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AGENDA

Committee:	LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
Date and Time:	Friday 13th February 2015 at 10.30a.m.
Venue:	Council Chamber
Membership:	Councillors Blackwell, Burch and Stanley (Reserve Member - Councillor Greig)
Officers attending:	Chris Jacob – Head of Licensing and Transportation Andrew Smith – Legal Adviser Gareth Davies – Trainee Solicitor
Committee Enquiries:	Cheryl Salmon, Ext. No. 2454

PART I

(Business to be taken in public)

- 1. Appointment of Chairman**
- 2. Procedure for the Sub-Committee (as attached)**
- 3. (1) Application for a Sexual Entertainment Venue under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and Policing and Crime Act 2009 by G & K Groundworks Ltd for the address at Unit C7, 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Estate, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 4PS.**
(2) Application for a new Premises Licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 made by G & K Groundworks Ltd for the address at Unit C7, 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Estate, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 4PS.
- 4. Decision**

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LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE
PROCEDURE FOR HEARING SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE APPLICATIONS

A. HEARING

- 1) The Chairman will open the proceedings as follows:
 - i. introduce themselves and invite the other Members of the Sub Committee, Committee Officer, the Legal Adviser, Licensing Officer, Applicant, and (any) Interested Parties, to introduce themselves.
 - ii. ask whether there are any declarations of interest.
 - iii. the following will be read out:
 - a) "This hearing will take the form of quasi-judicial tribunal proceedings and cross-examination shall only be permitted if the Sub Committee considers that the cross-examination is necessary for it to properly consider the submissions".
 - b) "Additional information produced at the hearing without prior disclosure between the parties may not be heard if following objections to its submission by any other party the Committee so determine".
 - c) "When considering applications the Licensing Authority will have regard to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended by The Policing And Crime Act 2009), its licensing policy, statutory guidance, all supporting regulations and the Human Rights Act 1998".
 - d) "Objectors are reminded that an objection must be relevant to the grounds for refusing an application set out in paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 of the Act. These grounds are set out in the licensing officers report. Objections shall not be based on moral grounds or values".
- iv) The Chairman will explain the following procedure.
 - a) Licensing Officer will present their report and an overview of the application and answer any questions from the other parties present.
 - b) Applicant (or representative) to make an opening submission and may call witnesses
 - c) Questions to the Applicant and witnesses by Interested Parties, Licensing Officer, the Legal Adviser and the Sub Committee Members.
 - d) Interested Parties to make opening submission and call witnesses.

- e) Questions to Interested Parties and witnesses by Applicant, Licensing Officer, the Legal Advisor and the Sub-Committee Members.
- f) Parties to sum up (but not introduce new evidence) in the following order:-
 - 1) Interested Parties
 - 2) Applicant (or their representative)

B. DECISION MAKING PROCESS

The Sub Committee will retire to make its decision in private. The Legal Adviser will retire with them to provide legal advice as required. The Legal Adviser will not take part in the decision.

The Sub Committee will return to the hearing. The Legal Adviser will inform all parties of any legal advice given to the Sub Committee.

The Chairman will announce the decision and the reasons for it and that the decision will be confirmed in writing to the parties at the earliest opportunity. In some cases the Licensing Authority will inform the applicant of the decision within 5 working days.

C. RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

A minute of the meeting will be taken by the Committee Officer and be kept for a period of 6 years from the date of the decision or, where an appeal is brought against the decision, the disposal of the appeal.

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

13TH FEBRUARY 2015

Subject: Application for a Sexual Entertainment Venue under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and Policing and Crime Act 2009 by G & K Groundworks Ltd for the address at Unit C7, 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Estate, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 4PS.

Report of: Head of Licensing and Transportation

1. Application

- 1.1 An application has been made to operate a Sexual Entertainment Venue at the Premises from Monday to Sunday between 20:00hrs to 05:00hrs the following day.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 8th June 2010 the Licensing Committee considered changes to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 introduced by the Policing and Crime Act 2009 in respect of sexual entertainment venues. At that time there were no venues operating within the Castle Point area that fell within the definition of a sexual entertainment establishment. However, in order that future proposals for such premises could be properly licensed under the amended legislation it was necessary for a local authority to re-adopt the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009. The Licensing Committee resolved that the Act should be adopted within the Castle Point area at the meeting on 8th June 2010.
- 2.2 The application has been submitted to all the Relevant Responsible Authorities:
- Licensing Department
 - Essex Police
 - Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
 - Planning Services
 - Environmental Health Service
 - The Health & Safety Executive
 - Children' Safeguarding Service (Essex County Council)
 - Essex Trading Standards
 - Director of Public Health (Essex County Council)
- 2.3 Details of the application were also advertised in the Evening Echo newspaper on Monday 3rd November 2014, and blue notices were displayed on the

premises. As a result representations have been made by Rebecca Harris M.P., Councillor Clive Walter (St Georges Ward) and local residents as follows:

NAME	
Local Resident	1
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Local Resident	3
Local Resident	4
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Local Resident	31
Local Church	32
Local School	33

2.4 With regard to the objections received in relation to the Sexual Entertainment Venue, the appropriate Authority must give greater latitude to objectors. It states within the Policing and Crime Act 2009 that the objector must state the grounds of their objection in general terms. This clearly does not require an objector to do more than outline the broad nature of the objection and supply relevant details. Thus, an objection could be made on the grounds that a sex establishment would be harmful to the character of the area without specifying what the character of the area actually is, or how the proposed establishment would impact on such character of the relevant locality.

2.5 Within the guidance issued by the Home Office in March 2010 it states:

1. When considering an application for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence the appropriate authority should have regard to any observations submitted to it by the chief officer of police and any objections that they have received from anyone else within 28 days of the application. Any person can object to an application but the objection should be relevant to the grounds set out in the Act for refusing a licence. Objections should not be based on moral grounds or values and local authorities should not consider objections that are not relevant to the grounds set out in the Act. Objectors must give notice of their objections in writing, stating the general terms of the objection.
 2. The decision regarding what constitutes the "relevant locality" is a matter for the appropriate Authority, However, such questions must be decided on the facts of the individual application.
 3. The relevant grounds for any objections are specified in section 12 (2) and (3) of the Act. These are:
 - 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 of 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.
 4. Nil may be an appropriate number for the purposes of sub paragraph (3) (c) above.
 5. In this paragraph "the relevant locality" means –
 - a) In relation to premises, the locality where they are situated ; and
 - b) In relation to a vehicle, vessel or stall, any locality where it is desired to use as a sex establishment.
- 2.6 Further enquiries have been made with Neighbouring Councils to identify other sex establishments in the local area.
- 2.7 Basildon Borough Council has two licensed Sexual Entertainment Venues, and these are:

1. Katz, Time Square, Southernhay, Basildon (site is just outside town centre no passing trade) Wednesday & Thursday 10pm - 3.00am Friday & Saturday 10pm - 4.00am. The premises also have a 24 hour premises licence.
2. Mac's Cafe Bar & Grill, Paycocke Road, Basildon (Situated on industrial estate multi functional premises workers cafe, bar and functions.) Monday to Sunday 10-00am to 04.00am (although currently used on two afternoon/evenings). This premises also has a 24 hour premises licence.

No issues associated with the SEV's have been reported by Basildon Borough Council.

2.8 Southend on Sea Borough Council currently has three Sexual Entertainment Venues and one application pending for a new venue, and these are:

1. MUSE, Lucy Road. Monday to Saturday 11am – 1.00am the following day, Sunday 11am to midnight.
2. The Foresters Public House, Marine Parade. Monday to Wednesday 11am to 11pm, Thursday 11am to midnight, Friday & Saturday 11am to 01:00am the following day and Sunday 11am to 10.30pm.
3. Cornucopia, Marine Parade. Monday to Sunday 11am to 12.30am the following day.
4. New Application: Entice, Southchurch Road, Monday to Sunday 9am to 02.30am the following day.

2.9 The enquiries have ascertained that all of the Sexual Entertainment Venues have caused the least number of problems associated with licensed premises due to the stringent nature of the conditions which are attached to the operation of the licence for a sexual entertainment establishment.

2.10 After contact with the local police it has been confirmed that there was a premises licensed for the sale of alcohol under the previous Licensing Act on the Manor Trading estate, which operated as a sports club and venue for hire.

3. Current situation

3.1 Essex Police have been in consultation with the applicant and have requested that the following conditions be included within the operating schedule. The applicant has agreed to these conditions and Essex Police do not object to the grant of the licence. These conditions are:

- 1.1. The Licensee, or a responsible person over the age of 18 having been nominated by them and approved in writing by the Council for the purpose of managing the sex establishment ("the manager"), shall have personal responsibility for and be present on the Premises at all times when the Premises are open to the public.

Management Operation Manual (A guide to the safe operation of the venue including safety and security information)

- 1.2. The Licensee shall produce a Management Operation manual detailing all aspects of procedure when the Premise is operating the relevant entertainment. This document shall be regularly reviewed and be available for inspection by Castle Point Borough Council, Police or Police Licensing Officers upon request.
- 1.3. Control measures shall be in place as part of the Management Operation Manual to ensure the safety of performers when they leave the Premises following a period of work.

