony Whitney

Date: 11th February 2013

Tel: 

A brief history of adult/sexual entertainment licence history at 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow

The first application for Premises Licence was made to Macclesfield Borough Council on 7th November 2005 under the transitional arrangements of the commencement of the Licensing Act 2003. The Premise was known as Suede and the Premises Licence was granted with Grandfather rights to carry forward conditions from an existing Public Entertainment Licence which had provision for adult entertainment, i.e. table dancing. The table dancing entertainment was not promoted by the club. It closed down. The applicants were Honeycombe Leisure.

2009 an application was received for the Premises Licence to be transferred to Van Leisure Ltd, the present Licence Holders. An application was also received on the same day for a variation of Designated Premises Supervisor to Paul Brandon Knowles, the present DPS. The premises were renamed The Kitten Club.

On 15.5.2009 an application was received for variation of the Premises Licence to remove some of the conditions. The premises were renamed S T Lounge.

On 23.12.2011 application was received from Van Leisure Ltd for a Sex Entertainment Venue Licence. Due to changes in the law, sexual entertainment could no longer be provided for by way of Premises Licence under Licensing Act 2003. This Licence was granted with conditions etc following a hearing of the General Licensing Sub Committee on 4th April 2012. Application states relevant entertainment as lap dancing, strip shows, pole dancing, full nudity.

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**INFORMATION
IN SUPPORT OF
MAKE WILMSLOW MATTER'S
OBJECTION TO
S T LOUNGE'S
LICENCE APPLICATION
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- (b) parks and children’s play areas;
- (c) schools and youth centres;
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- (e) community facilities.



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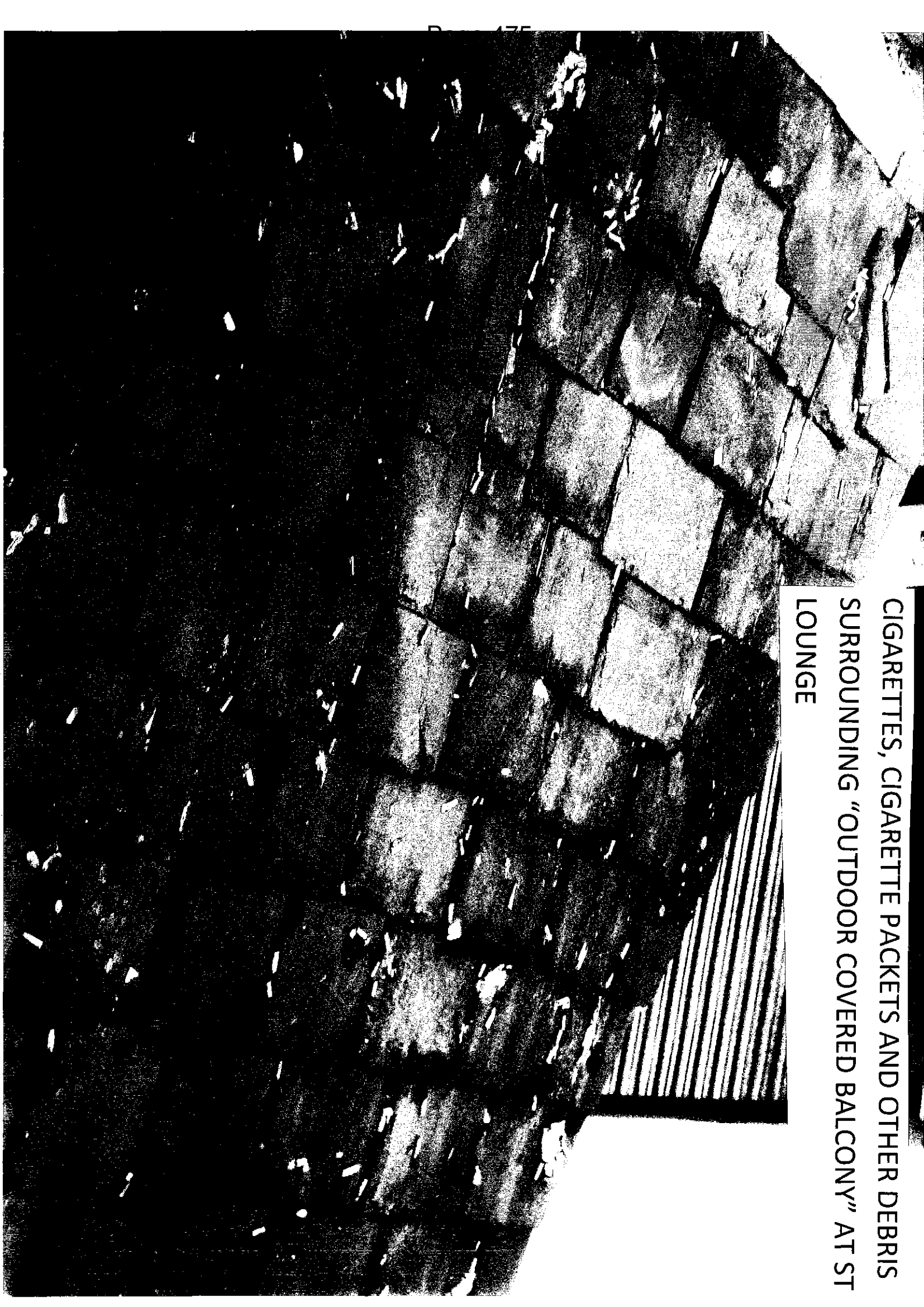
DRINKS AT 0.99p!

Poor management

Management should be aware of the information on their website.

Management should have an effective clean threshold policy. The frontage has a range of debris , cigarette ends and packets. Neighbouring shops complain of having to clean vomit from the vicinity and the upstairs window has been broken for months.

CIGARETTES, CIGARETTE PACKETS AND OTHER DEBRIS
SURROUNDING "OUTDOOR COVERED BALCONY" AT ST
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ST Lounge - WILMSLOWS PREMIER LAP DANCING CLUB

Established in 2009 and located in the heart of Wilmslow, ST Lounge is dedicated to bringing you the finest late night entertainment in the most luxurious atmosphere, surrounded by some of the UK's most beautiful ladies.

ST Lounge is fully air conditioned for your comfort and features two main rooms, along with two private dance rooms an extra luxurious VIP lounge and **even an outdoor covered balcony** where you can relax and soak up the night atmosphere.

Dress code is smart/smart casual.



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We can cater for outside events, taking care of everything for you by supplying the marquee, bar, sound system, DJ, and [REDACTED]. We will also organise all the licences required too (subject to conditions).

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So what are the hours of business?

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Open Until ~~4am~~
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ST LOUNGE - OPENING TIMES

Monday (Closed)

Tuesday 9:30pm - 3:30am

Wednesday 9:30pm - 3:30am

~~Thursday 9:30pm - 3:30am~~

Friday 9:30pm - 4am

Saturday 9:30pm - 4am

Open Bank Holiday Sundays

Dress code is smart/smart casual.

OPENING HOURS –

LICENCE SAYS 3.30A.M.-- THEY SAY 4.00 A.M.!

These are the premises who are helping us to tackle alcohol-related crime and disorder as a community.

1. The Bollin Fee
2. The Slug and Lettuce
3. The ST Lounge
4. The Coach & Four
5. The Boardroom
6. The Swan Hotel
7. Revolution
8. Carters Arms
9. Miller & Carter
10. Wilmslow Royal British Legion Club
11. The Farmers Arms
12. The Merlin
13. The Kings Arms



The ArcAngel code of conduct:

All premises to agree and strictly adhere to last entry times.

No premises will undertake any promotions that encourage binge drinking, including fixed price, short period and unlimited drink promotions.

All premises will set and adhere to the following dress code: after 7.00 p.m. - no 'hoodies', no baseball caps, no trainers and no track suits.

You are entering an ArcAngel Protected Area and will be expected to behave in a responsible manner:

Non-alcoholic drinks, including drinking water, to be available at all times.

Enjoying a drink is acceptable but drinking to excess and behaving in an anti-social manner will not be tolerated.

Premises to comply with noise regulations to protect both staff and customer against oppressive noise levels both inside and outside the premises.

This code is there for your protection and to make communities safer. Break it and face the consequences.

Go online and give us your feedback on ArcAngel in your area at www.arcangel.uk.net



PROTECTED TOWN



LAUNCH EVENT:
1 September 2012

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Stag and group exclusive deal (Prebook required)

- FREE ENTRY TO CLUB (Until 12am)
- Get **£10** Voucher Towards Your Stage Show
- Q-Jump to other major venues in the town
- ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- You can leave the club at any time during the night and return later free of charge
- Stag shows can be arranged with the manager on the night in the VIP lounge for added privacy
- Relaxed club atmosphere with discreet security
- All major credit cards accepted

Arcangel initiative

On September 1st 2012 the ST Lounge entered into a contract with Cheshire Constabulary and partners as part of the Arcangel Initiative. All premises agreed not to promote binge drinking by no longer offering fixed price and unlimited drinks promotions. The St Lounge still advertises "shots for a pound" and drinks for "just" 0.99p". This despite the premises holder assuring Vilma Robson, Senior Licensing Officer, and Cheshire Police in November 2012, that they had no idea that this was on their website and agreeing to remove the information

STAG NIGHT BOOKING FORM!

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Leader Name :

Email :

Telephone :

Number in group :

Date of visit :

Message :

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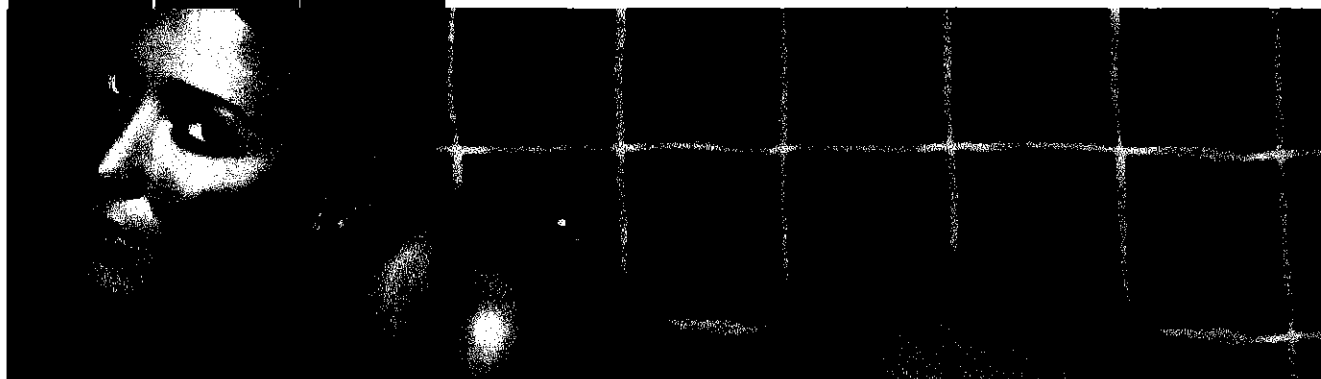
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Free Entrance B4 10:30 ST 1 And ST Lounge

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ST Lounge PROMOTIONAL GIRLS

Promo Girls

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- Strip-a-grams
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- Models
- Glamour
- Pit Babes
- Grid Girls
- Bike Shows
- Motor Shows

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THE ST LOUNGE FACE BOOK STATES :

“WATCH OUT FOR ONE OF OUR FLYER TEAM WHO WILL BE GIVING OUT FLYERS ON THE STREET NEAR YOU.”

In the Public Document there is a “Start of the night checklist”. This states,” 2 people to go flyering” .The ST lounge state on face book to collect free flyers from reception or “Watch out for one of our flyer team who will be giving out flyers on the street near you.....”Clearly the Club is distributing leaflets

The ST Lounge was granted the SEV License, with conditions.

Condition 10.

The Licence Holder or any other person concerned in the conduct or management of the premises shall not seek to obtain custom by means of personal solicitation or touting from the premises, immediately outside the premises or in the vicinity of the premises, nor allow the premises to be used by prostitutes. Solicitation shall be taken to include the distribution of leaflets.”

Search for people, places and things

ST LOUNGE GENTLEMAN'S CLUB & CHAMPAGNE BAR

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GENTLEMAN'S CLUB AND CHAMPAGNE BAR

16 GROVE STREET, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE SK9 1DR

Tel :

...See more

Available

R u recruiting for any hostesses? Pls say yes!!

16 November at 20:26 via Mobile

likes this.

Seen by 30

RECRUITING NEW DANCERS!!! PLEASE RING FOR DETAILS AND INFORMATION.

2 October at 13:25

likes this.

Seen by 33

Al do it Kim!! Lol x

2 October at 13:34 via mobile

Ok will book you in for interview and audition then :o)

2 October at 13:59

JOIN US FOR FUN NIGHT @ ST LOUNGE THIS BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY FROM 9.30PM TILL 3.30AM

FREE ENTRY BEFORE 9.30PM WITH FLYERS - £10 ENTRY THEREAFTER...

PICK UP SOME FLYERS FROM THE RECEPTION FOR FREE ENTRY OR WATCH OUT FOR ONE OF OUR FLYER TEAM WHO WILL BE GIVING OUT FLYERS ON THE STREET NEAR YOU.....

22 August at 12:45

likes this.

Seen by 33

IS LOOKING FOR NEW DANCERS. PLEASE CONTACT FOR DETAILS/INFORMATION ON

19 June at 15:21

Seen by 33

View all 7 comments

Great will do!!

31 July at 15:19

Would you let the girls know I have thongs on sale ...£1 each!

31 July at 15:21 1

RECRUITING NEW DANCERS!!! PLEASE RING FOR DETAILS AND INFORMATION.

