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**CADMAN, Nikki**

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**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

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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.

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**CADMAN, Nikki**

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**From:** LICENSING (Cheshire East)  
**Sent:** 14 February 2013 12:03  
**To:** CADMAN, Nikki  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 February 2013 11:56  
**To:** LICENSING (Cheshire East)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:**

To The Licensing Section, Cheshire East Borough Council

Re: ST Club Grove Street, Wilmslow

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

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

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?

The Local Government Association has produced a report that states shops which prey on customers weaknesses such as Strip clubs are blighting economic recovery on the High Streets. There is economic data available, which states the general public are less likely to visit the area with a strip club and they discourage family centred businesses. If the High Street is to survive the threat of the internet and the recession surely we all should be working together to enhance and protect Grove Street.

Economists' projections show that this kind of entertainment 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. Who wants to have their business located next to a Fully Nude Strip Club that attracts the Stag Night Trade?

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.

**Kind regards**

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**CADMAN, Nikki**

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**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,

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**CADMAN, Nikki**

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**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]  
**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 of 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**

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

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**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**

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

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**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.

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[REDACTED]

**To: Licensing Authority, Cheshire East Borough Council**

**Via Email: [licensing@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@cheshireeast.gov.uk)**

**14<sup>th</sup> 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]  
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**CADMAN, Nikki**

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**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 writing the letter.

**CADMAN, Nikki**

**From:** LICENSING (Cheshire East)  
**Sent:** 15 February 2013 10:16  
**To:** CADMAN, Nikki  
**Subject:** FW: Grove street licence objection

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 15 February 2013 10:08  
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)  
Subject: FW: Grove street licence objection

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From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)  
Sent: 15 February 2013 08:54  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: Grove street licence objection

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 14 February 2013 20:58  
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)  
Subject: Grove street licence objection

I would like to protest in the strongest possible way to the licensing of a sexual entertainment venue on grove street Wilmslow. I find the idea staggering that the council representing my children, wife and I, would deem such a licence to be in the communities best interest.

Yours

Sent from my iPhone

CADMAN, Nikki

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**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**

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**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

8<sup>th</sup> 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 ( [REDACTED] ) 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]

[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,  
[REDACTED]

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E: [REDACTED]

T: [REDACTED]

10.2.2013

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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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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[REDACTED]

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]

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 signature block]

The Licensing Office  
Cheshire East Council

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 signature]

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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,



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,

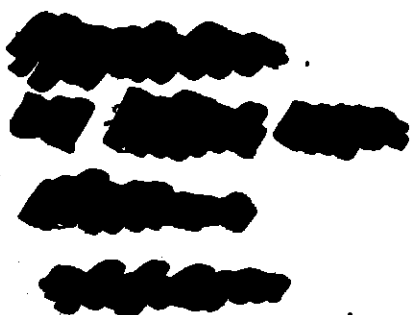
Wilmslow

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

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,

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,

[Redacted signature block]

28 January 2013

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,

[Redacted signature]

The Licensing Council

2nd Feb. 2013

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,

[Redacted signature]

The Licensing Office  
Cheshire East Council

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3. 2. 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,

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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.

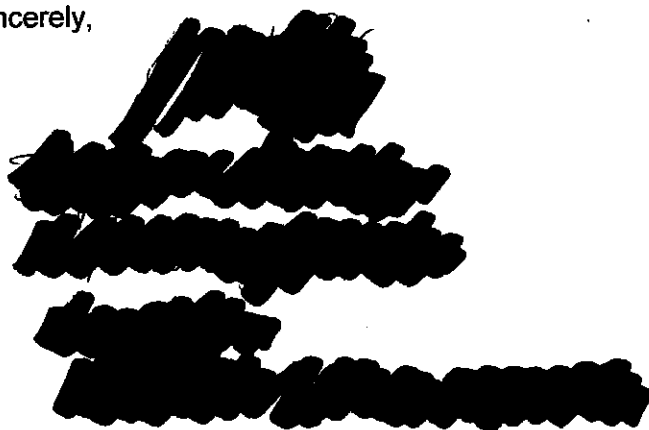
We are writing to object to the renewal of the licence for the lap dancing club. We have been living in Wilmslow for quite a while and have always felt safe here; now, with the lap-dancing club, we dread having to walk along Grove Street in the evening.

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,



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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,

[REDACTED]

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,



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To: Licensing Section  
Cheshire East council

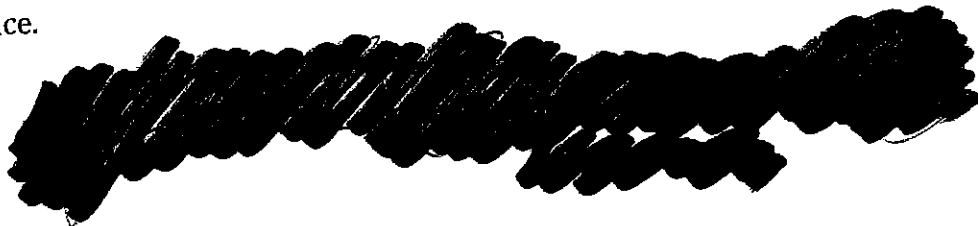
Dear Councillors,

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.

5.2.13

Yours faithfully,



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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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,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The Licensing Council

29<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Dear Sirs,

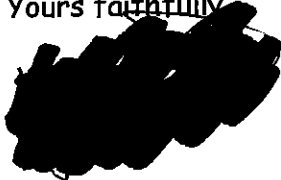
I am writing to object to the application for a sexual entertainment venue in Grove Street, Wilmslow.

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,



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29.01.03

The Licensing Department,  
Cheshire

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]

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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 signature]

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The Licensing Committee  
Cheshire East Council

[REDACTED]

31<sup>st</sup> January 2013

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,

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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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4/2/13

The Licensing Committee  
East Cheshire Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application for a Sex Establishment Licence  
Grove Street, Wilmslow

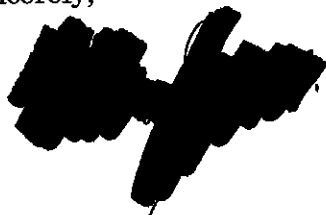
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29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013.

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,

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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,

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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 signature]

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30<sup>th</sup> 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 town's 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,

[Redacted signature]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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]  
[REDACTED]

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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

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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,

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[Redacted]

The Licensing Officer  
Cheshire East Council  
Westfields  
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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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