House Rules (A guide to the acceptable conduct of customers and performers)

- 1.4. The Premises shall provide a copy of its House Rules or any revisions to the Council and the Police before the premises is open under its Sex Establishment Licence.
- 1.5. The Licensee shall ensure that all performers and staff, including door supervisors, shall be made aware of the House Rules.
- 1.6. All dancers, staff and door supervisors shall read a copy of the House Rules relating to operating relevant entertainment. They shall sign and date a copy which shall be retained by the Premises as part of their due diligence. They shall be available for inspection by Castle Point Borough Council, Police or Police Licensing Officers upon request.
- 1.7. A clear copy of these conditions and the House Rules shall be exhibited at all times in or near the performers' changing room(s) in such a manner as they can be read by the performers. These conditions shall be protected against theft, damage or defacement.
- 1.8. A large print copy of the House rules shall be clearly displayed at the entrance/lobby of the premises and each customer shall be advised of the House rules prior to entry.
- 1.9. House Rules on the performance of relevant entertainment shall be displayed throughout the Premises and be clearly visible to customers. This will include any private individual booth area. The use of table/bar notices or prominent signage throughout the premises would be satisfactory.

Staff

- 1.10. The Licensee shall ensure that all staff and performers working within the sexual entertainment venue, if not a United Kingdom citizen, hold the required Work Permit.
- 1.11. All staff and performers shall be aged not less than 18 years. The Licensee shall maintain adequate records of these names, addresses

and dates of birth including adequate identity and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) background checks using recognised photographic documentation. This is to include information on agencies performers work for. Copies of these documents shall be retained by the premises licence holder from the date of the start of employment for at least 12 months after the performer left the licence holder's employment.

Performers

- 1.12. A log book shall be maintained on the Premises detailing the names, start and finish times, of the individual performers involved in all forms of adult entertainment.
- 1.13. Performers shall remain clothed in public areas and all other areas except while performing in areas specified by the Council as where sexual entertainment may be provided.
- 1.14. No performer shall be allowed to work if, in the judgement of the management, they appear to be intoxicated or under the influence of illegal substances.
- 1.15. Performers shall get dressed at the end of each performance to the extent that their breasts and genitals are fully covered.
- 1.16. Performers shall not accept any telephone number, email address, address or other contact information from any customer.

Performances

- 1.17. Performers shall only perform on the stage area, to seated customers or in such other areas of the licensed premises as may be agreed with the Council, for example VIP booths.
- 1.18. There shall be no physical contact between customers and the performers except for an introductory handshake/kiss and the placing of money or tokens into the hands, an arm band, waistband, garter or similar receptacle of the dancer at the beginning or conclusion of a performance.
- 1.19. Customers shall be seated in an upright position against the back of the booth or seat with their hands by their sides before a dancer can start a table or private dance.
- 1.20. Performers shall not:
 - (a) Climb onto any furniture unless provided as an on stage prop for the purpose of their performance.
 - (b) Simulate any sex acts.
 - (c) Undertake any performance involving a sex act with any other performer, persons in the audience or any object.

- (d) Use inappropriate, suggestive or sexually graphic language at any time.

- 1.21. In the event of the relevant entertainment being performed for private viewing, the customer shall be informed of the duration and price of the relevant entertainment, and the details shall be specified in a clearly visible notice in each area designed for private relevant entertainment.

Door Supervisors

- 1.22. Any individual employed on the Premises to conduct a security activity (within the meaning of section paragraph 2(1)(a) of schedule 2 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001) shall be licensed by the Security Industry Authority or any replacement organisation.
- 1.23. An adequate number of registered Door Supervisors shall be on duty on the Premises whilst relevant entertainment takes place. There shall be at least one Door Supervisor on each entrance and in each separate part of the Premises. Provision shall also be made for the security of performers, with either a door supervisor located at the entrance to the changing rooms or a secure entry mechanism such as a PIN door lock installed on the changing room door.

Customers

- 1.24. No person under the age of 18 shall be admitted to the Premises. Customers who appear to be under the age of 25 must be asked to provide approved photographic proof of their age, i.e. passport, driving licence or pass-scheme. The Licensee shall provide prominent notices at each entrance to the Premises to this effect.
- 1.25. No customer shall be admitted to the Premises if, in the judgement of the management or the SIA door staff, they appear to be intoxicated, or under the influence of illegal substances.
- 1.26. Customers shall remain appropriately clothed at all times.

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

- 1.27. CCTV shall be installed, operated and maintained throughout the premises, including in private performance areas, to the satisfaction of Castle Point Borough Council and the Police in accordance with the requirements set out in the Sex Establishment Licensing Policy.
- 1.28. CCTV images shall be retained for a minimum of 31 days and be produced on the request of the Police or a Licensing Officer of Castle Point Borough Council. Recording media shall be set to 25 frames per second.
- 1.29. The CCTV system shall be operational at all times whilst the premises are trading. If the system is faulty or not working then the Police and

Castle Point Licensing Service shall be informed immediately. Details of the malfunction shall be recorded in the premises incident book.

- 1.30. A4 sized warning notices shall be displayed in public areas of the premises and at all entrances advising that CCTV is in operation. The signs located at entrances shall be located on the exterior of the building at, and adjacent to, all public access doors. All signs shall comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2002.
- 1.31. Other than recordings made in accordance with the conditions relating to CCTV, no filming, recording or electronic transmission of performances shall take place without the prior consent of the Licensing Authority.

Layout of Premises and Safety of Performers

- 1.32. The approved activities shall only take place in the areas designated by the Licensing Authority.
- 1.33. A suitable system shall be installed to ensure the safety of performers whilst in private booths. This shall include a combination of CCTV and door supervisors and be fully documented as part of the Premises Management Operation Manual. Where the Premises is unable to satisfy Castle Point District Council and/or the Police that the measures in place adequately protect performers, then all dance booths used as part of the approved activities shall be equipped with a panic alarm for safety. Procedures shall be put in place to ensure that this alarm system is monitored at all times during approved entertainment.
- 1.34. The Licensee shall ensure to the Council's satisfaction (including, where required, necessary planning or building control consents) that the interior of the premises is not visible from the outside of the Premises, and that the exterior is maintained to a satisfactory level of decorum. At no point shall dancers be visible from outside of the Premises.
- 1.35. The Licensee shall ensure to the Council's satisfaction that the internal layout is designed in such a way as to ensure a form of supervision of every area, including the toilet entrances, to reduce any risks of illegal activity or use of illegal substances.
- 1.36. The Licensee shall ensure that any occupancy limits set by Castle Point Borough Council are not exceeded whilst sexual entertainment takes place on the premises.
- 1.37. Information shall be clearly displayed within the internal exit areas of all sexual entertainment venues, reminding customers to behave in a responsible and appropriate way towards all persons, after leaving the venue.

Advertising

- 1.38. The Licensee shall ensure that neither they nor any person promoting or providing entertainment on the Premises (nor any person acting on

behalf of any such person) shall display advertisements promoting the entertainment or the Premises in any unlawful manner.

- 1.39. Where the Council has given notice in writing to the Licensee objecting to an advertisement on the grounds that, if displayed, it would offend against good taste or decency or be likely to encourage or incite crime or to lead to disorder or to be offensive to public feeling, that advertisement shall not be displayed.
- 1.40. The Licensee shall not permit the display outside of the Premises of photographs or other images which indicate or suggest that striptease or similar entertainment takes place on the Premises and which may be offensive.
- 1.41. The Licensee shall ensure that neither they nor any person promoting or providing entertainment on the Premises (nor any person acting on behalf of any such person) shall distribute flyers direct to residential premises, advertising the venue.

Documentation

- 1.42. A copy of the licence and any special conditions attached shall, at all times, be displayed in a conspicuous position on the Premises so as to be available for inspection by the police, the fire authority, and authorised officers of the Council.
- 1.43. The name of the person responsible for the management of the Premises, whether the Licensee or the manager, shall be displayed in a conspicuous position within the Premises throughout the period during which he is responsible for the conduct of the Premises.
- 1.44. The challenge 21 policy will be adopted where by any person who appears under the age of 21 will be challenged for proof of age. The only recognised proof of age will be a full passport, Photo style driving licence and "pass" accredited card. Such cards will display the pass hologram.
- 1.45. A refusal book will be kept to record all refusals of alcohol and cigarettes.
- 1.46. CCTV, close circuit television will be installed to cover all areas customers have access to. This will record in real time and recordings will be retained for at least 30 days. All recording will be of good quality images and special attention should be made to main entrance/exits and provide a quality head and shoulder image. Signage will be displayed stating CCTV is in operation. Recordings will be made readily available upon request by the Police or Local Authority.
- 1.47. All staff will receive training in how to deal with drunkenness, challenging for suitable ID and any aspects of the Licensing Act that may undermine the licensing objectives. All such training should be recorded and kept on premises and made available upon the reasonable request from the Police or Local Authority.