30 July at 12:10

Seen by 33

I'M LOOKING FOR NEW DANCERS. PLEASE CONTACT FOR DETAILS/INFORMATION ON

23 July at 11:01

Seen by 33

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**PHOTOGRAPHS
IN SUPPORT OF
MAKE WILMSLOW MATTER'S
OBJECTION TO
S T LOUNGE'S
LICENCE APPLICATION**

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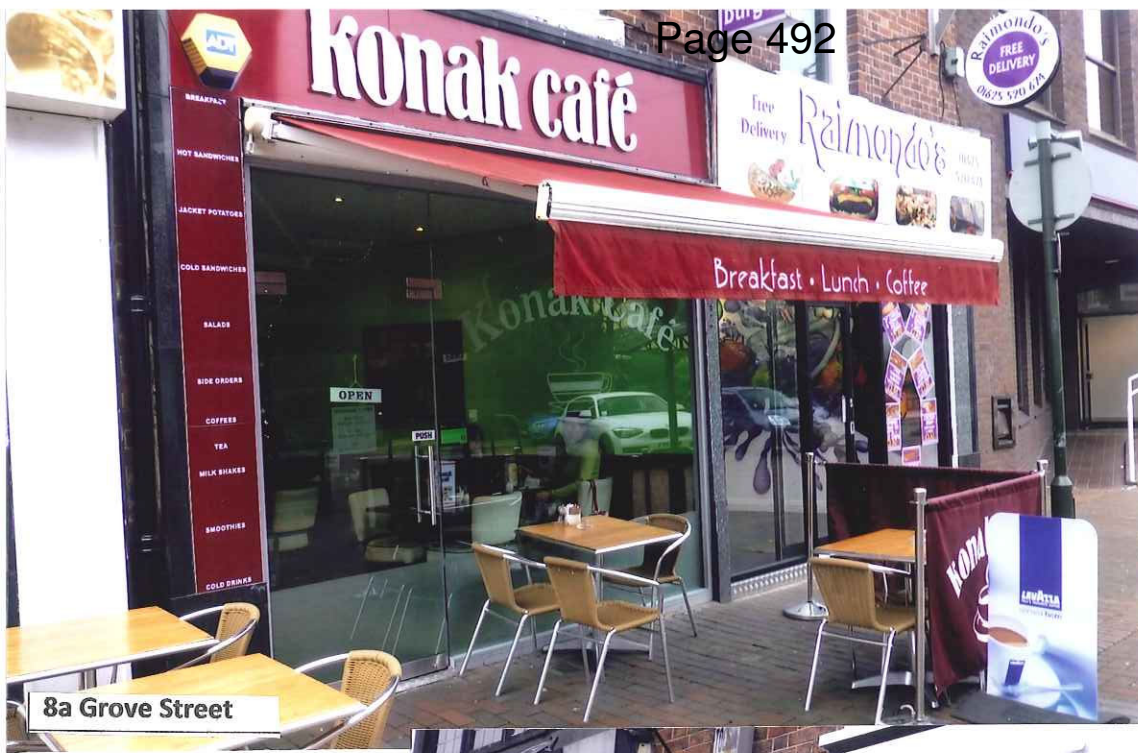
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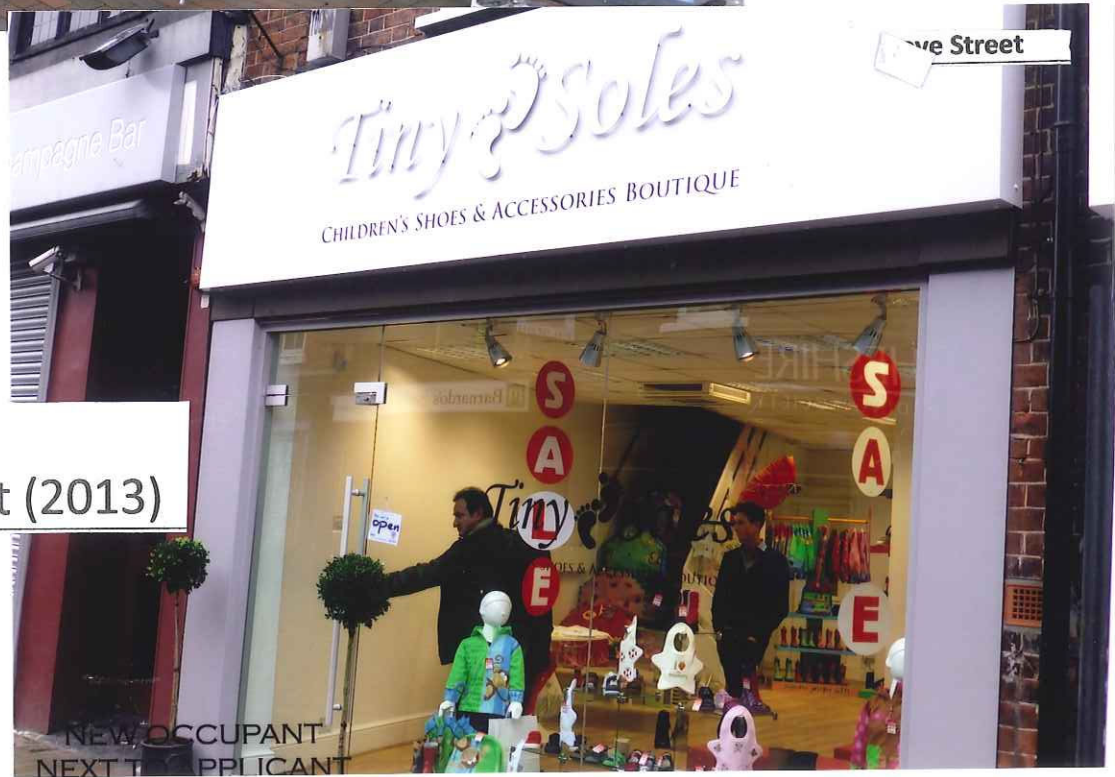
Grove Street – adjoining businesses (2012)



ADJOINING
PROPERTY TO



8a Grove Street

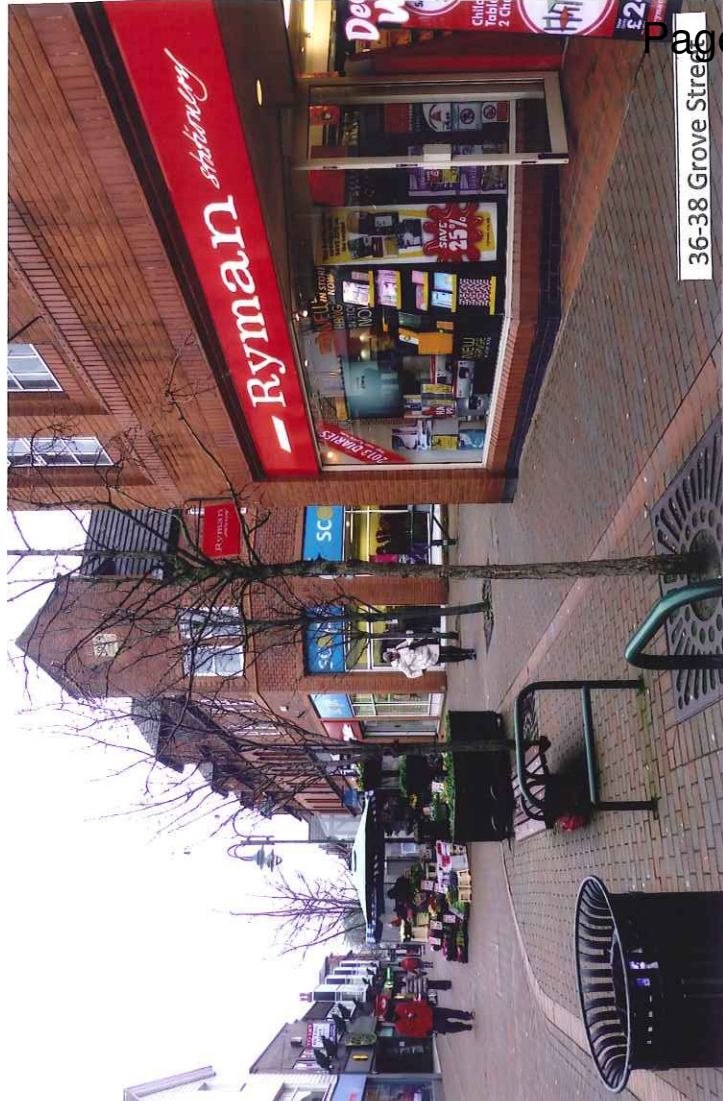


Grove Street

Tiny Soles
adjoining applicant (2013)