- 1.48 All reasonable steps will be taken to prevent youths gathering outside the front of the premises.
- 1.49 All reasonable steps should be taken to prevent "proxy" sales of alcohol. This should include posters warning of the offence and challenging customers who may purchase unusual amounts of alcohol or may have been approached by youths that can be seen from the store itself.
- 3.2 The Environmental Health Department at Castle Point Borough Council have agreed with the applicant that the following conditions are to be included within the operating schedule:
1. All external doors to the sex establishment shall be fitted with a device to provide for their automatic closure and such devices shall be maintained in good working order. Any openable windows to the sex establishment shall be closed during hours of operation.
 2. The licensee shall ensure that adequate sanitary accommodation is available in the premises. Separate sanitary accommodation will be provided for the free use of staff and members of the public and in particular shall:
 - a) Maintain each sanitary convenience in clean and efficient order;
 - b) Ensure that any room which contains a sanitary convenience is suitably and sufficiently lit and ventilated and is kept clean;
 - c) Ensure that in the sanitary accommodation provided there are installed and maintained suitable and sufficient wash hand basins and that each basin is provided with an adequate supply of hot and cold water or of hot water at a suitably controlled temperature; together with an adequate supply of soap and suitable hand drying facilities;
 - d) The premises are so constructed with the adequate provision of efficient drains, suitable wall, floor and ceiling finishes etc so that satisfactory sanitation can be maintained.
 3. The licensee shall ensure that no noise shall emanate from the licensed premises or vibration transmitted through the structure of the licensed premises which gives rise to a nuisance to the occupiers of premises in the vicinity of the licensed premises.
 4. Without prejudice to the generality of this condition the licensee shall ensure that no form of loudspeaker or sound amplification equipment is sited on or near the exterior of the licensed premises or in or near any foyer, doorway, window or opening to those premises.
 5. The licensee must ensure that appropriate measures are taken to prevent any nuisance which may be caused by the operation or use of ventilation or other equipment.

4. Statement of Licensing Policy

4.1. With regards to the application for the Sexual Entertainment Venue guidance has been issued by the Home Office which states that:

4.1.1 *Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 introduced a new category of sex entertainment called "sexual entertainment venue", this allowed local authorities to regulate lap dancing clubs and similar venues. It gave the local authority more powers to control the number and location of lap dancing clubs and similar venues in their area.*

4.1.2 *Interpretation of the relevant primary and secondary legislation is ultimately a matter for the courts. However, local authorities are encouraged to have regard to the guidance when exercising their functions (although there is no statutory requirement to do so) in order to promote best practice and consistency across England and Wales.*

4.1.3 *Paragraph 2A of Schedule 3, as inserted by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, sets out the meaning of a "sexual entertainment venue" and "relevant entertainment" for the purposes of these provisions. A sexual entertainment venue is defined as "any premises at which relevant entertainment is provided before a live audience for financial gain of the organiser or the entertainer".*

4.1.4 *The meaning of "relevant entertainment" is, "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)". An audience can consist of just one person (e.g. where the entertainment takes place in private booths).*

4.1.5 *While local authorities should judge each case on its merits, the definition of relevant entertainment would apply to the following forms of entertainment as they are commonly understood:*

*Lap dancing
Pole dancing
Table dancing
Strip show
Peep show
Live sex shows*

4.1.6 *The above list is not exhaustive and, as the understanding of the exact nature of these descriptions may vary, should only be treated as indicative. Ultimately, decisions to licence premises as sexual entertainment venues shall depend on the content of the entertainment provided and not the name it is given.*

4.1.7 *Objections should not be based on moral grounds and values and local authorities should not consider objections that are not relevant to the grounds set out in the Act*

5. Options

5.1. The Sub-Committee is advised that it has the following options when determining this application.

- (i) Grant the application, on the terms and conditions applied for as set out in the application dated 23rd October 2014. Appendix 1
- (ii) Grant the application, on the terms and conditions applied for, including the additional conditions, as agreed between the applicant, Essex Police and the Environmental Health Department, or modified to such extent as considered necessary for the premises to be properly licensed under the amended legislation.
- (iii) Reject the application and provide reasons for any such decision.

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Application for a Sexual Entertainment Venue
Appendix 2 - Licensing Committee Report and Minutes from 8th June 2010
Appendix 3 - Letter from Essex Police
Appendix 4 - Email from Environmental Health
Appendix 5 - Letter of representation from Rebecca Harris M.P.
Appendix 6 - Letter of representation from Cllr Clive Walter
Appendix 7 - Copies of the letters/emails from residents
Appendix 8 - Copies of the Public Notices
Appendix 9 – Plan showing local area and premises

Recommendation

The decision of the Sub Committee is required following proper consideration of the application and representations made to the Sub Committee.

Resolution Required

Background Papers:

Home Office: Sexual Entertainment Venues *Guidance for England and Wales*

Report Author: Chris Jacob.

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Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Applicant Details

* First name

G & K Groundworks

* Family name

* E-mail

contact@smartplanning.co.uk

Main telephone number

Include country code.

Other telephone number

☒ Indicate here if the applicant would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Is the applicant:

☒ Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader

☐ Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means the applicant is applying so the applicant can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

Applicant Business

* Is the applicant's business registered in the UK with Companies House?

☒ Yes

☐ No

* Registration number

3331126

* Business name

G & K Groundworks Ltd

If the applicant's business is registered, use its registered name.

* VAT number

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690809925

Put "none" if the applicant is not registered for VAT.

* Legal status

Private Limited Company

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* Applicant's position in the business

Director

Home country

United Kingdom

The country where the applicant's headquarters are.

Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

* Building number or name

376

* Street

London Road

District

* City or town

Hadleigh

County or administrative area

Essex

* Postcode

SS7 2DA

* Country

United Kingdom

Agent Details

* First name

Russell

* Family name

Forde

* E-mail

contact@smartplanning.co.uk

Main telephone number

0870 013 6996

Include country code.

Other telephone number

☐ Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

☒ An agent that is a business or organisation, including a sole trader

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure.

☐ A private individual acting as an agent

Agent Business

* Is your business registered in the UK with Companies House?

☒ Yes

☐ No

* Registration number

04369649

* Business name

Smart Planning Ltd

If your business is registered, use its registered name.

* VAT number

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798846344

Put "none" if you are not registered for VAT.

* Legal status

Private Limited Company

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* Your position in the business

Home country

The country where the headquarters of your business is located.

Agent Registered Address

Address registered with Companies House.

* Building number or name

* Street

District

* City or town

County or administrative area

* Postcode

* Country

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FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICANT

* Are you applying as an individual (includes sole traders)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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DIRECTORS, PARTNERS, OWNERS AND MANAGERS

You must provide details of all COMPANY DIRECTORS and the SECRETARY (if the applicant is a company), all PARTNERS (if it is a partnership), OFFICE BEARERS (if it is a club or association), all OWNERS of the business or premises and all MANAGERS of the business or organisation, including day-to-day MANAGERS OF THE PREMISES. Check for local guidance notes and conditions which may clarify exact requirements.

* Are there any such people for whom you need to provide details?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Provide The Following Details About Each One Of Them

* Position

E.g. director, partner, day-to-day manager.

Full Name

* First name

* Family name

Former name(s)

If currently or previously known by any other name(s), you must record them here.

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Home Address

* Building number or name

* Street

District

* City or town

County or administrative area

* Postcode

* Country

Contact Details

E-mail

* Main telephone number

Other telephone number

Further Details

* Date of birth / /
dd mm yyyy

* Place of birth

Provide The Following Details About Each One Of Them

* Position E.g. director, partner, day-to-day manager.

Full Name

* First name

* Family name

Former name(s) If currently or previously known by any other name(s), you must record them here.

Home Address

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Contact Details

E-mail

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Further Details

* Date of birth / /
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TYPE OF APPLICATION

Type of application:

☒ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Temporary (Scotland only)

Specify the period for which
the licence is required
(if applicable)

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PREMISES TO BE LICENSED

Type Of Premises

- ☒ Building
☐ Vehicle
☐ Vessel
☐ Stall

* Name of premises/
trading name

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Premises Address

Is the address the same as (or similar to) the address given in section one?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

* Building number or name
* Street
District
* City or town
County or administrative area
* Postcode
* Country

Contact Details

Are the contact details the same as (or similar to) those given in section one?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

E-mail
* Main telephone number
Other telephone number

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DETAILS OF THE PREMISES

* Type of sex establishment (check all that apply):

- ☐ Sex shop
☐ Sex cinema (England, Wales and Northern Ireland only)
☐ Sex encounter establishment (London only)
☐ Hostess bar (London only)
☒ Sexual entertainment venue (England and Wales only)

* Provide details of the goods to be offered for sale, films to be shown, the entertainment to be provided and/or (for London only) nature of the sex encounter provided

There will be a bar providing the controlled sale of alcohol. The entertainment is to include exotic dancing and recorded music.

* Will the sex establishment occupy the entire premises?

☒ Yes ☐ No

* How will you prevent the interior of the premises being visible to passers by?

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There are windows to the front office areas only.

* Provide details of any advertisements or displays to be exhibited, including sizes

N/A

* Are the premises currently in use as a sex establishment?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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OPENING TIMES

Give details of proposed opening times for each day of the week

* Day or days

Tuesday to Wednesday

* From

20:00

* To

05:00

* Day or days

Wednesday to Thursday

* From

20:00

* To

05:00

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Sunday to Monday

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* From

* To

* Day or days

* From

* To

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OWNERSHIP OF THE PREMISES AND THE BUSINESS

* In what capacity do you occupy the premises?

- ☒ Freehold
- ☐ Leasehold
- ☐ Tenant
- ☐ Other

* Is the applicant sole owner of the business?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

* Is the applicant a partly or wholly owned subsidiary of another company?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

OTHER BUSINESS INTERESTS

* Is the applicant, or any person named in this application, involved in any way with any other similar establishment?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

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PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

* Have you, or any person named in or associated with this application, previously applied for a similar licence or registration? (check all that apply)

- ☒ No ☐ Yes - application granted and revoked
- ☐ Yes - application granted ☐ Yes - application refused

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CONVICTIONS

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* Have you, or any person named in or associated with this application, been convicted of any crime or offence?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PUBLIC NOTICE

* Is your application to a local authority in:

☐ Scotland ☒ England, Wales or Northern Ireland

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Provide any additional information which is required or relevant to your application (check for local guidance notes and conditions which may provide details of specific requirements in your area)

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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

This formality requires a fixed fee of £500

ATTACHMENTS

AUTHORITY POSTAL ADDRESS

Address

Building number or name

Street

District

City or town

County or administrative area

Postcode

Country

DECLARATION

* I am aware of the provisions of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. The details contained in the application form and any attached documentation are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

☒ Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

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* Full name

Russell Forde

* Capacity

Agent

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

23/10/2014

Add another signatory

Once you're finished you need to do the following:

1. Save this form to your computer by clicking **file/save as...**
2. Go back to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/sex-shop-and-cinema-licence/castle-point/apply-1> to upload this file and continue with your application.

Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Committee: LICENSING

Sub-Committee:

Date: 8th June 2010

Subject: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and Policing and Crime Act 2009 in respect of sexual entertainment establishments.

Report of the: Head of Regeneration and Homes

Report author: Head of Licensing and Community Safety

1. Purpose of Report

To consider the changes to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 introduced by the Policing and Crime Act 2009 in respect of sexual entertainment establishments.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 provides for the licensing of 'sex establishments', which are defined as sex shops or sex cinemas. The Act requires local authorities to formally adopt the legislation. This authority agreed to adopt the legislation in March 2009 and this came into effect on 27th April 2009.
- 2.2 Premises currently licensed for regulated entertainment under the Licensing Act 2003 can provide entertainment of a sexual nature i.e. lap dancing, pole dancing or entertainment of a similar nature, subject to any conditions placed on the licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 2.3 Currently representations in respect of these types of premises can only be based on the four licensing objectives, namely:-
- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - Public Safety
 - The Prevention of Public Nuisance
 - The Protection of Children From Harm
- 2.4 As a result, licensing authorities cannot consider objections for example from local residents and businesses that are based on matters outside the scope of the licensing objectives, e.g. such as whether a lap dancing club or similar venue is appropriate given the character of an area.

- 2.5 Following an increase in the number of premises providing these types of entertainment, concerns from local communities and pressure from various groups the Government introduced the Policing and Crime Act 2009 which received royal assent on 12th November 2009. The Act provides legislation to amend the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 to regulate premises defined as sex shops, sex cinemas and '*sexual entertainment venues*'
- 2.6 The commencement date for this part of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 was 6th April 2010.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 A sexual entertainment establishment is defined as 'any premises at which relevant entertainment is provided before a live audience for the financial gain of the organiser or entertainer.
- 3.2 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 the audience. (whether by verbal or other means).
- 3.3 The definition of a 'sexual entertainment establishment' does not include
- a) sex shops, sex cinemas,
 - b) premises where relevant entertainment takes place on eleven occasions or less within the period of 12 months.
 - c) premises specified or described in an order made by the relevant national authority.
- 3.4 There are, at present, no establishments operating within the Borough of Castle Point that come within the definition of a 'sexual entertainment establishment'.
- 3.5 In order that future proposals for such premises can be properly licensed under this amended legislation it is necessary for a local authority to re adopt the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009.
- 3.6 Any local authority that does not adopt the Act is required, at the end of the first year, to consult locally to determine whether the Act should be adopted.

4. Implications

- 4.1 The amendment to Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act will in particular:-
- Require licenses to be renewed at least annually
 - Allow a local authority to set a limit on the number of sex entertainment venues that they think appropriate for a particular area

- Allow a local authority to impose a wider range of conditions on the license than may be possible under the Licensing Act 2003
- Allow a local authority to reject a license application if they believe that to grant or renew a license for a sexual entertainment venue would be inappropriate given the character of a particular area
- Allow local people to oppose an application for the grant or renewal of a sex establishment license if they have legitimate concerns that a sexual entertainment venue would be inappropriate given the character of an area.

5. Transitional Period

- 5.1 Any operator, new or existing, who wishes to provide relevant entertainment at the end of the transitional period, will be required to apply for a sex establishment licence as set out in Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act.
- 5.2 Existing operators will be allowed to continue to provide relevant entertainment under their existing premises licence (issued under the Licensing Act 2003) without interruption for the duration of the transitional period or until their application for a sex establishment licence has been determined, whichever is the later.
- 5.3 The transitional period will start on the date that Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act comes into force in that area (the 1st appointed date) and will last for 12 months.
- 5.4 For 6 months following the first appointed date, applicants will be able to submit applications all of which will be considered together by the local authority at the end of that period.
- 5.5 Applications received after the first 6 months (the 2nd appointed date) will be considered after applications received before the 2nd appointed date have been determined.
- 5.6 Licences granted for sexual entertainment venues will not take effect until the conclusion of the 12 month transitional period (the 3rd appointed date).
- 5.7 Any pre existing operator who has failed to obtain a licence by the 3rd appointed date will not be permitted to provide relevant entertainment, unless they have submitted an application within this time that has yet to be determined.
- 5.6 In order to implement these amendments to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1982 Act, a local authority must adopt the legislation by resolution specifying the day on which it will come into force.
- 5.7 A notice must be published in a local newspaper circulating in the area on two consecutive weeks, indicating that a resolution has been passed. The first publication shall not be later than 28 days before the day specified in the resolution for the coming into force of schedule 3 of the Act.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 The legal implications are set out in the above paragraphs.

7. Human Resources, Equality, IT/IEG implications

7.1 It is anticipated that the implementation of the regime will be administered within existing resources; therefore this policy will not place any new human resource, equality or IT/IEG implications on the Council.

8 Financial implications

8.1 This policy will not place any new financial implications on the Council.

9. Links to Council's priorities and objectives

9.1 Monitoring and enforcing sexual entertainment establishments will promote the Borough's objective of Community Safety.

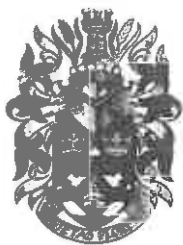
Recommendation:

That the Committee adopts the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009.

Resolution required.

Background Papers:

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009



LICENSING COMMITTEE

8TH JUNE 2010

PRESENT:

Councillors Brunt (Chairman), Blackwell, Cross, E. Egan, Mrs Freeman, Greig, Mrs Liddiard, May, Mrs G Watson, N. Watson and Mrs Wass.

Councillor Mrs King also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cole, Mrs E. Isaacs and Stanley.

1. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2010 were taken as read and signed as correct.

3. REVIEW OF LICENSING ACT 2003 POLICY DOCUMENT

The Committee reviewed the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy as required by the Licensing Act 2003.

There was a statutory requirement for local authorities to review their Statement of Licensing Policy every three years. The Council's current statement had come into effect in January 2008 and was now due for review. Furthermore, the Licensing Act 2003 had been in place for five years and during that period further regulations and guidance had been issued by the Secretary of State. The Council's Policy needed to reflect these changes.

Taking this into consideration and the timescale involved in preparing, consulting and publishing the revised policy document, the Licensing Department, in conjunction with the Essex Licensing Officers' Forum had prepared a draft revised policy document for statutory consultation. A copy of the document was attached as an appendix to the report. It was intended to send out over 200 letters for consultation to the chief officer of police; the fire authority, ECC safeguarding service and representatives of local holders of premises licences. Letters would also be sent to the Crime and Reduction Partnership, British Transport Police and Drug and Alcohol Reference Groups.

A copy of the timetable to review the draft document was set out in the report. The final policy document was due to be considered by full Council in December 2010 and, subject to agreement, would be published in January 2011.

During discussion the Committee made the following amendments to the draft policy:-

- p.6, para 1.10 – change July to June
- p.9, para 1.32 – change “paragraph 1.27” to 1.29
- p.10, top of page - bullet point 6 should read “the premises”
- p.56, top of page – change email address for CP Drug and Reference Group

It was also explained that the general public had opportunity to comment on the document on the Council’s website. During discussion it was suggested that the consultation could be publicised at the Council’s Neighbourhood Meetings.

Resolved- That the draft revised Licensing Act 2003 Policy document be approved for consultation, subject to the amendments made.

4. MODIFICATION TO PRE-LICENSING STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY

The Committee gave consideration to modifying several of the Pre-Licensing Standards and Conditions attached to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

The proposed changes were set out in Appendix 8 to the report. These included a condition that all new applications for Hackney Carriage vehicles must be wheelchair accessible. Existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles would be exempt.