NEW OCCUPANT
NEXT TO APPLICANT

Halifax Bank – adjoining applicant





Grove Street



Grove Street



5-7 Grove Street



15 Grove Street



Grove Street – opposite applicant

Grove Street



17 Grove Street



21 Grove Street



23 Grove Street



Waterstone's

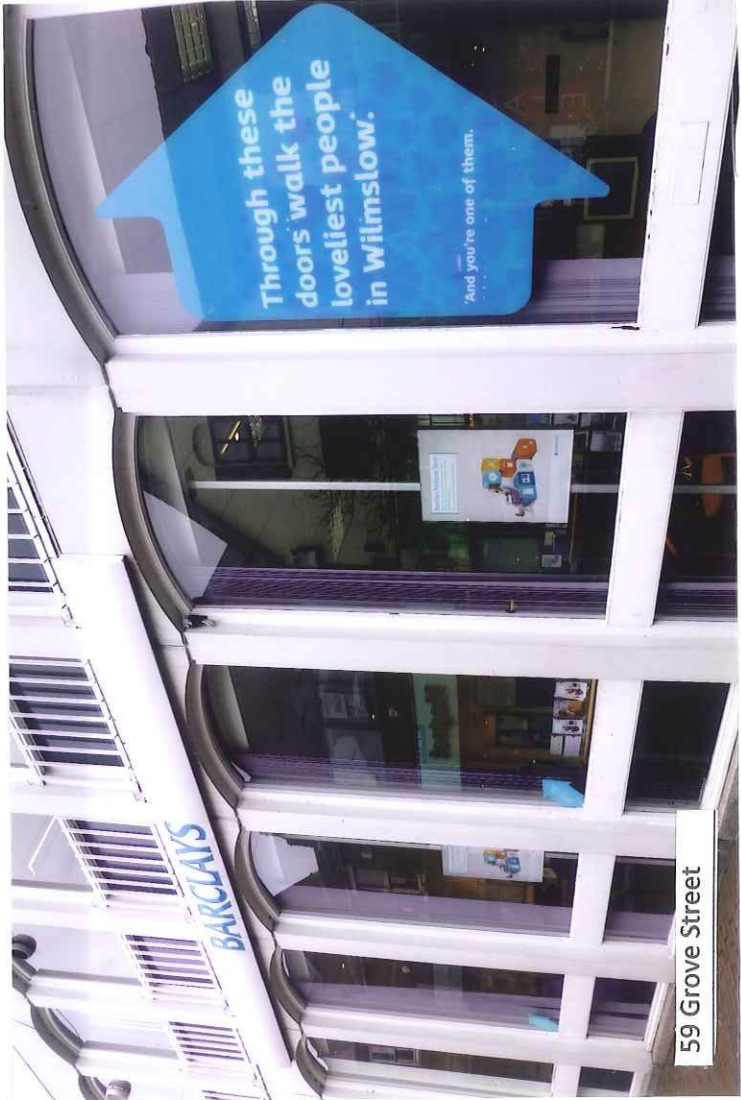


HOLLAND & BARRETT

health foods & natural remedies



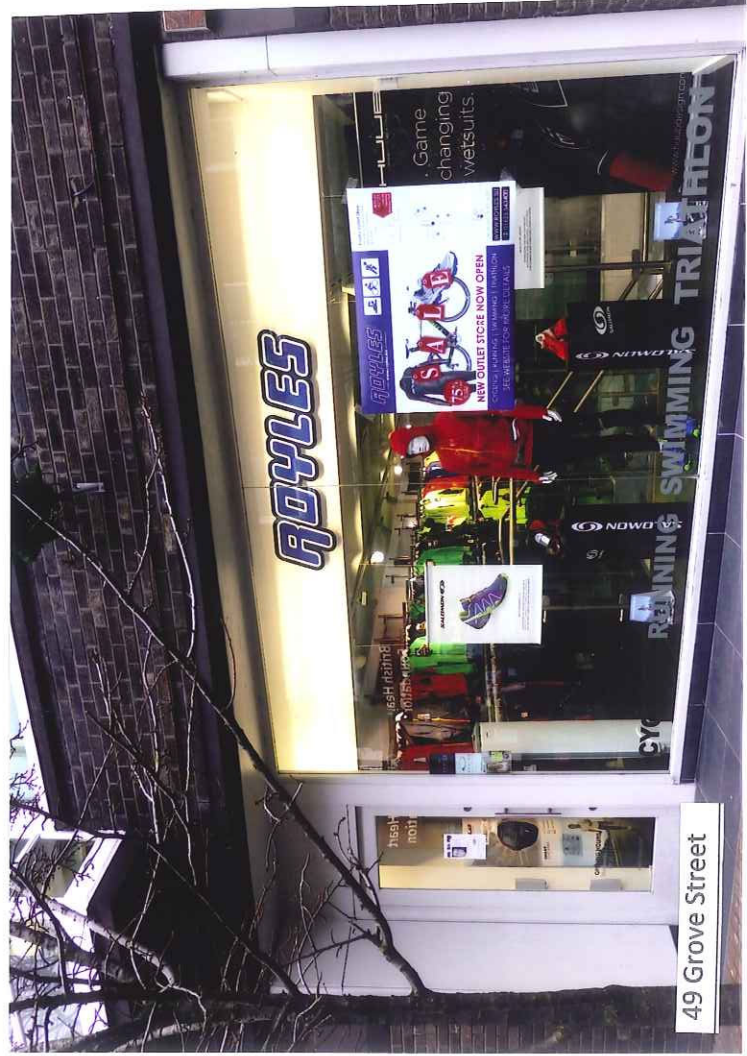
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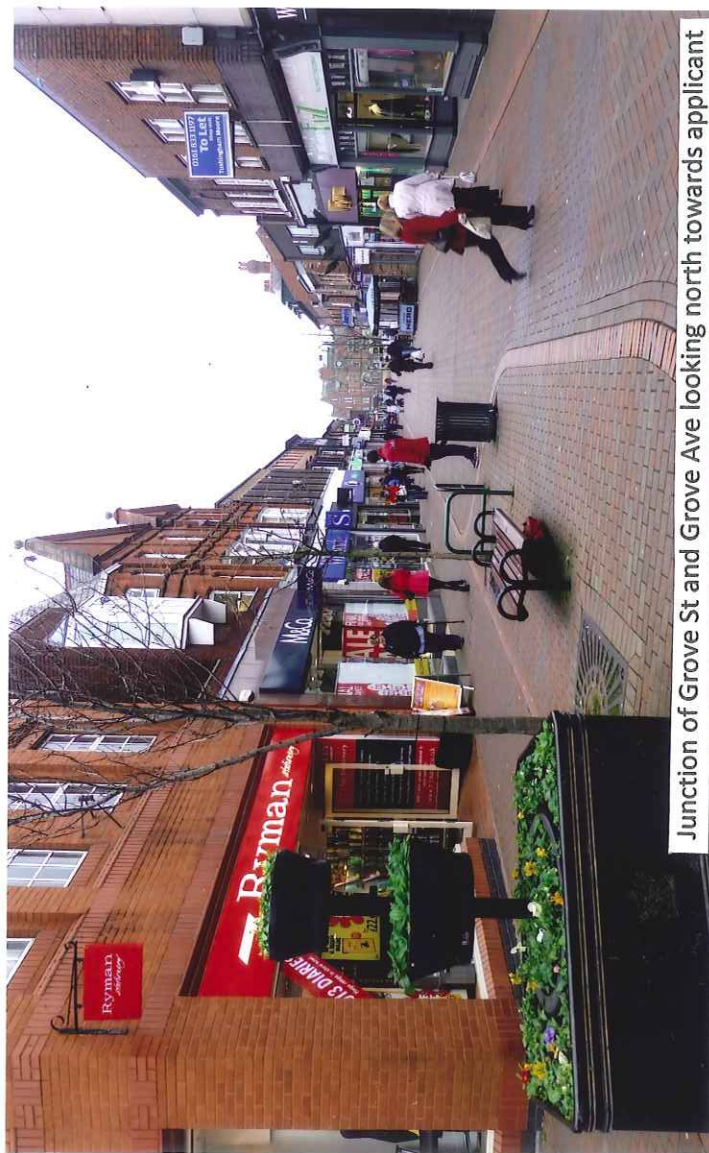
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Grove Street

Junction of Grove St and Hawthorn Lane looking south towards applicant



Flower stall at junction of Grove Street and Grove Avenue



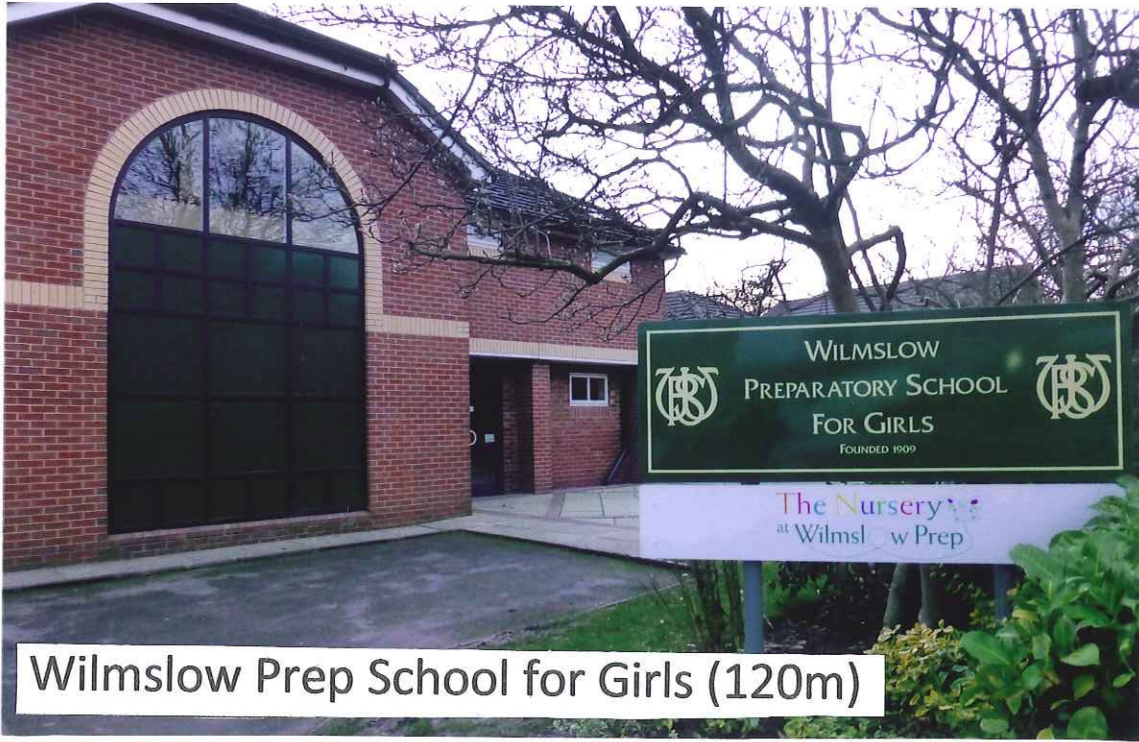
Junction of Grove St and Grove Ave looking north towards applicant



**St Teresa's Church, Presbytery and
Community Hall (50m)**







Wilmslow Prep School for Girls (120m)

Residential Properties



Retirement Apartments



Chancel Lane, Cenotaph (180m)



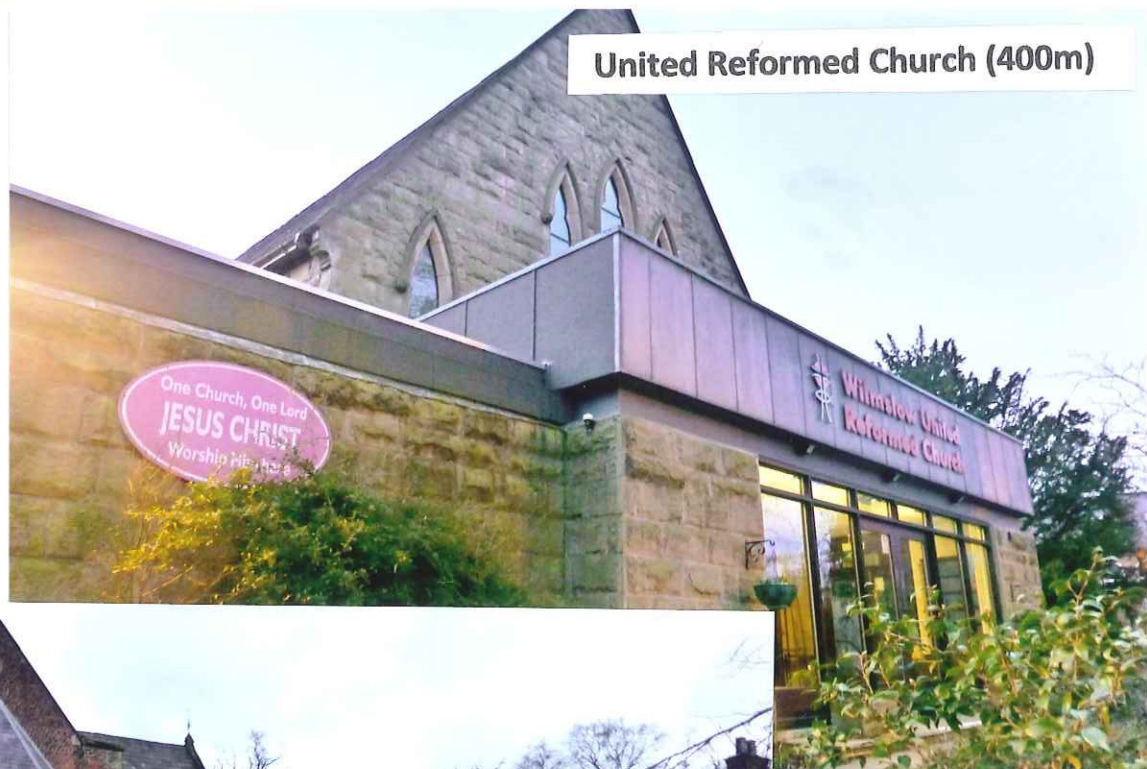
Chancel Lane, Children's Play Area (180m)

Wilmslow Methodist Church (180m)

Water Lane



United Reformed Church (400m)



URC and Community Hall (400m)

**Wilmslow High School
Holly Road North (200m)**

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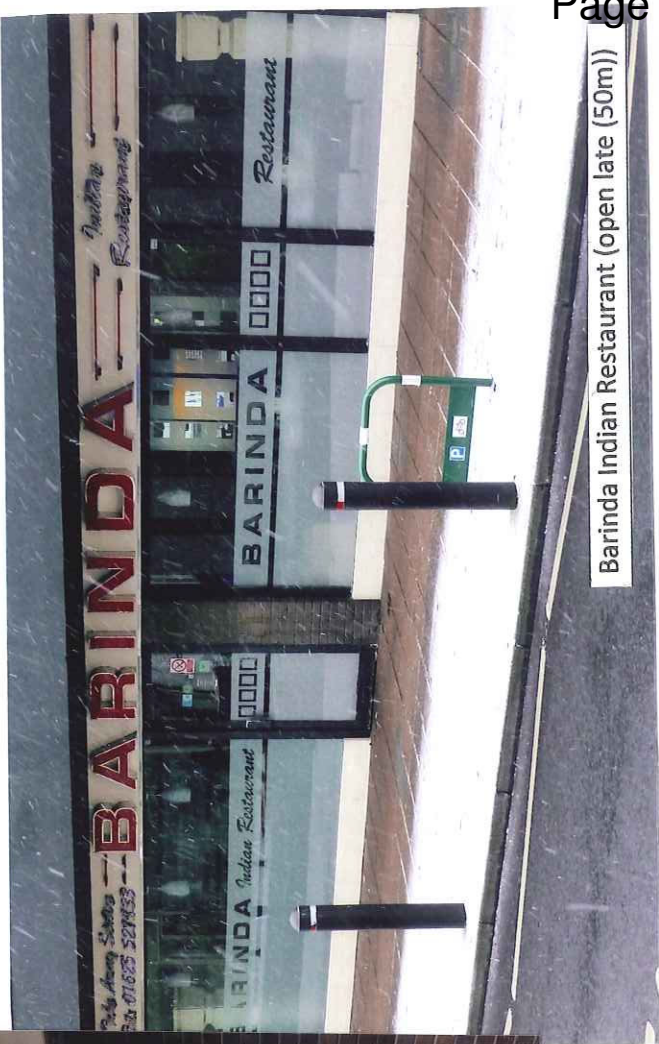


**Bank Square at northern end of
Grove Street (25m)**



Little Bigheads
(children's hairdressers (60m))

Hawthorn Lane Businesses



Barinda Indian Restaurant (open late (50m))



Alderley Road
Shops and Businesses



Kiddy Creche (<100m)

Family-friendly Destinations

Off Station Road (100m)



Alderley Road (75m-100m)

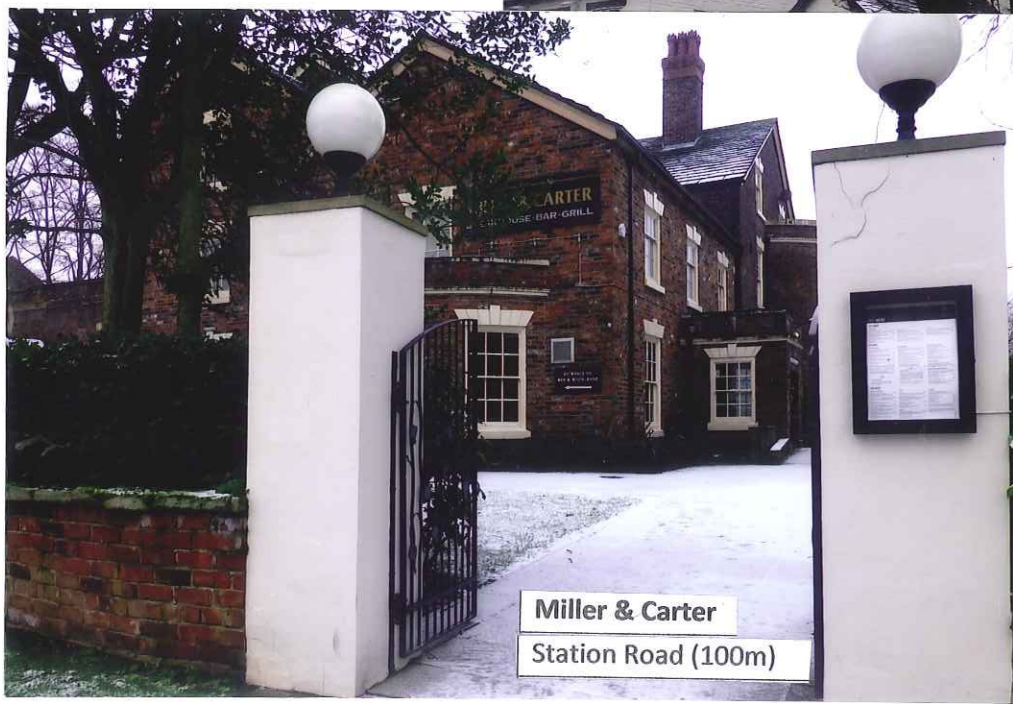
**Alderley Road
Shops and Businesses**



Family-friendly Destinations



The Coach & Four



**Miller & Carter
Station Road (100m)**

MAKE WILMSLOW MATTER

email: makewilmslowmatter@gmail.com

Petition Against: The ST Lounge's Application for a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence.