Attached to the report were two letters of support for the proposal from Mr Walker, a taxi driver, and Runwood Homes plc. Two letters from Mr Wilson, Manager of Steve’s Radio Cars objecting to the proposal were also attached. A letter of objection from Mr Jones had been received prior to the meeting and was circulated.

A letter had been sent to all holders and proprietors of a Hackney Carriage vehicle licence asking them to vote on the proposal. 57 votes were returned with 50 people in favour of the proposal and 7 people wanting the conditions to remain the same.

Following detailed discussion of the item the Committee felt that further information was required, including further consultation with the taxi trade, before it could make a decision on the proposal.

There were also queries surrounding the correct measurements of wheelchair accessible vehicles and it was therefore agreed to defer the report.

Resolved – That consideration of the modification of the Pre-Licensing Standards and Conditions attached to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy be deferred so that further information can be obtained and a meeting with the taxi trade, officers and Members can be arranged.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 AND POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2009 IN RESPECT OF SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS

The Committee considered changes to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 introduced by the Policing and Crime Act 2009 in respect of sexual entertainment establishments.

At present there were no establishments operating within Castle Point that fell within the definition of a sexual entertainment establishment. However, in order that future proposals for such premises could be properly licensed under the amended legislation it was necessary for local authorities to re-adopt the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009. Any local authority that did not adopt the Act would be required to consult locally to determine whether the Act should be adopted at the end of the first year.

Resolved – That the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009 be adopted.

6. ADOPTION OF SECTION 18 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 AND SECTION 94 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS AMENDMENT ACT 1907 TO LICENCE THE CONTROL OF PLEASURE BOATS AND BOATMEN

The Committee considered the adoption of Section 18 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and Section 94 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 in relation to pleasure boats boatmen. Adoption of the legislation would allow the Council to control and regulate pleasure boats and boatmen within the Castle Point area.

At present licensing of pleasure boats and boatmen was regulated by Local Byelaws and any person offending against the byelaws would be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £20. The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 state that every person who shall act in contravention of the provisions of the Acts, shall for each offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding level three on the standard scale. At present the maximum fine under level three of the

Criminal Justices Act 1982 section 37(2) as amended by the Criminal Justice Act 1991 is £1,000. Therefore, adoption of the new legislation would give the Authority greater enforcement powers.

Resolved - That s.18 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and s.94 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 relating to pleasure boats and boatmen be adopted.

Chairman

APPENDIX 3



Mr J COLE,
Smart Planning
Old School House
Rettendon Turnpike,
Battlesbridge, Essex



Licensing Unit
Southend Police Station
Victoria Avenue
Southend, Essex.
Email:
southendlicensing@essex.pnn.police.uk

Dear Mr Cole

Thursday, 30 October 2014

Application for a Sex Establishment Venue Licence
Galore, 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Est, Benfleet

I write to you as the applicant in relation to the above application.

Essex Police are happy with the proposed conditions of the licence outlined within this application, therefore Essex Police will not be making any representations against this venture.

A copy of this letter has been sent to your Neighbourhood Policing Inspector and the Licensing Authority for their records.

cc: Neighbourhood Policing Inspector, Essex Police
cc: Licensing Team, Castle Point District Council

Steven Greener
Licensing Officer, Essex Police

Chris Jacob

APPENDIX 4

From: Andrew Marshall
Sent: 05 November 2014 14:32
To: Chris Jacob
Cc: Melanie Harris; 'james.cole@smartplanning.co.uk'
Subject: Galore, Unit C7, 30 Brunel Road, Benfleet SS7 4PS
Attachments: Galore.docx

Dear Chris,

I write further to the email of the 27th October 2014 advising of the application for a premises licence and sexual entertainment venue license at Unit C7, 30 Brunel Road, Benfleet.

I have had the opportunity to look at this application and can advise that this service does not wish to make any representations.

I have, however, agreed with the applicant for a number of conditions to be attached to any licence you approve. Below is the chain of emails which confirms approval of the attached conditions.

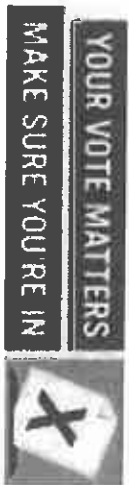
I have copied into this email James Cole at Smart Planning, whom will confirm, if you required, that the attached conditions are the ones we have previously approved. Please do not hesitate to contact him should this be necessary.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew

Andrew Marshall BSc (Hons) M.C.I.E.H A.M.I.O.A
Environmental Health Officer
Castle Point Borough Council



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Dear Mr Jacobs,

Further to my email yesterday, I would like now to add my own objections to the granting of a sexual entertainment license for Thundersley.

My office regularly receives complaints both from residents and from businesses about rowdy late night behaviour, anti-social behaviour, littering and minor criminal damage and nuisance from existing drinking establishments in the borough already. These bars and clubs do not have such a late licence as is proposed here or the added element of sexual entertainment licence. I believe through concrete experience that a venue such as this – however well managed behind closed doors – will inevitably lead to increased rowdiness, laddish behaviour from customers leaving the premises and making their way home past neighbouring homes in residential streets. In my opinion the granting of this license at this location will be likely to lead to an increase in complaints about inappropriate and unwelcome behaviour affecting the surrounding neighbourhood.

I believe the potential disruption that will be caused by patrons of the proposed establishment in the area will far outweigh the economic benefit. The type of clientele that this club is likely attract will be groups such as “stag do’s” and similar. Having left the venue, most likely intoxicated, I believe these groups will be more likely to commit acts of anti-social behaviour and minor criminal damage in the area. With the best will in the world, no establishment can police the behaviour of its customers once they have left the premises. The site is close to a number of quiet residential streets. For those reasons I do not believe it would be appropriate for this area.

I must also echo the concerns of a number of my constituents, who feel that the location is inappropriate based on its proximity to a number of schools and young people’s clubs. I believe that these kinds of establishments are better suited to larger towns and city centres who have the necessary infrastructure and experience to deal with them, not a trading estate in Thundersley.

I hope that the committee will take full account of my concerns, and those of many of my constituents, when coming to a decision on this application.

I remain, ever yours

Rebecca Harris

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Benfleet
Essex SS7 4DE

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Thundersley, Benfleet,
Essex. SS7 1TF

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Fax: 01268 882410

Mr Chris Jacob
Licensing Department,
Castle Point Borough Council
Council Offices
Kiln Road,
Benfleet
Essex SS7 1TF

20th November 2014

Dear Chris,

Re - Application by G & K Ground Works (Galore) to license premises for a Sexual Entertainment Venue on Manor Trading Estate (two licenses).

I refer to the above mentioned applications, I am concerned that these are only licensing applications and do not take into account the wider issues such as Development Control (building control and change of use of premises), Environment and Leisure, Business Liaison and Neighbourhoods and Safer Communities.

I therefore write to raise the concerns of residents as to the unsuitability of the location of the premises for these activities as follows:-

Lack of infrastructure.

- The road surfaces on Manor Trading Estate are in a very poor condition, unsuitable for either pedestrian or vehicular traffic particularly during the hours of darkness. This proposal will increase traffic and only exacerbate this problem.
- The premises would be operating during the hours of darkness and when decisions have been taken by Essex County Council to economise both in terms of money and carbon emissions by turning off street lighting. Whilst appreciating that the street lighting on the estate is not under the control of Essex County Council that of the surrounding area that gives access to the estate is.

Neighbourhoods and Safer Communities

- The siting of the premises is out of keeping with the area, far away from any other night entertainment venues. This means that any possible economies of scale, such as

parking, taxi ranks, presence of police, shared security staff, lighting, mobile food vendors and safety in numbers for customers and venue staff are simply not present. While not wishing to sound like a NIMBY, when one considers suitable existing town centre locations and for example Basildon Festival Leisure Park, where the addition of an extra facility such as this would not stretch resources, to consider such an unsuitable location as the extreme corner of Manor Industrial Estate does not make any sense.

- Nuisance to local residents during anti-social hours.
- The days of operation and the hours applied for are excessive.
- Since the cutbacks in policing anecdotally a culture of more visible drug dealing has been observed in the borough even during daylight hours, the presence of such a club would certainly exacerbate this problem. Many people see these problems, but are frightened to report them to the police. Let us not forget the drug and gang culture of the late 1990s that resulted in the death of a young girl and the 'Essex Boys' murders in Rettendon.
- The police have another 5% cut in budgets in the pipeline with more predicted after this and the present policy direction announced recently by Nick Alston, Essex Police and Crime Commissioner is to take more officers off the streets to fight cyber-crime.
- A night club operating on this industrial estate would adversely affect the security of the existing businesses by providing a suitable cover for burglary and a variety of organised criminal activities.
- The sheer number of vehicles parked on the estate as part of its normal business activities and the need for transport for customers (in varying states of intoxication) from the venue provides the most obvious example of unpremeditated theft or damage to those vehicles.
- The premises are situated close to a children's play area and although the two activities are separated by their hours of operation, the possibilities of litter, needles, drug paraphernalia coming into contact with children are very worrying.