We, the undersigned, are concerned residents who wish Cheshire East Council to consider our strength of feeling and objection against The ST Lounge being awarded a renewed licence enabling them to offer FULLY NUDE SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT (definition: Par3.2 "for the purpose of sexually stimulating the audience". This includes full nudity Lap Dancing, Table Dancing and Strip Shows. We strongly object to this sort of establishment being situated within our small suburban community on our pedestrianised high street. Grove Street is an inappropriate location for Sexual Entertainment premises, in view of the character of the locality and the use of other premises in the vicinity.
By signing this Petition I am consenting to be contacted to verify the accuracy of my signature and therefore my objection.

Name	Address & Post Code	Signature	Date	Comment
PETITION WITH APPROX. 930 SIGNATURES.				
			6.2.13	as a former resident it is not suitable for.
			9.2.13	Not appropriate here.
			9.2.13	Not suitable in a shopping area.
			9.2.13	en route to school.
			9.2.13	inappropriate in family area.
			9.2.13	—
			9.2.13	inappropriate in the town centre
			11/2/13	Not appropriate for small residential area.
			11/2/13	NOT APPROPRIATE FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD
			11/2/13	"

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CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL

POLICY ON THE LICENSING OF SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

**Schedule 3, Local Government
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as
amended)**

1.0 PREFACE

- 1.1 On 24th February 2011 Cheshire East Borough Council resolved to adopt the amendments to Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 ('the 1982 Act') by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 with effect from 4th April 2011.
- 1.2 Any person wishing to operate a Sexual Entertainment Venue as defined by Schedule 3 requires a licence, unless the requirement for a licence has been waived by the Council. This document sets out the Council's policy in relation to the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues within its administrative area.
- 1.3 A consultation on this policy was undertaken between October 2010 and February 2011 and was formally adopted on 7th March 2011.
- 1.4 This policy will be kept under review and amendments proposed in the light of any changes in the relevant legislative provisions.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 It is intended that this policy will be a guide for both applicants and those other parties who have an interest in the licensing of sexual entertainment venues. Whilst the policy provides framework guidance, the Council, as the Licensing Authority, will ultimately determine each individual application on its own merits.
- 2.2 Cheshire East has a population of 358,900 and covers an area of 116,638 hectares. Cheshire East's administrative area contains the industrial town of Crewe, the old mill towns of Macclesfield, Bollington and Congleton, the market towns of Nantwich, Knutsford and Sandbach, the salt town of Middlewich, the town of Wilmslow as well as the smaller settlements of Holmes Chapel, Alsager and Poynton.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 Meaning of 'Sexual Entertainment Venue'

'Sexual Entertainment Venue' is defined within Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended) ('the Act') as "any premises at which relevant entertainment is provided before a live audience for the financial gain of the organiser or the entertainer." The following are not Sexual Entertainment Venues for the purpose of Schedule 3 of the Act

- (a) sex cinemas and sex shops;
- (b) premises at which the provision of relevant entertainment as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) is such that, at the time in question and including any relevant entertainment which is being so provided at that time—
 - (i) there have not been more than eleven occasions on which relevant entertainment has been so provided which fall (wholly or partly) within the period of 12 months ending with that time;
 - (ii) no such occasion has lasted for more than 24 hours; and
 - (iii) no such occasion has begun within the period of one month beginning with the end of any previous occasion on which relevant entertainment has been so provided (whether or not that previous occasion falls within the 12 month period mentioned in sub-paragraph (i));

3.2 Relevant Entertainment

‘Relevant Entertainment’ means “any live performance or live display of nudity which is of such a nature that, ignoring financial gain, it must reasonably be assumed to be provided solely or principally for the purpose of sexually stimulating any member of an audience (whether by verbal or other means).”

In accordance with the Guidance from the Home Office, the Council expects that ‘Relevant Entertainment’ will generally apply to the following types of activity:

- Lap dancing;
- Pole dancing;
- Table dancing;
- Strip shows;
- Peep shows;
- Live sex shows

However this list is not exhaustive and, taking into account that the exact nature of these descriptions may vary, each case will have to be dealt with on its own merits.

3.4 Mandatory grounds for refusal

Paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act prescribes that a licence for a sexual entertainment venue shall not be granted to:

- (a) a person under the age of 18; or

(b) to a person who is for the time being disqualified under paragraph 17(3) of the Schedule; or

(c) to a person, other than a body corporate, who is not resident in the United Kingdom, or was not so resident throughout the period of six months immediately preceding the date when the application was made; or

(d) to a body corporate which is not incorporated in the United Kingdom; or

(e) to a person who had, within a period of twelve months immediately preceding the date when the application was made, been refused the grant or renewal of a licence for the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in respect of which the application is made, unless the refusal has been reversed on appeal.

The application form, a copy of which is attached at Appendix 1 asks questions in relation to the above issues.

3.5 Discretionary grounds for refusal

Paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 also provides that the authority may refuse (i) an application for the grant or renewal of a licence on one or more of the grounds listed at (a) to (d) below; and (ii) an application for a transfer on either or both of the grounds at (a) and (b):

(a) that the applicant is unsuitable to hold the licence by reason of having been convicted of an offence or for any other reason;

(b) that if the licence were to be granted, renewed or transferred the business to which it relates would be managed by or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the applicant, who would be refused the grant, renewal or transfer of such a licence if he made the application himself;

(c) that the number of sex establishments in the relevant locality at the time the application is made is equal to or exceeds the number which the authority consider is appropriate for that locality;

(d) that the grant or renewal of the licence would be inappropriate, having regard –

- (i) to the character of the relevant locality; or
- (ii) to the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put; or
- (iii) to the layout, character or condition of the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in respect of which the application is made.

3.6 Relevant locality

‘Relevant locality’ for the purposes of paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 of the Act means:

- (i) in relation to the premises, the locality where they are situated;
and
- (ii) in relation to a vehicle, vessel or stall, any locality where it is desired to use it as a sex establishment.

The Council will consider the extent of the locality on a case by case basis taking into account the particular circumstances of each case. However, the Council will not seek to define ‘locality’ as the whole of the Council’s administrative area.

3.7 Relevant number

As set out within paragraph 3.5 above paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 provides that a local authority may refuse an application if it is satisfied that the number of sex establishments in the relevant locality at the time the application is made is equal to or exceeds the number which the authority consider is appropriate for that locality.

The Council does not seek within this policy to place a figure on the number of sexual entertainment venues which it considers appropriate in any locality within the Council’s administrative area.

Consideration will be given to the locality in each case and to the number of Sexual Entertainment Venues suitable for that locality.

The Council is able to determine that the appropriate number for a locality is nil.

3.8 Character of relevant locality and uses of premises in the vicinity

When considering whether it would be appropriate to grant the licence the Council will take into consideration factors such as:

- the uses to which premises in the vicinity are put, for example whether they are commercial, industrial or residential;
- the users of premises in the area;

Whilst each application will be determined on its own individual merits, the grant of a licence will generally be considered inappropriate where the characteristics of the locality include the following sensitive uses:

- (a) an area predominantly comprising residential accommodation;
- (b) parks and children’s play areas;
- (c) schools and youth centres;

- (d) places of worship; and
- (e) community facilities.

3.8 Duration of licence

Unless previously cancelled or revoked a licence will remain in force for twelve months or such shorter period specified in the licence as the Council determines is fit.

3.9 Conditions

Where a licence is granted the standard conditions attached at Appendix 3 will be attached.

Where it is reasonable and proportionate to do so, additional conditions may be imposed on a licence.

3.10 Waiver

The Act makes provision for the Council to grant a waiver from the requirement to hold a Sexual Entertainment Licence in any case where it considers that to require a licence would be unreasonable or inappropriate. A waiver may be for such period as the Council thinks fit.

The Council may at any time give a person who would require a licence but for a waiver, notice that the waiver is to terminate on a date not less than 28 days from the date the notice is given.

Whilst each application will be considered on its own merits, in light of the exemption in relation to the provision of relevant entertainment on an infrequent basis¹, the Council takes the view that waivers are unlikely to be appropriate in relation to Relevant Entertainment and would only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

The Council will require applicants to supply all of the information required within the application form at Appendix 1 in relation to a waiver application. The Council will consult the Police as part of its decision-making process in relation to waivers.

4.0 APPLICATION PROCESS

4.1 Submission of application

The Council's application form in relation to Sexual Entertainment Venues is attached as Appendix 1. The following must be submitted with the completed application form in order to form a valid application:

¹ See paragraph 3.1 above and paragraph 2A(3)(b) Schedule 3 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

- a scale plan of the Premises which should be large enough to be easily read (which must show the layout of the Premises including: (i) performer's changing facilities; (ii) those areas to which the public are to be admitted (shown outlined in red); (iii) toilets; (iv) entrances and exits from the premises (including emergency exits); (v) any stage area (including an annotation as to the height of the stage); (vi) the location of any fixed structures (such as the bar area, fixed tables/seating or private booths); the area to be used for customer seating);
- The Licence Fee²
- A copy of the completed notice to be displayed on the Premises (see notification requirements below);
- A basic CRB disclosure [note 'where the applicant is an individual' deleted and replaced with] from the applicant (including each of the directors/the company secretary where the applicant is a company and each of the partners if the applicant is a partnership).
- A copy of the management operation manual and club rules (see condition 16 at Appendix 3)

Applicants are reminded that any person who, in connection with an application for the grant, renewal or transfer of a sexual entertainment venue licence makes a false statement which he knows to be false in any material respect or which he does not believe to be true, is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand pounds.

A copy of the application must also be served on the Chief Officer of Police:

- (a) in a case where the application is made by means of a 'relevant electronic facility'³, by the appropriate authority not later than 7 days after the date the application is received by the authority;
- (b) in any other case, by the applicant not later than 7 days after the date of the application.

The relevant addresses for service on the Police are as follows:

Area of former Boroughs of Crewe & Nantwich and Congleton:
Police Licensing Officer
Cheshire Constabulary
Crewe & Congleton Area

² Information in relation to fees is published on the Council's website and are available from the Licensing Section

³ "relevant electronic facility" means— (a) the electronic assistance facility referred to in regulation 38 of the Provision of Services Regulations 2009, or (b) any facility established and maintained by the appropriate authority for the purpose of receiving applications under this Schedule electronically.

The Police Station
Middlewich Road
Sandbach
Cheshire
CW11 1HU

Area of former Borough of Macclesfield:
Police Licensing Officer
Cheshire Constabulary
Macclesfield Division
Brunswick Street
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK10 1HQ

Applicants are reminded that the grant of a licence in relation to a sexual entertainment venue under the 1982 Act does not provide authorisation under any other statutory regime, and separate permissions may be required e.g. planning permission.

4.2 Renewal applications

Where, before the date of expiry of a licence, an application has been made for its renewal, it shall be deemed to remain in force until the withdrawal of the application or its determination by the Council.

4.3 Variations

The Council's conditions provide that applications for the variation of the terms, conditions or restrictions on or subject to which a sexual entertainment venue licence is held is subject to the same application and advertising requirements as applications for the grant of a licence.

4.4 Advertising requirements

In accordance with paragraph 10 of the Schedule, applicants for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence are required to give public notice of the application. Notice shall be given:

- by displaying a notice in a prescribed form (see Appendix 2), with text in black in a minimum font size of 16 on white paper of a size no smaller than A4, on or near the Premises in a place where the notice can be conveniently read by the public for a period of at least 21 days beginning with the date on which the application was made to the Council; and

- by publishing an advertisement (in the form prescribed) in a local newspaper circulating in the Council's area not later than 7 days after the date the application was made to the Council.

Applicants are requested to: (i) send a copy of the completed notice to the Council with the application form; and (ii) to notify the Council of the name of the newspaper in which the advertisement is to appear together with the date of publication.

4.5 Objections

Objections to an application for the grant, renewal or transfer of a Licence must be made in writing stating in general terms the grounds of the objection. Objections should be made not later than 28 days after the date of the application.

Any person can object to an application but the objection should be relevant to the grounds set out within paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 for refusing a licence. Objections should not be based on moral grounds/values and local authorities are not in a position to consider objections which are not relevant to the grounds set out in paragraph 12.

Where objections in relation to an application for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence are received by the Council, copies of the objections will be provided to the Applicant. However, the name and address of an objector will not be disclosed to the Applicant without the consent of the objector to such disclosure.

4.6 Determination of applications

In cases where objections have been made (other than objections which are outside the remit of the 1982 Act) the determination of applications will be referred to a meeting of the Council's Licensing Committee or Licensing Sub-Committee.

4.7 Hearing procedure

A Committee or Sub-Committee determining an application in relation to a Sexual Entertainment Venue will follow the hearing procedure set out at Appendix 4. A copy of the hearing procedure will be sent to the relevant parties when they are notified of the date of the meeting.

4.8 Tacit authorisation

The Council has determined that tacit authorisation (for the purposes of the Provision of Services Regulations 2009) is not to apply to applications for Sexual Entertainment Venue Licences. In making this

decision the Council has considered the public interest inherent in ensuring that applications are fully considered before a licence is granted, particularly in the light of the potential significant adverse impact on local communities of inappropriately located or inadequately managed premises.

4.9 **Appeals**

In cases where the Council refuses an application for the grant, renewal or transfer of a Sexual Entertainment Venue licence the applicant may appeal the decision to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days (of the date when the applicant is notified of the decision), unless:

(1) the application was refused under the grounds in paragraph 12(3)(c) or (d) in which case the applicant can only challenge the refusal by way of judicial review; or

(2) the application was refused on any of the grounds specified in paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act, in which case the applicant shall not have a right of appeal unless he seeks to show that the ground did not apply to him.



Application Form: Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence
Schedule 3, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

NOTE: If additional information is submitted on separate sheets please quote the relevant question number in relation to the additional information provided.

Is the application an application for:		(please tick where appropriate)
	(a) grant of a sexual entertainment venue licence	
	(b) renewal	
	(c) transfer	
	(d) variation	

1 Applicant's details		
1.1	Is the Applicant:	(a) an individual (b) a partnership or other unincorporated body (c) a body corporate [please delete as appropriate]
1.2	Full name of applicant	
1.3	Give the following information on behalf of the applicant: (a) Telephone number(s) (b) Address to which communications are to be sent (c) If different from the address in (b) above, the Applicant's permanent address (if an individual) or registered or principal office (if a company etc)	
1.4	If the applicant is an individual please supply the following information: (a) Date of Birth	

	(b) Place of Birth (c) Date on which became a UK resident (if not born in the UK)	
1.5	If the applicant is a body corporate or an unincorporated body please provide the following information in respect of each of the Directors, the Company Secretary or other persons responsible for the management of the body. In the case of a partnership provide details of each partner (a) Full name (b) Address (c) Capacity (d) Date of Birth (e) Place of Birth (f) Date on which became a UK resident (if not born in the UK)	[Please continue on a separate sheet if required]
1.6	Where the applicant is a company please answer the following questions. (a) Is the applicant a wholly or partly owned subsidiary of another company? If the answer to (a) is yes please provide details of the parent company or holding company. (b) What type of company is the applicant? (c) In what country is the company incorporated? (d) What is the date of incorporation of the company? (e) Is the applicant or any person whose name is given in response to question 1.5 concerned in any way with other businesses which controls or manages sex establishments? If yes please provide details.	
1.7	What is the nature of the applicant's interest in the Premises?	(a) Freehold (b) Leasehold

	If the applicant's interest is leasehold please provide the details of the landlord.	[please delete as appropriate]
1.8	Is the whole of the business owned by the applicant? If not, please provide details of the individual/company which owns the remainder of the business	

2	Premises Details	
2.1	Address of Premises	
2.2	Telephone number of Premises	
2.3	<p>Are the whole of the Premises to be used under the Licence?</p> <p>If no, please describe (by reference to a plan if necessary):</p> <p>(a) which part of the Premises are to be used for the purposes of the Licence:</p> <p>(b) the use to which the remainder of the Premises are put;</p> <p>(c) the names of those who are responsible for the management of the remainder of the Premises.</p>	
2.4	<p>Are the Premises constructed or adapted so as to permit access to and from the Premises for members of the public who are disabled?</p> <p>If the answer is no, please provide information in relation to the applicant's proposals for affording such access.</p>	[please continue on a separate sheet if required]

2	Premises Details	
2.5	<p>Are the Premises in use as a Sexual Entertainment Venue at the date of this application?</p> <p>If the answer is yes, please give the name and address of the persons or body who now operate the business and (if known) the date upon which the Premises were first used for these purposes.</p>	

3	Details of the Business	
3.1	Under what business or trading name will be the business be known?	
3.2	Please provide details of the times (days and hours) during which the Premises is proposed to be open to the public.	
3.3	Please provide details of the form of 'Relevant Entertainment' to be provided at the premises and the level of nudity proposed.	

4	Persons responsible for management	
4.1	<p>Please provide the following information in relation to each individual who is to be responsible for the management of the Premises in the absence of the Licence Holder:</p> <p>(a) Full name</p> <p>(b) Address</p> <p>(c) Capacity</p> <p>(d) Date of Birth</p> <p>(e) Place of Birth</p> <p>(f) Date on which became a UK resident (if not born in the UK)</p>	[please continue on a separate sheet if required]

7	Previous refusals and convictions		
7.1	<p>Have the Applicant ever been refused or had a Sexual Entertainment Licence revoked by any licensing authority?</p> <p>If yes, please provide full details (please continue on a separate page if necessary)</p>	Yes / No	
7.2	<p>Does the Applicant or any individual named in response to questions 1.5 or 4.1 have previous convictions or cautions?</p> <p>If the answer is yes, please provide of a separate sheet the following information in relation to each individual who has a previous conviction or caution:</p> <p>(a) Name</p> <p>(b) Date of conviction</p> <p>(c) Convicting court</p> <p>(d) Nature of conviction</p> <p>(e) Sentence</p>	Yes / No	

7	Previous refusals and convictions	
7.3	<p>Have you any reason to believe that a prosecution may be pending against the Applicant or any of the individuals named in response to questions 1.5 or 4.1?</p> <p>If yes please provide details</p>	Yes / No
7.4	<p>Is there in force against the applicant or any of the persons named in response to question 1.5 a disqualification from holding a licence for a sex establishment under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982?</p>	Yes / No

8	Additional details	
8.1	<p>Please provide any additional information which the applicant would wish the Council to take into account when considering this application.</p>	[please continue on a separate page if necessary]

APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED THAT ANY PERSON WHO, IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT, RENEWAL OR TRANSFER OF A SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT WHICH HE KNOWS TO BE FALSE IN ANY MATERIAL RESPECT OR WHICH HE DOES NOT BELIEVE TO BE TRUE, IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS (£20,000)

Declaration	
I hereby declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
Signature	
Name	
Capacity	
Date	

We will use the information you give in this form and in any supporting documentation you send us, to process your application. We may check information you have provided, or information about you that someone else has provided with other information held by us. We may also get information about you from certain third parties, or give them information to:

- make sure the information is accurate
- prevent or detect crime, and
- protect public funds

These third parties include Government departments, other departments of the Council and other local authorities. We will not give information about you to anyone else unless the law allow us to.

Please submit the completed application to the Licensing Section at the relevant address provided below:

	Congleton (01270) 537112	Crewe & Nantwich (01270) 537114	Macclesfield (01625) 504206
LICENSING AUTHORITY Cheshire East Borough Council	Licensing Section Municipal Buildings Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ	Licensing Section Municipal Buildings Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ	Licensing Section Macclesfield Town Hall Market Place, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 1DX



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT
1982**

**Notice of Application for the [Grant] [Renewal] [Variation]
[Transfer] of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on

I/we

of

.....

made application to Cheshire East Borough Council for the [grant] [renewal]
[variation] [transfer] of a Licence to use the premises named below as a
Sexual Entertainment Venue.

Address of Premises:.....

.....

[The applicant seeks to use the Premises for the following form(s) of 'relevant
entertainment']⁴

[The applicant seeks to vary the licence as follows

.....]

Any objections to this application should be made not later than 28 days after

..... being the date of the application. Objections must be made

in writing, stating in general terms the grounds of objection, to The Licensing

Section, Cheshire East Borough Council [Town Hall, Market Place,

Macclesfield SK10 1DX] [Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ].

Signed:

⁴ Insert form of relevant entertainment to be provided and the level of nudity involved

SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES**Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (Schedule 3)****CONDITIONS**

These conditions are imposed by the Council pursuant to its powers under paragraph 13(1) of Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended) ('the 1982 Act')

Definitions	<p>1. In these conditions, unless the context otherwise requires:</p> <p>'Council' means Cheshire East Borough Council</p> <p>'Employee' means all persons working on the premises including not only those directly employed by the management of the Premises but the self-employed, contractors or their staff promoting or providing any service or Relevant Entertainment; and the term 'employed' shall be read in the same context.</p> <p>'Licence Holder' means the holder of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence</p> <p>'Premises' means any premises within the Council's area licensed as a Sexual Entertainment Venue</p> <p>'Relevant Entertainment' shall have the meaning given within paragraph 2A of Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act.</p> <p>'Sexual Entertainment Venue' has the meaning set out within Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act.</p> <p>For the purposes of these conditions:</p> <p>(a) Words importing the singular meaning where the context so admits include the plural meaning and vice versa; and</p> <p>(b) Words of the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders and words denoting actual persons include companies, corporations and firms and all such words shall be construed</p>
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	interchangeable in that manner.
Display of Licence	2. The Licence or a clear copy and any special conditions attached thereto shall be prominently displayed at the Premises at all times so as to be readily and easily seen by all persons using the Premises. The licence shall be adequately protected against theft, vandalism or defacement.
Hours of opening	3. The Premises shall not be open for any purpose of the Licence except during the following hours: [insert hours granted]
Responsibility of Licence Holder	<p>4. The Licence Holder shall maintain good order and take all reasonable precautions for the safety of the public and employees and, except with the consent of the Council, shall retain control over all portions of the premises.</p> <p>5. The Licence Holder shall in particular ensure that none of the following shall take place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlawful possession and/or supply of drugs controlled by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971; • Indecent behaviour, including sexual intercourse; • The offer of any sexual or other indecent service for reward; • Acts of violence against person or property and/or the attempt of threat of such acts. <p>6. The Licence Holder shall ensure that the public are not admitted to any part or parts of the Premises other than those which have been specified in the Licence.</p> <p>7. The Licence Holder will maintain a register which shall be kept on the Premises to clearly record the identity of persons nominated in accordance with conditions 30 and 31 hereof on duty during the entertainment, the day and times of the start and finish of the entertainment, and the names, home addresses and national insurance numbers of the performers. The register shall be retained for a period of not less than twelve months after the last entry in the register. The register shall be available at all times for inspection by the Police or an authorised officer of the Council.</p> <p>8. Where the Licence Holder is a body corporate or</p>

	<p>an unincorporated body any change of director, company secretary or other person responsible for the control or management of the body is to be notified in writing to the Council within 14 days of such change and such written details as the Council may require in respect of any new director secretary or manager are to be furnished within 14 days of a request in writing from the Council.</p> <p>9. The Licence Holder shall inform the Council within seven days if he is convicted of any offence</p>
Conduct of the premises	<p>10. The Licence Holder or any other person concerned in the conduct or management of the premises shall not seek to obtain custom by means of personal solicitation or touting from the premises, immediately outside the premises or in the vicinity of the premises, nor allow the premises to be used by prostitutes. Solicitation shall be taken to include the distribution of leaflets.</p> <p>11. The Premises shall be used only for the purposes specified in the Licence.</p> <p>12. No person under the age of eighteen years shall be admitted to the Premises or be employed in the business of the Sexual Entertainment Venue.</p> <p>13. Customers who appear to be under the age of 21 must be asked to provide photographic proof of their age. The only means of identification which may be accepted are a photocard driving licence, a passport or a recognised proof of age card which includes the 'PASS' hologram on it.</p> <p>14. The Licence Holder shall ensure that performers and members of the public have separate entrances for entering and exiting from the Premises, performers to use staff entrances.</p> <p>15. There shall be agreed in writing with the Council arrangements for restricted access to the dressing rooms used by the performers and such restricted access shall be maintained at all times until all performers using the dressing rooms have vacated the room.</p> <p>16. (a) A management operation manual detailing all aspects of procedure when the Premises is operating</p>

	<p>Relevant Entertainment shall be produced and approved by Cheshire Police. This document shall be on-going and under constant review. The management operation manual should be always available for public inspection and the first version should be publicly available for scrutiny with the first application for a licence and any current version with any subsequent application for grant, renewal, transfer or variation of a licence.</p> <p>(b) The Premises must provide a copy of its club rules to the Council and Cheshire Police. The club rules should be always available for public inspection and the first version should be publicly available for scrutiny with the application for a licence.</p> <p>(c) All Employees shall be made aware of the club rules.</p> <p>(d) All Employees will be required to read a copy of the conditions relating to the operation of Relevant Entertainment and shall sign and date a copy, which shall be retained by the Licence Holder as part of due diligence.</p>
<p>Provision of Relevant Entertainment</p>	<p>17. The performance shall only take place in the designated area of the Premises approved by the Council and in accordance with the staging and seating plan approved by the Council.</p> <p>18. Performers shall only perform on the stage area or to seated customers or in such other areas of the Premises as may be agreed in writing with the Council. No audience participation in a performance shall be permitted. During the performance, performers shall not (a) touch customers, (b) climb onto furniture, or (c) simulate sex acts.</p> <p>19. There shall be no physical contact between the performers and customers before, during or after the performance.</p> <p>20. Notices setting out the restriction contained in Condition 19 shall be displayed in prominent positions within the Premises.</p> <p>21. Performers not currently performing shall not be in any public part of the Premises in a state of undress.</p>

	<p>22. Any person who touches or attempts to touch a performer or directs lewd, vulgar or obscene language or gestures thereto shall be immediately removed from the Premises by the Licence Holder or member of staff acting on his behalf.</p>
Signs, doors and window display	<p>23. A notice shall be displayed in a conspicuous position at each entrance to any part of the Premises where the performance is to take place stating that 'NO PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS WILL BE ADMITTED'. The notice must also include a statement that proof of age may be required.</p> <p>24. The business or trading title of the Premises which must have received the prior written approval of the Council (in accordance with condition 44 hereof) <u>may</u> be displayed in letters no more than 150mm high.</p> <p>25. With the exception of the signs required and permitted by condition 23 and 24 above, the Licence Holder must ensure that no sign, words, poster, photograph, sketch, painting, display or advertisement is displayed outside or in the vicinity of the Premises which indicate or suggest that Relevant Entertainment takes place at the Premises.</p> <p>26. The exterior design of the Premises shall be such that the interior of the Premises is invisible to passers by.</p> <p>27. External doors shall be closed at all times other than when persons are entering or leaving the Premises. The external doors shall be fitted with a device to provide for their automatic closure and such devices shall be maintained in good working order.</p> <p>28. The Premises shall be fitted with an inner entrance door or screen so that no part of the interior of the premises or any of the contents of the premises shall be visible when persons are entering or leaving the Premises.</p> <p>29. The windows and openings of the Premises shall be of a material or covered with a material which will render the interior or any items within the Premises invisible to passers-by.</p>
Employment of	<p>30. The Licence Holder, or some responsible person</p>