The fact that the police, fire authorities and environmental health have raised no objection is simply not acceptable. Since this application presents them with an additional focal point during the night time, they need to adopt a more pro-active approach, prepare a detailed plan for the increase in demand for their services in terms of manpower, vehicles and communications that this change of use would cause and present them to any hearing. Why should the hard pressed council tax payers foot the bill for this business activity, when resources of the afore-mentioned services are subjected to such savage cutbacks and are under such pressure?

I return to my initial point, to ask why this application has been processed in this manner and has not followed what I would consider to be the more usual route taken by such potentially controversial proposals that involve a number of Council committees? I also ask why it has not been presented to the full licensing committee and openly debated prior to the special hearing that has been suggested and of only having three licensing committee members giving evidence to a specialist legal hearing.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Walter

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 October 2014 17:26
To: Licensing Unit
Subject: Licensing application; Unit C7 30 Brunel Road, SS7 4PS

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the Licensing of the above property as a venue for Sex Entertainment.

Whilst I have no problem with there being Sex Entertainment Venues in the borough, I object to the location.

An unlit Trading Estate with already high crime rates would seem unsuitable on its own.

However, the premises this application applies to presents a significant child protection issue:

Not only is it within very close vicinity of a child's soft play centre, it is also next door to a childrens dance school that is open and accessed by children at times overlapping the opening times on the license application.

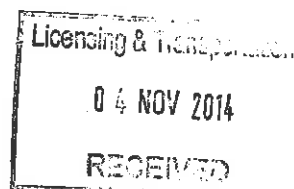
I am not alone in this objection and hope many other parents who are concerned will also contact you.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Sent from Samsung Mobile

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 November 2014 22:50
To: Castle Point Borough Council - Planning Services
Subject: Planning app CPBC/LU/0432



Re Planning application for 30 Brunel Road Benfleet SS74PS

Dear Sir or Madam

Having never objected to anything in planning ever in Castle Point Area in the 40 years I have lived in the area this is one that I object to in the strongest terms.

The reason I object is based on my 30 years as a Police Officer in the area which included 12 years as The Castle Point Crime Prevention Officer a position that has not been held since I retired 14 years ago due to insufficient funding.

That Estate is well know to me as I was responsible for starting the first Industrial Watch scheme on the Estate due to crime.

It is a Trading Estate NOT an estate for entertainment the infrastructure is provided by a private company and footpaths, roads etc are not in a good state of play. The estate is dark and full of 'hideaway' places which would encourage disorderly and indecent behaviour of anyone attending such a venue.

It will also attract undesirable characters to the area from wide surrounding areas, for sexual needs and purposes.

It will do nothing whatsoever to enhance this Estate and will in fact have the opposite effect.

As for the hours of opening that is suitable for that type of premises in a area designed for entertainment, Southend seafront or Basildons area known as BasVegas, certainly not this private Trading Estate where the council have no control over the state of the infrastructure.



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From: Castle Point Conservatives [office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: 05 November 2014 09:01
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Objection to application for sexual entertainment venue on Manor Trading Estate

Promoted by Colin MacLean on behalf of Castle Point Conservative Association, all of Bernard Braine House, 8 Green Road, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 5JT.
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Sent: 04 November 2014 21:13
 To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
 Subject: Objection to application for sexual entertainment venue on Manor Trading Estate

Hi Rebecca. I would like to make my objections to the above application. I think it is totally inappropriate considering there is a dance school and children's play area on the site. Whilst the trading estate is not part of the residential area, it is only a stone's throw away and there are houses that back onto the trading estate. I believe it would bring down the area. Benfleet is what I would call, a good area to live in - the crime rate isn't too high and I feel that the area is a safe place to bring up my family. Who knows what type of characters this would attract, especially licensing alcohol until 5am!

The proposal is to open at 8pm, however, there is a dance studio which is open until 8/9pm and quite honestly I would be horrified if my children were leaving there, only to see adults entering this place.

I really, really hope this does not get accepted. Benfleet is not the place to open such a venue and whilst the trading estate may be separate, the residential area is literally down the road and to have drunken people rolling out at 4-5am is really not acceptable. This would be a public nuisance and I believe would also come under Protection of Children.

I have seen your objection to this already on Facebook and would really appreciate your support on this matter.

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 November 2014 20:20
To: Chris Jacob
Subject: Re:Objection to application for Sexual Entertainment Venue on Brunel Road, Benfleet

Dear Mr Jacob.

Thank you for your reply to my email. I am resubmitting my objection/representation to aim to make it more specific to the 4 areas of licensing objectives:

Firstly, The Prevention of Crime of Disorder and the Prevention of Public Nuisance - whilst in this application, under Documentation point 7 refers to staff dealing with drunkenness, my concern would be that whilst this may be dealt with inside the premises, there is nothing to stop this from spilling out into the street. The surrounding area is residential, with residents gardens backing onto the trading estate, and if people are intoxicated with alcohol and leaving the premises in the early hours of the morning, this could well be a public nuisance, with the potential for an increased crime rate in the area.

Again points 8 and 9 referring to youths gathering outside would also class as a public nuisance. Furthermore, under the Environment Health Act, point 3 re noise emanating or vibration transmitted through the structure of the venue - is this totally guaranteed for the residents to not hear this?!

Secondly, The Protection of Children from Harm - there is a dance centre and an inside play area close to the venue in question. Whilst no physical harm may occur, I do not think it is appropriate for children to be leaving the dance centre (as some classes continue until 9.30pm), only to see adults entering this place, and possibly hearing it, where questions will arise from them. This may have a harmful effect on children. The businesses may also suffer, since parents are less likely to want to take their children here, if there is a Sexual Entertainment Venue next door.

[REDACTED] Whilst the venue is not open during the day, how inappropriate and distasteful is it that an outstanding primary school backs onto this?! One has to consider parents evenings that continue until later in the evening.

I believe if this goes ahead, it will bring down the value of properties in the area and people will be less inclined to buy here, bearing in mind the need for housing is increasing. At present, Castle Point, in particular Benfleet/Thundersley is an attractive suburban place to live - location, location, location. We do not have clubs/nightclubs and might I suggest that the venue is introduced to a place that does have clubs, away from a residential area, such as Basildon or Southend, where there are already established clubs. The location of this proposed venue is totally unsuitable and would be better placed to attract customers where there is already nightlife entertainment well established, away from children's areas and residential areas.

I would be most grateful if you would take these comments on board.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

On Thu, 11/6/14, Chris Jacob <CJacob@castlepoint.gov.uk> wrote:

Subject: FW: Objection to application for Sexual Entertainment Venue on Brunel Road, Benfleet
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2014 14:41
To: Chris Jacob
Subject: Sexual Entertainment Venue License Application on the Manor Trading Estate

Dear Cllr Jacob

I write to object the application above on the Manor Trading Estate. I believe that this irrespective of the opening times it is too close to schools, a residential area and children's play facilities and thereby I object that this will be potential threat to children. I also object on the grounds of public nuisance. This is a quite area at night. This kind of venue would be best suited to one where there is adequate lighting, policing and near other night spots. A trading estate within a residential area is not a suitable place for this kind of venue.

Yours

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From: Castle Point Conservatives [office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: 10 November 2014 08:47
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Sexual Entertainment Venue License

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Sent: 06 November 2014 14:30
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Sexual Entertainment Venue License

Dear Rebecca

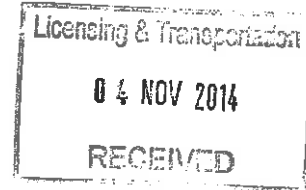
We were very saddened to hear that there has been an application for a Sexual Entertainment Venue License in our borough.

We understand that whilst this is 'legal' activity we do not feel that the planned location is right at all. We would prefer that these establishments didn't exist at all but if they do they should be in well lit, well policed areas where there are already night spots etc.

We plan to write to Chris Jacob with our objections. Thank you for drawing it to our attention.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 November 2014 11:19
To: Castle Point Borough Council - Planning Services
Subject: F.A.O. Planning Department



Dear Sirs,

I would like to strongly object against Planning number CPBC/LU/0432 on the grounds that it sounds more like a brothel plus an all night drinking den which can only lead to misery and will also lower the tone of the entire area.

I would be most grateful if you could kindly let me know the outcome of the above planning application.

Thanking you in anticipation.

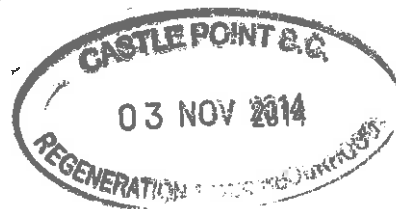
Yours in Service.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 November 2014 20:53
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: RE: Castlepoint Planning Application CPBC/LU/0432

Dear Rebecca,

I trust you are keeping well as I can certainly see you're being kept very busy looking after the interests of the residents of Castlepoint, which is really appreciated.

However in order for you to see you're most certainly not the only one making a stand against Planning Application CPBC/LU/0432. I thought you might like to see the letter I recently sent to the Planning Department at Castlepoint Council.

I do hope and pray such an establishment is not allowed in Castlepoint for various reasons.