<p>persons on the Premises</p>	<p>over the age of eighteen nominated by him in writing for the purpose, shall be in charge of and upon the Premises at all times that the Premises is open to the public. Such written nomination shall be continuously be available for inspection at the Premises by a Police Officer of by an authorised officer of the Council.</p> <p>31. In addition to the Licence Holder or nominated person, there shall be a nominated female present to oversee the activities of female performers and a like nominated male present to oversee the activities of any male performers.</p> <p>32. The person in charge shall not be engaged on any duties which will prevent him from exercising general supervision and he shall be assisted as necessary by suitable adult persons to ensure adequate supervision. The person in charge should be conversant with these conditions, a copy of which should be held on the premises</p> <p>33. A notice showing the name of the person in charge of the Premises at the time they are open under the licence shall be conspicuously exhibited in a position where it can be seen by customers throughout the period during which he is responsible for the conduct of the Premises.</p> <p>34. The Licence Holder shall at all times keep and maintain at the Premises a written record of the names, home addresses, dates of birth and National Insurance number of all persons employed within the licensed premises whether upon a full time or part time basis, and shall upon request by an authorised officer of the Council make such records available for inspection to him</p> <p>35. Any individual employed on the Premises to conduct a security activity (within the meaning of the Private Security Industry Act 2001) must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.</p> <p>36. A register of SIA staff working at the premises shall be maintained, kept at the premises and made available for examination upon request to a Police Officer or authorised officer of the Council or the SIA.</p> <p>37. The Licence Holder must ensure that a suitable number of trained staff are employed to supervise</p>
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	<p>the interior of the Premises whilst performances are being given.</p> <p>38. Performers shall be aged not less than 18 years. The Licence Holder must maintain complete records of the names, home addresses, dates of birth and National Insurance number of performers including identity checks which are satisfactory to the Council.</p>
Alterations to the Premises	<p>39. No alterations (including temporary alterations) shall be made to the Premises without the prior written consent of the Council. This condition shall not require notice to be given in respect of routine maintenance works.</p> <p>40. Where alterations necessitate the Premises being closed for a period of time, the premises shall not reopen for the purpose of the licence, until the licensee has been notified in writing by the Council of the satisfactory completion of the work</p>
Change of use	<p>41. No change of use of any portion of the Premises from that approved by the Council shall be made until all necessary consents have been obtained from the Council. For the avoidance of doubt this includes a change from one class of sex establishment (e.g. a sex shop) to a different class of sex establishment (e.g. a sex cinema).</p>
Variation	<p>42. An application to vary the terms, conditions or restrictions on or subject to which the licence is held must comply with the same application and advertising requirements as applications for the grant of a sexual entertainment venue licence.</p>
CCTV	<p>42. A CCTV system will be installed at the premises to the satisfaction of the Police Licensing Officer and it must record at all times the Premises are open to the public. Unedited images must be retained for at least 31 days and copies made freely available upon request to the Police or an authorised officer of the Council.</p> <p>43. At all times the Premises are open to the public there will be a member of staff on duty who is competent to operate the CCTV system and to provide any copies requested</p>

Business title	44. The Licence Holder must obtain the consent of the Council for the business or trading title to be used in relation to the Premises. An application must be made to the Council to change the business or trading title and the Council shall have the discretion to allow or refuse such a change.
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SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES
Schedule 3, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

1	Chairman	The Chairman will: (i) call the matter to be considered; (ii) call for any declarations of interest; (iii) ask all parties to introduce themselves; (iv) summarise the procedure to be followed at the hearing; (v) the Chairman will consider any request made by a party for another person to appear at the hearing.
2	Licensing Officer	Will introduce and summarise the application, highlighting areas of contention or dispute.
3	Committee Members	May ask questions of the Licensing Officer
4	Applicant	Will present his/her case, calling witnesses, as appropriate.
5	Police (if they have made representations)	The Police may ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant, by way of clarification.
6	Objectors	To be invited to ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant, by way of clarification. <i>It is normal practice for a spokesperson only to speak on behalf of a group of residents.</i>
7	Committee Members	Each in turn may ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant.
8	Applicant	May make a <u>statement</u> or ask his witnesses to clarify any matters which he feels are unclear, or may have been misunderstood.
9	Police (if they have made representations)	Will make their representations (if any).
10	Applicant	Or his representative or witnesses to ask <u>questions</u> of the Police by way of clarification.
11	Objectors	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Police, by way of clarification.
12	Committee Members	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Police
13	Objectors	The objectors will be invited to speak and to present the basis of their objections.
15	Applicant	Or his representative or witnesses may ask <u>questions</u> of the objectors by way of clarification.

16	Committee Members	May ask <u>questions</u> of the objectors
17	Objectors	May clarify any matters which they feel are unclear or may have been misunderstood..
18	Chairman	To invite both Police and Objectors to make their closing addresses.
19	Applicant	Or his representative will <u>briefly summarise the application</u> and comment on the representations made.
20	Committee	<u>Will retire</u> to consider the application.
21	Committee	Will return to <u>give its decision</u> , with reasons, which will be announced by the Chairman and subsequently confirmed in writing.

It is noted that representatives of an objector may include an MP, local Councillor, legal representative or a friend

Title

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Application Form: Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence

Schedule 3, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

NOTE: If additional information is submitted on separate sheets please quote the relevant question number in relation to the additional information provided.

Is the application an application for:		(please tick where appropriate)
	(a) grant of a sexual entertainment venue licence	
Y	(b) renewal	
	(c) transfer	
	(d) variation	

1	Applicant's details	
1.1	Is the Applicant:	(c) a body corporate
1.2	Full name of applicant	Van Leisure Ltd
1.3	Give the following information on behalf of the applicant: (a) Telephone number(s) (b) Address to which communications are to be sent (c) If different from the address in (b) above, the Applicant's permanent address (if an individual) or registered or principal office (if a company etc)	ST Lounge 16 Grove Street Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 1DR
1.4	If the applicant is an individual please supply the following information: (a) Date of Birth (b) Place of Birth (c) Date on which became a UK resident (if not born in the UK)	

1.5	<p>If the applicant is a body corporate or an unincorporated body please provide the following information in respect of each of the Directors, the Company Secretary or other persons responsible for the management of the body. In the case of a partnership provide details of each partner</p> <p>(a) Full name</p> <p>(b) Address</p> <p>(c) Capacity</p> <p>(d) Date of Birth</p> <p>(e) Place of Birth</p> <p>(f) Date on which became a UK resident (if not born in the UK)</p>	<p>Vance Charles Peter Tapper Gray</p> <p>16 Grove Street Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 1DR</p> <p>Director</p>
1.6	<p>Where the applicant is a company please answer the following questions.</p> <p>(a) Is the applicant a wholly or partly owned subsidiary of another company?</p> <p>If the answer to (a) is yes please provide details of the parent company or holding company.</p> <p>(b) What type of company is the applicant?</p> <p>(c) In what country is the company incorporated?</p> <p>(d) What is the date of incorporation of the company?</p> <p>(e) Is the applicant or any person whose name is given in response to question 1.5 concerned in any way with other businesses which controls or manages sex establishments? If yes please provide details.</p>	<p>No</p>
1.7	<p>What is the nature of the applicant's interest in the Premises?</p> <p>If the applicant's interest is leasehold please provide the details of the landlord.</p>	<p>(b) Leasehold</p> <p>Flodrive Ltd Court Lodge Sloane Square London SW1W 8AT</p>

1.8	<p>Is the whole of the business owned by the applicant?</p> <p>If not, please provide details of the individual/company which owns the remainder of the business</p>	Yes
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2	Premises Details	
2.1	Address of Premises	ST Lounge 16 Grove Street Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 1DR
2.2	Telephone number of Premises	
2.3	<p>Are the whole of the Premises to be used under the Licence?</p> <p>If no, please describe (by reference to a plan if necessary):</p> <p>(a) which part of the Premises are to be used for the purposes of the Licence;</p> <p>(b) the use to which the remainder of the Premises are put;</p> <p>(c) the names of those who are responsible for the management of the remainder of the Premises.</p>	Yes
2.4	<p>Are the Premises constructed or adapted so as to permit access to and from the Premises for members of the public who are disabled?</p> <p>If the answer is no, please provide information in relation to the applicant's proposals for affording such access.</p>	Yes

2	Premises Details	
2.5	<p>Are the Premises in use as a Sexual Entertainment Venue at the date of this application?</p> <p>If the answer is yes, please give the name and address of the persons or body who now operate the business and (if known) the date upon which the Premises were first used for these purposes.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Van Leisure Ltd</p> <p>26.07.2009</p>

3	Details of the Business	
3.1	Under what business or trading name will be the business be known?	ST Lounge Gentlemens Club & Champagne Bar
3.2	Please provide details of the times (days and hours) during which the Premises is proposed to be open to the public.	<p>Monday to Thursday 21:30 to 03:30</p> <p>Friday to Saturday 21:30 to 04:00</p> <p>Sunday 21:30 to 03:30</p>
3.3	Please provide details of the form of 'Relevant Entertainment' to be provided at the premises and the level of nudity proposed.	<p>Lap Dancing</p> <p>Table Dancing</p> <p>Strip Shows</p> <p>Full Nudity</p>

4	Persons responsible for management	
4.1	Please provide the following information in relation to each individual who is to be responsible for the management of the Premises in the absence of the Licence Holder:	Mark Devon
	(a) Full name	
	(b) Address	General Manager
	(c) Capacity	
	(d) Date of Birth	
	(e) Place of Birth	
	(f) Date on which became a UK resident (if not born in the UK)	

7	Previous refusals and convictions		
7.1	<p>Have the Applicant ever been refused or had a Sexual Entertainment Licence revoked by any licensing authority?</p> <p>If yes, please provide full details (please continue on a separate page if necessary)</p>	No	No
7.2	<p>Does the Applicant or any individual named in response to questions 1.5 or 4.1 have previous convictions or cautions?</p> <p>If the answer is yes, please provide of a separate sheet the following information in relation to each individual who has a previous conviction or caution:</p> <p>(a) Name</p> <p>(b) Date of conviction</p> <p>(c) Convicting court</p> <p>(d) Nature of conviction</p> <p>(e) Sentence</p>		

7	Previous refusals and convictions	
7.3	Have you any reason to believe that a prosecution may be pending against the Applicant or any of the individuals named in response to questions 1.5 or 4.1? If yes please provide details	No
7.4	Is there in force against the applicant or any of the persons named in response to question 1.5 a disqualification from holding a licence for a sex establishment under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982?	No

8	Additional details	
8.1	Please provide any additional information which the applicant would wish the Council to take into account when considering this application.	[please continue on a separate page if necessary]

APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED THAT ANY PERSON WHO, IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT, RENEWAL OR TRANSFER OF A SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT WHICH HE KNOWS TO BE FALSE IN ANY MATERIAL RESPECT OR WHICH HE DOES NOT BELIEVE TO BE TRUE, IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS (£20,000)

Declaration	
I hereby declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
Signature	
Name	WALTER CHARLES JOHN TAPPALEY
Capacity	MANAGING DIRECTOR
Date	21st JANUARY 2013



LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982
Notice of Application for the Renewal of a Sexual Entertainment
Venue Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday 21st January 2013

We, Van Leisure Limited of 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow,
Cheshire made application to Cheshire East Borough Council
for the renewal of a Licence to use the premises named below
as a Sexual Entertainment Venue.

ST Lounge Gentlemens Club and Champagne Bar, 16 Grove
Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 1DR

The applicant seeks to use the Premises for the following forms
of 'relevant entertainment' Lap Dancing, Table Dancing, Strip
Shows, Full Nudity

Any objections to this application should be made not later than
28 days after Monday 21st January 2013 being the date of the
application. Objections must be made in writing, stating in
general terms the grounds of objection, to The Licensing
Section, Cheshire East Borough Council [Town Hall, Market
Place, Macclesfield SK10 1DX] [Municipal Buildings, Earle
Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ].

Signed:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982
Section 2 and Schedule 3

SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE

The **Cheshire East Borough Council** being the Licensing Authority under Section 2 of the above Act,

HEREBY GRANT A SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENCE to

Van Leisure Ltd of 16 Grove Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 1DR

to use the premises known as **S T Lounge Gentlemen's Club and Champagne Bar** located at **16 Grove Street, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 1DR** (as shown on the plans attached at Schedule 1 to this Licence) ('the Premises')

for the purposes of a Sexual Entertainment Venue as defined in Schedule 3 to the above Act.

THIS LICENCE authorises the provision of the following forms of 'relevant entertainment' within the Premises: lap dancing; pole dancing and strip shows (with full nudity) during the hours set out below:

Monday to Thursday	21.30 to 03.30
Friday and Saturday	21.30 to 04.00
Sunday	21.30 to 03.30

THIS LICENCE shall continue in force from the date hereof until **3rd April 2013** unless previously revoked.

THIS LICENCE is subject to the standard terms, conditions and restrictions set out within Schedule 2 to this Licence and to the additional condition set out in Schedule 3 to this Licence.

GRANTED to take effect on 4th April 2012

Signed by Mrs N Cadman
On behalf of Cheshire East Borough Council

SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (Schedule 3)

CONDITIONS

These conditions are imposed by the Council pursuant to its powers under paragraph 13(1) of Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended) ('the 1982 Act')

<p>Definitions</p>	<p>1. In these conditions, unless the context otherwise requires:</p> <p>'Council' means Cheshire East Borough Council</p> <p>'Employee' means all persons working on the premises including not only those directly employed by the management of the Premises but the self-employed, contractors or their staff promoting or providing any service or Relevant Entertainment; and the term 'employed' shall be read in the same context.</p> <p>'Licence Holder' means the holder of a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence</p> <p>'Premises' means any premises within the Council's area licensed as a Sexual Entertainment Venue</p> <p>'Relevant Entertainment' shall have the meaning given within paragraph 2A of Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act.</p> <p>'Sexual Entertainment Venue' has the meaning set out within Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act.</p> <p>For the purposes of these conditions:</p> <p>(a) Words importing the singular meaning where the context so admits include the plural meaning and vice versa; and</p> <p>(b) Words of the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders and words denoting actual persons include companies, corporations and firms and all such words shall be construed interchangeable in that manner.</p>
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Display of Licence	2. The Licence or a clear copy and any special conditions attached thereto shall be prominently displayed at the Premises at all times so as to be readily and easily seen by all persons using the Premises. The licence shall be adequately protected against theft, vandalism or defacement.
Hours of opening	3. The Premises shall not be open for any purpose of the Licence except during the following hours: Monday to Thursday 21.30 to 03.30 Friday and Saturday 21.30 to 04.00 Sunday 21.30 to 03.30
Responsibility of Licence Holder	<p>4. The Licence Holder shall maintain good order and take all reasonable precautions for the safety of the public and employees and, except with the consent of the Council, shall retain control over all portions of the premises.</p> <p>5. The Licence Holder shall in particular ensure that none of the following shall take place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlawful possession and/or supply of drugs controlled by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971; • Indecent behaviour, including sexual intercourse; • The offer of any sexual or other indecent service for reward; • Acts of violence against person or property and/or the attempt of threat of such acts. <p>6. The Licence Holder shall ensure that the public are not admitted to any part or parts of the Premises other than those which have been specified in the Licence.</p> <p>7. The Licence Holder will maintain a register which shall be kept on the Premises to clearly record the identity of persons nominated in accordance with conditions 30 and 31 hereof on duty during the entertainment, the day and times of the start and finish of the entertainment, and the names, home addresses and national insurance numbers of the performers. The register shall be retained for a period of not less than twelve months after the last entry in the register. The register shall be available at all times for inspection by the Police or an authorised officer of the Council.</p> <p>8. Where the Licence Holder is a body corporate or an unincorporated body any change of director,</p>

	<p>company secretary or other person responsible for the control or management of the body is to be notified in writing to the Council within 14 days of such change and such written details as the Council may require in respect of any new director secretary or manager are to be furnished within 14 days of a request in writing from the Council.</p> <p>9. The Licence Holder shall inform the Council within seven days if he is convicted of any offence</p>
Conduct of the premises	<p>10. The Licence Holder or any other person concerned in the conduct or management of the premises shall not seek to obtain custom by means of personal solicitation or touting from the premises, immediately outside the premises or in the vicinity of the premises, nor allow the premises to be used by prostitutes. Solicitation shall be taken to include the distribution of leaflets.</p> <p>11. The Premises shall be used only for the purposes specified in the Licence.</p> <p>12. No person under the age of eighteen years shall be admitted to the Premises or be employed in the business of the Sexual Entertainment Venue.</p> <p>13. Customers who appear to be under the age of 21 must be asked to provide photographic proof of their age. The only means of identification which may be accepted are a photocard driving licence, a passport or a recognised proof of age card which includes the 'PASS' hologram on it.</p> <p>14. The Licence Holder shall ensure that performers and members of the public have separate entrances for entering and exiting from the Premises, performers to use staff entrances.</p> <p>15. There shall be agreed in writing with the Council arrangements for restricted access to the dressing rooms used by the performers and such restricted access shall be maintained at all times until all performers using the dressing rooms have vacated the room.</p> <p>16. (a) A management operation manual detailing all aspects of procedure when the Premises is operating Relevant Entertainment shall be produced and</p>

	<p>approved by Cheshire Police. This document shall be on-going and under constant review. The management operation manual should be always available for public inspection and the first version should be publicly available for scrutiny with the first application for a licence and any current version with any subsequent application for grant, renewal, transfer or variation of a licence.</p> <p>(b) The Premises must provide a copy of its club rules to the Council and Cheshire Police. The club rules should be always available for public inspection and the first version should be publicly available for scrutiny with the application for a licence.</p> <p>(c) All Employees shall be made aware of the club rules.</p> <p>(d) All Employees will be required to read a copy of the conditions relating to the operation of Relevant Entertainment and shall sign and date a copy, which shall be retained by the Licence Holder as part of due diligence.</p>
Provision of Relevant Entertainment	<p>17. The performance shall only take place in the designated area of the Premises approved by the Council and in accordance with the staging and seating plan approved by the Council.</p> <p>18. Performers shall only perform on the stage area or to seated customers or in such other areas of the Premises as may be agreed in writing with the Council. No audience participation in a performance shall be permitted. During the performance, performers shall not (a) touch customers, (b) climb onto furniture, or (c) simulate sex acts.</p> <p>19. There shall be no physical contact between the performers and customers before, during or after the performance.</p> <p>20. Notices setting out the restriction contained in Condition 19 shall be displayed in prominent positions within the Premises.</p> <p>21. Performers not currently performing shall not be in any public part of the Premises in a state of undress.</p> <p>22. Any person who touches or attempts to touch a</p>

	<p>performer or directs lewd, vulgar or obscene language or gestures thereto shall be immediately removed from the Premises by the Licence Holder or member of staff acting on his behalf.</p>
Signs, doors and window display	<p>23. A notice shall be displayed in a conspicuous position at each entrance to any part of the Premises where the performance is to take place stating that 'NO PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS WILL BE ADMITTED'. The notice must also include a statement that proof of age may be required.</p> <p>24. The business or trading title of the Premises which must have received the prior written approval of the Council (in accordance with condition 44 hereof) <u>may</u> be displayed in letters no more than 150mm high.</p> <p>25. With the exception of the signs required and permitted by condition 23 and 24 above, the Licence Holder must ensure that no sign, words, poster, photograph, sketch, painting, display or advertisement is displayed outside or in the vicinity of the Premises which indicate or suggest that Relevant Entertainment takes place at the Premises.</p> <p>26. The exterior design of the Premises shall be such that the interior of the Premises is invisible to passers by.</p> <p>27. External doors shall be closed at all times other than when persons are entering or leaving the Premises. The external doors shall be fitted with a device to provide for their automatic closure and such devices shall be maintained in good working order.</p> <p>28. The Premises shall be fitted with an inner entrance door or screen so that no part of the interior of the premises or any of the contents of the premises shall be visible when persons are entering or leaving the Premises.</p> <p>29. The windows and openings of the Premises shall be of a material or covered with a material which will render the interior or any items within the Premises invisible to passers-by.</p>
Employment of persons on the	<p>30. The Licence Holder, or some responsible person over the age of eighteen nominated by him in writing</p>

<p>Premises</p>	<p>for the purpose, shall be in charge of and upon the Premises at all times that the Premises is open to the public. Such written nomination shall be continuously be available for inspection at the Premises by a Police Officer of by an authorised officer of the Council.</p> <p>31. In addition to the Licence Holder or nominated person, there shall be a nominated female present to oversee the activities of female performers and a like nominated male present to oversee the activities of any male performers.</p> <p>32. The person in charge shall not be engaged on any duties which will prevent him from exercising general supervision and he shall be assisted as necessary by suitable adult persons to ensure adequate supervision. The person in charge should be conversant with these conditions, a copy of which should be held on the premises</p> <p>33. A notice showing the name of the person in charge of the Premises at the time they are open under the licence shall be conspicuously exhibited in a position where it can be seen by customers throughout the period during which he is responsible for the conduct of the Premises.</p> <p>34. The Licence Holder shall at all times keep and maintain at the Premises a written record of the names, home addresses, dates of birth and National Insurance number of all persons employed within the licensed premises whether upon a full time or part time basis, and shall upon request by an authorised officer of the Council make such records available for inspection to him</p> <p>35. Any individual employed on the Premises to conduct a security activity (within the meaning of the Private Security Industry Act 2001) must be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.</p> <p>36. A register of SIA staff working at the premises shall be maintained, kept at the premises and made available for examination upon request to a Police Officer or authorised officer of the Council or the SIA.</p> <p>37. The Licence Holder must ensure that a suitable number of trained staff are employed to supervise the interior of the Premises whilst performances are</p>
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	<p>being given.</p> <p>38. Performers shall be aged not less than 18 years. The Licence Holder must maintain complete records of the names, home addresses, dates of birth and National Insurance number of performers including identity checks which are satisfactory to the Council.</p>
Alterations to the Premises	<p>39. No alterations (including temporary alterations) shall be made to the Premises without the prior written consent of the Council. This condition shall not require notice to be given in respect of routine maintenance works.</p> <p>40. Where alterations necessitate the Premises being closed for a period of time, the premises shall not reopen for the purpose of the licence, until the licensee has been notified in writing by the Council of the satisfactory completion of the work</p>
Change of use	<p>41. No change of use of any portion of the Premises from that approved by the Council shall be made until all necessary consents have been obtained from the Council. For the avoidance of doubt this includes a change from one class of sex establishment (e.g. a sex shop) to a different class of sex establishment (e.g. a sex cinema).</p>
Variation	<p>42. An application to vary the terms, conditions or restrictions on or subject to which the licence is held must comply with the same application and advertising requirements as applications for the grant of a sexual entertainment venue licence.</p>
CCTV	<p>42. A CCTV system will be installed at the premises to the satisfaction of the Police Licensing Officer and it must record at all times the Premises are open to the public. Unedited images must be retained for at least 31 days and copies made freely available upon request to the Police or an authorised officer of the Council.</p> <p>43. At all times the Premises are open to the public there will be a member of staff on duty who is competent to operate the CCTV system and to provide any copies requested</p>

Business title	44. The Licence Holder must obtain the consent of the Council for the business or trading title to be used in relation to the Premises. An application must be made to the Council to change the business or trading title and the Council shall have the discretion to allow or refuse such a change.
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Schedule 3 – Additional Condition

Where performers who are not being collected from the door of the premises by taxi or other transport, they will be chaperoned back to their vehicle by escorts provided by the licence holder. This is necessary as there is no car park within sight of the premises and for the safety of persons performing in the premises.



Premises Licence Summary

Premises Licence Number:

PR/0184

Premises Details

Postal address of Premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description:

S T Lounge
16 Grove Street
Wilmslow
Cheshire

Post Town: Wilmslow

Post Code: SK9 1DR

Telephone Number:

Where the Licence is time limited, the dates:

Not applicable.

Licensable activities authorised by the Licence:

Live music
Recorded music
Performances of dance
Sale and supply of alcohol
Anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music and performances of dance
Provision of facilities for making music
Provision of facilities for dancing
Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to making music and dancing
Late night refreshment

The times the Licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities:

Live Music (to take place indoors)

Monday to Thursday 10.00 to 03.00

Friday and Saturday 10.00 to 03.30

Sunday 12.00 to 03.00

From the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the commencement of permitted hours on New Years Day.

Recorded Music (to take place indoors)

Monday to Thursday 10.00 to 03.00

Friday and Saturday 10.00 to 03.30

Sunday 12.00 to 03.30

From the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the commencement of permitted hours on New Years Day.

Performances of dance (to take place indoors)

Monday to Thursday 11.00 to 02.00

Friday and Saturday 10.00 to 03.30

Sunday and Christmas Day 12.00 to 00.30

Sunday preceding a Bank Holiday except Easter Sunday 12.00 to 01.00

From the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the commencement of permitted hours on New Years Day.

Sale and supply of alcohol

Monday to Thursday 10.00 to 03.00

Friday and Saturday 10.00 to 03.30

Sunday 12.00 to 03.00

An additional 60 minutes on the day when British Summer Time commences.

From the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the commencement of permitted hours on New Years Day.

Anything of similar description to live music, recorded music and performance of dance (to take place indoors)

Monday to Thursday 11.00 to 02.00

Friday and Saturday 10.00 to 03.30

Sunday and Christmas Day 12.00 to 00.30

Sunday preceding a Bank Holiday except Easter Sunday 12.00 to 01.00

From the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the commencement of permitted hours on New Years Day.

Provision of facilities for making music (to take place indoors)

Monday to Thursday 10.00 to 03.00

Friday and Saturday 10.00 to 03.30

Sunday 12.00 to 03.00

From the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the commencement of permitted hours on New Years Day.

Provision of facilities for dancing (to take place indoors)

Monday to Thursday 10.00 to 03.00

Friday and Saturday 10.00 to 03.30

Sunday 12.00 to 03.00

From the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the commencement of permitted hours on New Years Day.

Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that for making music and for dancing (to take place indoors)

Monday to Thursday 11.00 to 02.00

Friday and Saturday 10.00 to 03.30

Sunday and Christmas Day 12.00 to 00.30

Sunday preceding a Bank Holiday except Easter Sunday 12.00 to 01.00

From the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the commencement of permitted hours on New Years Day.

Late Night Refreshment (to take place indoors)

Monday to Thursday 23.00 to 02.30

Friday and Saturday 23.00 to 04.00

Sunday 23.00 to 01.00
From the end of permitted hours on New Years Eve to 05.00 on New Years Day.

The opening hours of the Premises:

Monday to Thursday 10.00 to 03.30
Friday and Saturday 10.00 to 04.00
Sunday 12.00 to 03.30

Where the Licence authorises supplies of alcohol, whether these are on and/or off supplies:

For consumption either on or off the premises

Name, (registered) address of holder of Premises Licence:

Van Leisure Limited
98 Lancaster Road
Newcastle under Lyme
Staffordshire
ST5 1DS

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable):

6652799

Name of designated Premises Supervisor where the Premises Licence authorises for the supply of alcohol:

Paul Brandon Knowles

State whether access to the Premises by children is restricted or prohibited:

No one under the age of 18 will be allowed to enter or remain on the premises

Signed by Mr A Potts
On behalf of Cheshire East Borough Council

Annex 1 - Mandatory Conditions

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under this Premises Licence -
 - (a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the Premises Licence, or
 - (b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a Personal Licence or his Personal Licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under this Premises Licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a Personal Licence.