Yours in Service.

[REDACTED]

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Yours in Service.

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11th November 2014

Licensing Department
Castle Point Borough Council
Kiln Road
Benfleet
SS7 1TF

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Dear Sirs

Re: Application for a "Sexual Entertainment Venue License"
on Manor Trading Estate.

I object to a grant of the above licence for the following reasons:

1/ Precedent:


If this license is granted, the council will have created a precedent which will likely lead to further applications which will be difficult to refuse. This is made worse by the proximity of the site to school premises, a dance school and a playschool. If an application is successful in this sensitive location, it will be seen as a signal that a go ahead could be given in any available premises.

2/ Material Change of Character:

Although the Manor Trading Estate is not a residential area, it is used by a wide section of the local community, some of whom will find an establishment such as is proposed an offensive nuisance. The Estate has enabled a number of smaller local businesses to thrive bringing much needed employment to the local area. The seedy nature of the proposed activity will detract from the industrial character of the Estate and discourage further investment in the area. Some existing businesses would be forced to close as parents of children who attend the nearby school, dance school and nursery school would not wish to expose their children to any advertising, promotional material or other outward sign of the proposed activities. Most worrying is the possibility that young children from the Dance school could be groomed to become lap dancers themselves.

3/ Moral Degradation:

Lap dancing establishments attract those people who are quite happy to enjoy the sexual exploitation of women. In many instances the activities of such establishments have gone beyond nudity and dancing. As a resident of Benfleet for more than 40 years, I have lived free from the taint of the so called "sex trade."

 would not be able to enjoy the same freedom. If many others share this concern we could well see residents moving away from the area to escape to a less troubling community that looks after its residents rather than shabby business interests. The result would be that Benfleet becomes a less attractive place in which to live and could easily earn itself the dubious reputation as the red light district of South East Essex, which incidentally is exactly what the applicants would like to happen.

4/ Public Notification:

In addition to the above objections I would like to know if and how Castle Point Council proposed to make the public aware of this application? Could you please also explain whether or not the Council has a duty to inform the local community of any licensing application that might reasonably be expected to raise widescale objections? I read about this in the Evening Echo and then followed up by looking at the council's website to learn that the community you represent is only allowed one month to raise their objections. I believe this period should be extended to allow petitions to be sought and appropriate avenues of communication set up to allow this to happen.

4/ Who Benefits?

The benefits of the proposed establishment are limited purely to the owners and their potential "customers." There is no benefit to the community at large and it is likely to attract considerable costs to the community in that the location will need extra policing as a result of anti social behaviour. The proposed hours of business suggest that this could be extensive.

Yours faithfully



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 November 2014 23:34
To: Chris Jacob
Subject: Objection to application for Sexual Entertainment Venue on Brunel Road, Benfleet

Dear Mr Jacob,

It has recently been brought to my attention that the Council are considering an application to locate a sexual entertainment venue on Brunel Road, Benfleet! I am absolutely horrified that such a venue is even being considered, given the close proximity of the local primary school, children's play centre and residential homes in the surrounding area and I would therefore be grateful if you would seriously consider the following points in strong opposition of this application:

The prevention of crime and disorder in this area is an issue that I believe is well maintained at present. However, an establishment such as the one proposed in this application will surely attract individuals from a wide range of different areas, beliefs, race, sexual orientation and religions which, coupled with the nature of this business, alcohol and possible drug consumption along with the unsocialable opening hours will no doubt encourage violence and disorder amongst individuals entering and leaving the building and, in so doing put the public safety at risk.

Although I am sure every care will be taken in order to eliminate noise being transmitted from the building, it goes without saying that there will be a huge increase in public nuisance caused by people travelling to and from this establishment, both in the early to late evening and the early hours of the morning when local residents, especially those with young children, may be disturbed. A person is guilty of a public nuisance, if the effect of the act is to endanger property, morals, or comfort of the public, or to obstruct the public in the exercise or enjoyment of common rights. I believe that the majority of local residents will not feel comfortable with a sexual entertainment venue located so close to homes and neighbouring primary schools and although I am sure every effort will be made to ensure that children are not exposed to any form of advertising of this business we, as parents, cannot take the risk of this happening. As far a moral is concerned, I feel that this is highly questionable in this form of business and the risk of damage to local properties and cars is also a cause for concern with unruly, drunken and possibly drug induced individuals wandering the streets at all times of the night.

In accordance with the "Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing Policy", point 3.6 - Locality Impacts states that a general presumption for refusal of such a venue would be where the characteristic of the locality is made up of:

- a) residential accommodation;
- b) parks and children's play areas;
- c) schools and other educational establishments;
- d) religious and communal buildings;

The fact that the suggested area for this venue is located in the heart of a residential area, close to the Robert Drake Primary School on Church Road (and St. Peter's Church as the road name would suggest), along with Farmer Fred's Children's play centre and Woodside Park would appear to tick all of the above boxes as to why refusal of this application should be presumed.

Finally, I would like to ask that, in such a "family friendly" area as this, is it possible that the Council could consider such an application, which is clearly a complete contradiction in terms?

Once you have had an opportunity to consider the above points, I would be grateful to hear your views.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 November 2014 13:55
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Objection to application for Sexual Entertainment Venue on Brunel Road, Benfleet

I write to acknowledge your email please be assured that this has been noted on file. After the period of consultation ends I will inform you of the date of the hearing.

With very best regards

[REDACTED]
 Head of Partnerships & Safer Places
 Acting Head of Licensing and Transportation
 Designated Officer for Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 November 2014 13:37
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Objection to application for Sexual Entertainment Venue on Brunel Road, Benfleet

Thank you for your e-mail below and accompanying "standard" letter. However, you state that "for a representation from a resident to be considered it must show that the applicant has failed to conform to the licensing objectives", surely the fact that it contradicts all of the objectives in the "Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing Policy", as I detailed in my e-mail, proves failure to conform to these objectives? Please see the extract below, taken from my e-mail:

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Again, I would stress the fact that the suggested area for this venue is located in the heart of a residential area, close to the Robert Drake Primary School on Church Road (and St. Peter's

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I would be grateful if you could therefore re-consider the above and my previous e-mail in opposition of this application.

I await your comments in due course.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 17 November 2014, 15:45
Subject: Objection to application for Sexual Entertainment Venue on Brunel Road, Benfleet

[REDACTED]
Please find attached letter in response to your email.

Best regards

[REDACTED]
Head of Partnerships & Safer Places
Acting Head of Licensing and Transportation
Designated Officer for Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 November 2014 09:12
To: Chris Jacob
Subject: Objection to sexual venue Brunel Rd Benfleet

Dear Mr. Jacobs

I feel that I must strongly object to the proposed sexual entertainment venue being planned in Brunel Road. I have lived in this area for over 45 years and have always found it to be a safe and peaceful environment.

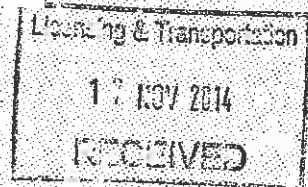
This will, I am sure,
all change with the drink, probably drugs and people turning out at all hours of the night.

I am not alone I am sure, as others I have spoken to are absolutely horrified at the prospect of this coming to our area especially those living near or backing on to the trading estate and who have young children.

I hope that this proposal will be reconsidered as WE DO NOT WANT THIS PLAN TO GO AHEAD.

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]

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14 November 2014

**Licensing Authority
Castle Point Borough Council.**

**Re: Licensing Application for Entertainment
and sale of Alcohol at 30 Brunel Road
Manor Trading Estate.**

Dear Sirs,

I object strongly to the above application on the following grounds :-

- 1). Inappropriate use of a Trading Estate and out of keeping with existing businesses.**
- 2). Could attract an undesirable element who would be spilling out into the neighbouring residential streets at all hours of the night and causing disruption.**
- 3). The type of entertainment envisaged should be confined to more appropriate areas and not fragmented into quiet neighbourhoods which could stretch the ability of the Police to effectively monitor it in the light of current cut-backs.**
- 4). Could increase the risk of crime to existing businesses on the Estate and properties in the surrounding roads.**
- 5). Would be out of keeping with the area.**

Yours Faithfully,

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From: Castle Point Conservatives [office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: 18 November 2014 08:42
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: objection



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 November 2014 15:19
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: objection

Hi There
my Mother and I object to the Sexual Entertainment venue we do not want it at all

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To: [REDACTED]
 Subject: FW: CPCA FW: We really don't need a sex club in Thundersley
 Attachments: Letter re objection to Premises Licence - Sexual Entertainment Venue email MP Jones.doc

-Dear [REDACTED]

Further to your email to Rebecca Harris MP please find attached a letter in response to your objection.

With best regards

[REDACTED]
 Head of Partnerships & Safer Places
 Acting Head of Licensing and Transportation Designated Officer for Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

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From: Castle Point Conservatives [<mailto:office@castlepointconservatives.com>]
 Sent: 10 November 2014 08:48
 To: HARRIS, Rebecca
 Subject: CPCA FW: We really don't need a sex club in Thundersley

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

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 06 November 2014 22:19
 To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
 Subject: We really don't need a sex club in Thundersley

Dear Rebecca

Please add my name to the voices who would the application for a sex club in Thundersley thrown out .