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

1. No irresponsible sales promotions of alcoholic beverages shall be offered to customers.
2. No customers carrying open or sealed bottles shall be admitted to the premises at any time that the premises are open to the public.
3. A sign will be located on the premises indicating that the standard hours during which the sale of alcohol is permitted.
4. The Designated Premises Supervisor will be a member of the local Pubwatch.
5. There shall be provided at the premises Door Supervisors who are registered with the security industry authority from opening hours until the close of business. Door Supervisors are to be employed to such a number as the management of the premises consider are sufficient to control the entry to the premises and for the keeping of order in the premises when they are used for a licensable activity. A written record shall be kept on the premises by the designated premises supervisor of every person employed on the premises as a door supervisor in a register kept for that purpose. that record shall contain the following details:-
 - (1) the door supervisors name, date of birth and home address;
 - (ii) his/her security authority number;
 - (iii) the time and date he/she starts and finishes duty;
 - (iv) the time of any breaks taken whilst on duty;
 - (v) each entry shall be signed by the door supervisor, that register shall be available for inspection on demand by an authorised officer of the Council, The Security Industry Authority or a police constable.

Public Safety

6. All fire doors will be maintained effectively self closing and shall not be held open other than by approved devices.
7. Notices detailing the actions to be taken in the event of fire or other emergencies, including how the fire brigade shall be summoned, are to be prominently displayed.
8. Local taxi numbers shall be displayed near the exits of the premises.
9. Fire extinguisher and fire alarm checks will be made and inspected on an annual basis.
10. An adequate and appropriate supply of first aid equipment will be made available on the premises.
11. Electrical equipment will be inspected on an annual basis.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

12. No regulated entertainment of any type is to take place in the garden areas of the premises after 2300 hours.
13. Noise or vibration must not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to nearby properties.
14. Windows and doors (save for exit and entrance purposes) will be kept shut when [amplified] musical entertainment is taking place.

15. A noise limiter is to be fitted on any amplification equipment used at the premises and the level set by agreement with the EHO if he so requests to prevent noise nuisance.
16. Prominent, clear and legible notices are to be displayed at all exits requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.
17. No explosives, pyrotechnics and fireworks of a similar nature which could cause disturbance in surrounding areas are to be used within the curtilage of the premises.
18. The placing of refuse - including bottles - into receptacles outside the premises must not take place between 2300 hours and 0800 hours.
19. For a period of 30 minutes after the conclusion of regulated entertainment, incidental music shall be played at a lower volume to promote a 'chill out' period.
20. Noise from music and associated sources (including DJs and amplified voices) will not be a nuisance inside noise sensitive properties between 23.00 and 08.00hrs.
21. No amplified music will be played outside the premises.
22. No glassware to be collected from the premises or to be disposed of into outside waste receptacles between 22.00 and 08.00hrs.
23. All external windows and doors shall be kept closed when regulated entertainment is being provided except for access and egress to and from the premises and/or in the event of an emergency.
24. Signs requesting that customers leave the premises quietly shall be displayed at the exits.

Protection of Children from Harm

25. No one under the age of 18 will be allowed to enter or remain on the premises.
26. Anyone who appears to be under the age of 21 and who is attempting to buy alcohol must be required to produce proof of age before such a sale is made.
27. No person under the age of 18 will be allowed on the premises at any time when licensable activities are taking place. Clear notice will be displayed at each entrance to the premises, in a prominent, so that it can be easily read by people entering the premises saying: "NO PERSONS UNDER 18 WILL BE ADMITTED".
28. Staff will be trained (and undergo regular refresher training) in respect of age identification - such training sessions to be documented and records made available to authorised persons from Responsible Authorities.
29. A challenge 21 scheme will be operated at the premises - the only form of valid identification being passport, phot driving licence or PASS hologram ID card.

General – All Licensing Objectives

30. Sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption off the premises shall be restricted to persons sitting at tables outside the frontage of the premises and any such sales shall be confined to the persons who are personally served by the Designated Premises Supervisor or a member of his/her staff.
31. Suitable beverages other than intoxicating liquor including drinking water shall be equally available for consumption with or otherwise as an ancillary to meals served in the licensed premises.

32. CCTV shall be provided in the form of a recordable system. The CCTV equipment shall be maintained in good working order correctly time and date stamped. Recordings shall be kept in date order, numbered consequentially and kept for a period of 31 days and copies made available to the Police on request. The recording equipment and tapes shall be kept in a secure environment under the control of the DPS or other nominated responsible individual. Appropriate signage representative of the above shall be displayed in conspicuous positions.

33. Striptease, lap dancing, pole dancing, and similar performances involving nudity, partial nudity or simulated sexual acts to take place at the premises in accordance with the following:-

a) Safe Access to Dressing Room - safe and controlled access to the dressing room for performers shall be maintained at all times when the performance is taking place and immediately afterwards. members of the public will not be allowed to access the dressing rooms. Dancers not performing shall not be in the licensed area in a state of undress.

b) No admittance - Under 18 - No person under the age of 18 will be allowed on the premises at any time when licensable activities are taking place.

c) A clear notice will be displayed at each entrance to the premises, in a prominent position, so that it can be easily read by people entering the premises saying:

"NO PERSONS UNDER 18 WILL BE ADMITTED"

d) No physical contact or information exchange - There shall be no touching of performers by customers before, during or after the performance, other than the placing of banknotes by the customer in a garter worn by the performer for that purpose.

e) There shall be no exchange of personal information between the performers and customers. Notices to this effect shall be clearly displayed at each entrance to the premises.

f) Performance Area - The performance area shall be supervised by a member of staff at all times when performances are taking place. The management at the premises shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that customers remain seated whilst the adult entertainment is taking place.

g) Door Supervisors - There shall be an adequate number of registered door supervisors on the premises when the authorised entertainment is taking place to ensure good order and safety of performers and customers. At least one door supervisor shall be positioned at the entrance(s) in use at all times when adult entertainment is taking place.

h) No nudity Visible Outside - Entertainment, including dancing, which involve nudity or sexual performance of any kind shall not be visible from outside the premises.

i) No External Adverts - There shall be no display outside the premises of photographs or other images which indicate that entertainment involving nudity or sexual performance takes place on the premises.

34. Where performers who are not being collected from the door of the premises by taxi or other transport, they will be chaperoned back to their vehicles by escorts provided by the licence holder. This is necessary as there is no car park within sight of the premises and for the safety of the persons performing in the premises.

35. The DPS or a nominated member of staff shall represent the premises at local Pub Watch Meetings

Conditions converted from Public Entertainment Licence

- 69 The Licence Holder/Designated Premises Supervisor shall ensure that performers and members of the public have separate entrances for entering and exiting from the Premises, performers to use staff entrances.
- 73 Any person who touches or attempts to touch a performer or directs lewd, vulgar or obscene language or gestures thereto shall be immediately removed from the Premises by the Licence Holder/Designated Premises Supervisor.
- 74 There shall be at least one Licence Holder/Designated Premises Supervisor on the Premises during the entertainment to ensure compliance with these special conditions. In addition, there shall be a nominated female present to oversee the activities of female performers and a like nominated male present to oversee the activities of any male performers.
- 76 The Licence Holder/Designated Premises Supervisor shall ensure that all performers read through these special conditions and sign a statement that they have understood them and agreed to abide by them.
- 78 No such entertainment shall take place on Christmas Day.

Additional conditions converted from Public Entertainment Licence

86. Should any member of staff who is registered with the Security Industry Authority act as a door supervisor, then that person should be relinquished from all other duties on that occasion.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the Licensing Authority

1. Live music between the hours of 03.00 and 03.30 shall not be amplified.

Annex 4 - Plans

See attached.



Licensing Act 2003 – Premises Licence

Duration of a Premises Licence

A premises licence has effect until such a time that it is suspended, revoked or surrendered.

Duty to notify change of name or address

The holder of a premises licence must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, notify the relevant licensing authority of any change of name or address.

Where the designated premises supervisor (DPS) under a premises licence is not the holder of the licence, he should notify the licensing authority of a change in name or address as soon as possible. The DPS must also notify the holder of the premises licence.

Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the above is an offence, and a person will be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale (ie£500)

Duty to keep and display licence

The holder of a premises licence must ensure that the licence or a certified copy of it is kept at the premises in the custody of or under the control of the holder of the licence or a person who works at the premises whom the premises licence holder has nominated in writing. A notice should be prominently displayed at the premises specifying the position of any such nominee.

The premises licence holder has a duty to ensure that a summary of the licence or a certified copy of that summary is prominently displayed at the premises.

Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the above is an offence, and a person will be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale (ie £500)

Duty to produce licence

A constable or an authorised person may require production of the premises licence for examination. An authorised person must, if requested, produce evidence of his authority to exercise the power.

Failure without reasonable excuse to comply with the above is an offence, and a person will be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale (ie £500)

Theft or loss of premises licence

Where a premises licence or summary is lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed, the holder of the licence may apply to the relevant licensing authority for a copy of the licence or summary. A fee of £10.50 is payable in relation to such an application.

Where an application is made for a replacement licence or summary the licensing authority must issue the holder of the licence with a licence or summary if it is satisfied that –

- (a) the licence or summary has been lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed; and
- (b) where it has been lost or stolen, the holder has reported that loss or theft to the police.

Surrender of premises licence

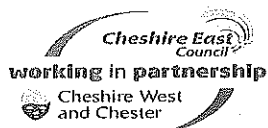
Where the holder of a premises licence wishes to surrender his/her licence he/she may give the licensing authority a notice to that effect. The notice must be accompanied by the premises licence, or where that is not practicable, by a statement of the reasons for the failure to provide the licence. Where a notice of surrender is given, the premises licence lapses on receipt of the notice by the licensing authority.

Death, incapacity, insolvency of licence holder

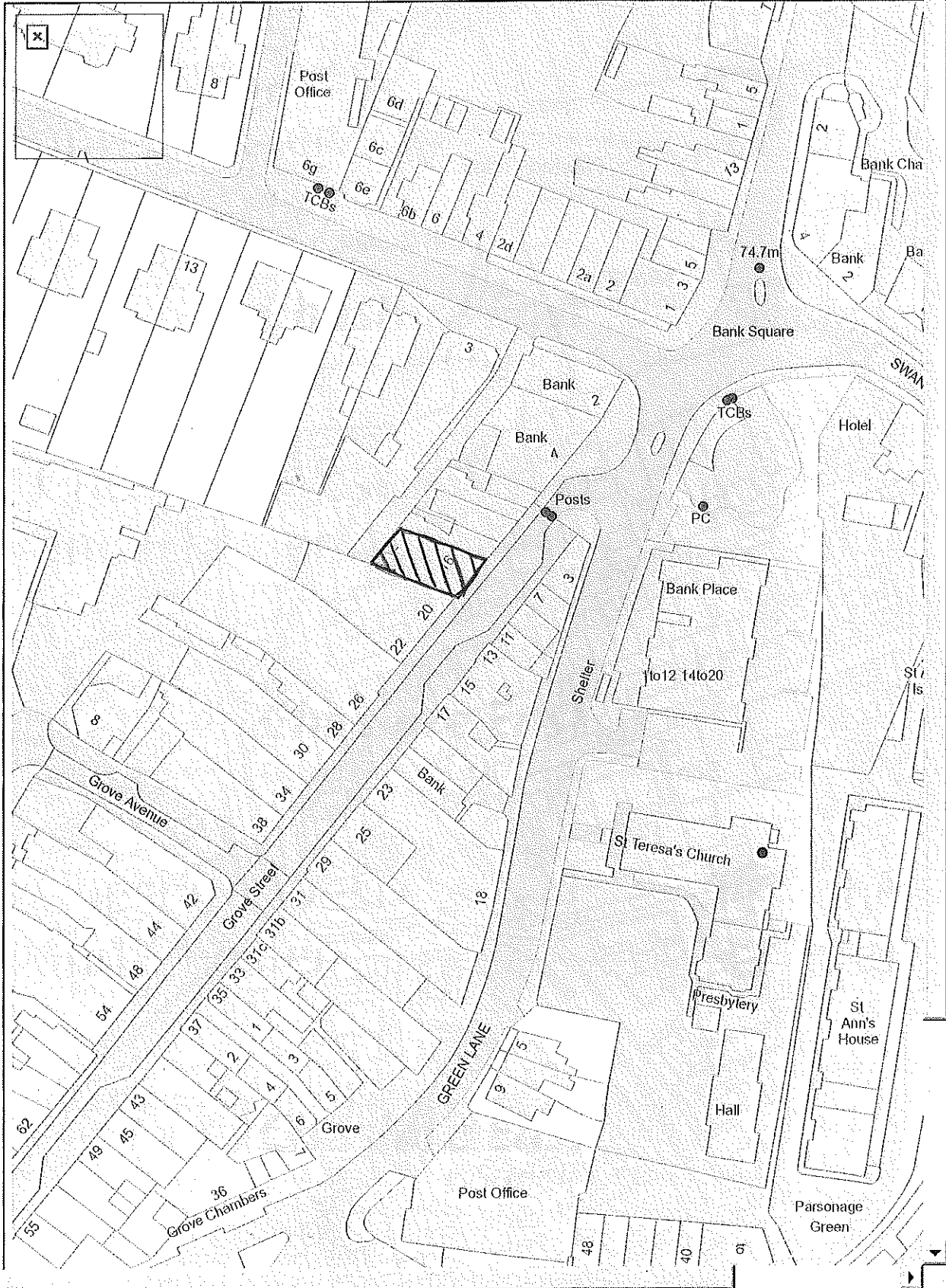
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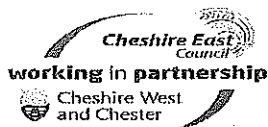
- (a) dies,
- (b) becomes mentally incapable (within the meaning of section 13(1) of the Enduring Powers of Attorney Act 1985)
- (c) becomes insolvent,
- (d) is dissolved, or
- (e) if it is a club, ceases to be a recognised club

(subject to provision for re-instatement in certain circumstances).



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