Thank you for your support on this

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 November 2014 11:54
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: Sex Entertainment Venue

Dear Rebecca Harris.

I write as a very concerned member of the public, living in Benfleet, regarding the application to establish a "Sexual Entertainment Venue" on the Manor Trading Estate.

I completely agree with the article on page 4 in the Evening Echo on Monday 10th of November.

I would also say that any location in Benfleet or elsewhere would be unacceptable.

We know 'sex' in itself is not an evil, however the exploitation of it is.

'Sex' then becomes out of control and inevitably leads to disaster.

'Sex' is a powerful emotional experience which can rule the mind.

We have seen the effects over the years how men, generally, have lost high office, including in our own parliament.

The mind can now be fed tragically by secrecy through computer sites where there is no effective policing.

As in all things and in particular, the misuse of 'sex', temptations generally lead to another.

So do we need a place like this to feed the mind and consequential actions.

In the last paragraph I feel I am telling my grandmother to suck eggs !

Please forgive me if you think what I have written is specifically directed at yourself, but rather to what I presume would be the C.P.B.Council.

The change of a decision to block this application is at it's route a **moral one**, but this ideal may not be sufficient, but is the only way I feel competent enough to get my strong views over.

This must be stopped, whatever the promises / assurances are given from the developer.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 November 2014 20:55
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: Proposed Lap Dancing Club in Castle Point.

Dear Mrs Harris,

I am writing to voice my objections to the above proposal and application in Manor Road Industrial Site, for the following reasons.

- The proposed hours of business are within a highly populated area could engender possible antisocial behaviour;
[REDACTED]
- industrial units and private property could be targeted if patrons are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- The Industrial site has a children's play facility making it an undesirable location.
- Robert Drake School is in close proximity.
- The Police Force is unlikely to be able to enforce their presence as a deterrent.
- The infrastructure of this run down industrial site would only be put under additional pressure.
- The possible lure of sex workers and drug dealers being drawn into the area.

I trust that you will find an appreciation of my objections and that representation can be made to our council to refuse this application on the grounds above.

As an aside, --- It greatly saddens me that in this day and age, that the moral and ethical viewpoints of this application will not be taken into account by the leaders of our Borough.

Yours faithfully [REDACTED]

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Subject: CPCA FW: Adult entertainment

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2014 13:03
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Adult entertainment

Dear Rebecca,

I totally agree with you - Manor Trading Estate is not a suitable area for a sexual entertainment venue. [REDACTED] and we also visit the childrens play barn frequently. I hate the thought of such a venue being located nearby.

Please let us keep our area free from places like this.

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2014 16:14
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: Manor Trading Estate - Sexual Entertainment Establishment

Kind Attention of Rebecca Harris MP

Dear Rebecca,

I totally agree with your recent comments regard Manor Trading Estate and the application to open a Sexual Entertainment Establishment on that site. Like you I would strongly object to such an establishment being open and operating during the evening and twilight hours.

The following points, I feel, are pertinent:-

- 1) A trading estate is meant for preciously that, for trading and light industry, it is clearly not for entertainment, gambling or licensed premise's
- 2) The residential area surrounding the Manor Road Trading estate already has day time traffic issues arising from poor traffic access, especially in an area with several schools.
- 3) The bus route servicing Manor Road Trading Estate, operated by First Bus only operates until 19.34 Northbound and 19.52 Southbound via Kents Hill Road North.
- 4) Access and egress after this time would be via Car or on foot.
- 5) The is also the street lighting issue, in that at between midnight and 5am a large area of residential accommodation surrounding the Manor Trading Estate has no street lighting at all.
- 6) I my opinion this would result, if a drinks or entertainment licence was provided, in the probability that drink related offences will arise and coupled with possibilities of antisocial behaviour or worse, given this is a sexual entertainment establishment!
- 7) Also I'm not sure that the Chief Constable, of Essex Police has the resources to provide adequate cover in the event of disturbances arising either at the venue or surrounding streets in this area of Thundersley, especially given the elevated twilight activities in adjoining areas of the county.
- 8) In the unfortunate eventuality that a licence is granted by the Committee I hope the opening hours will be restricted. In my view the venue should shut by 11pm and not later.

Many thanks for raising this matter and drawing it to my attention.

If I can do anything further to assist in opposing the application please feel free to contact me

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Castle Point Conservatives [office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: 05 November 2014 09:11
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Sexual Entertainment Licence



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2014 08:45
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Sexual Entertainment Licence

Dear Rebecca Harris,

Further to your posting in the Thundersley Village Facebook page, I also think that such a place would be very inappropriate if situated at Manor Trading Estate, bearing in mind the number of facilities close by for children.

[REDACTED] I know that if an adult suffers from any psychological problems the root cause is most likely to have been caused during childhood by events that they are not able to understand. Such an establishment could also pose a risk to the safety of the children.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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From: Castle Point Conservatives [office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: 05 November 2014 09:30
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Sexual entertainment licence application

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2014 09:26
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Sexual entertainment licence application

Dear Rebecca,

In a perfect world (which this ain't!) there would be no demand for these clubs anywhere.

I agree with your comments though, that if they are deemed necessary, the suggested location for this one is totally inappropriate.

I sincerely hope that this application is turned down.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]
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From: Castle Point Conservatives [office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: 05 November 2014 09:09
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Application for a sexual entertainment venue at Manor Road Trading Estate



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2014 07:50
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Application for a sexual entertainment venue at Manor Road Trading Estate

I wish to register my disapproval of this application, this is not appropriate for the area. The roads are appalling, full of deep potholes, any additional traffic will make them far worse. I know the parking during the day is difficult, so will additional parking be made available at the venue?

I know that it would be open when everything else is closed, but there could be undesirable people arriving well before opening time & even perhaps sleeping in cars afterwards. [REDACTED] visit the play area (Farmer Fred's [REDACTED] that go to Bailar dance school. [REDACTED] classes can go on after 7.30 at night, so they could be in the area at opening times.

Please pass on my strong objections to the licensing authorities.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
 Resident of Castle Point for 46 years



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From: David Marchant
Sent: 21 November 2014 22:22
To: Chris Jacob
Subject: FW: Ref: Application CPBC/LU/0432 - Sexual Entertainment Licence application for "Galore", 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Estate

Chris

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 10:19 PM GMT Standard Time
To: David Marchant
Cc: Rebecca Harris MP; Cllr WDick
Subject: Ref: Application CPBC/LU/0432 - Sexual Entertainment Licence application for "Galore", 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Estate

Re: Sexual Entertainment Licence application for "Galore", 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Estate

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I object to granting this licence application for this venue with opening hours from 8pm to 5am on the grounds set out below.

1. Public Safety

- At present the street lights go off at midnight when the club is open causing more people to use unlit streets which is a public safety issue. They could put extra lighting around the club but they will then go to unlit streets which is a problem with Public Safety.
- Clients and staff could be at risk walking through the area when it is open and after closing time. Inadequate lighting and an abundance of dark corners and alleyways would provide many opportunities from which to attack people.

2. Public Nuisance

- Increased vehicular traffic entering & exiting this trading estate during the late evening and into the early hours of the morning, causing greater nuisance to residential area around the trading estate through which all traffic must go.
- This type of business could encourage undesirable elements into the trading estate and its immediate surroundings as clients attending this venue would be potential new clients for prostitutes and drug dealers.

3. Protection of children from Harm

- The nearby dance school (Bailer Dance), which has children as young as 13 attending classes, has stated clearly on social media their finish times and how often in the year the late finishes (9.30pm) occur the application for opening hours starting at 8pm is not appropriate. Opening hours from 10pm would ensure maximum Protection of children from harm.

4. Crime and disorder

- This type of business could encourage undesirable elements into the trading estate and its immediate surroundings as clients attending this venue would be potential new clients for prostitutes and drug pushers. There are no clients available in that area at present during the evening & night as it is not currently a red light area to my knowledge.
- Clients could be at risk walking through the area when it is open and after closing time. Inadequate lighting and an abundance of dark corners and alleyways would provide many opportunities from which to attack passers-by.

I propose that if the licence application must be granted then the opening hours be restricted and set as 10pm to 5am as this will prevent any risk to children at the dance school or the children's play venue.

The opening hours proposed starting at 10pm are consistent with the comments made by supporters of this venue on social media that this type of business does not get going until 10pm or later. So there is no business requirement to open any earlier than 10pm.

My personal view is that this type of business is undesirable on moral grounds in any area and does not benefit the moral welfare of any community or its residents.

I also accept that this is not a valid objection that can be made to the Licensing Authorities, so have detailed above objections under the grounds that are considered relevant.



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Sent: 05 November 2014 09:00
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Sexual Entertainment licence for Thundersley



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 November 2014 20:34
To: HARRIS, Rebecca; office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Sexual Entertainment licence for Thundersley

Dear Rebecca

I do agree with you that venues like this are of course perfectly legal but the place for them must be in big established nightspots with lighting and policing and transport - NOT on an industrial estate in the middle of a residential area. I would be most unhappy if this licence got past.

Yours sincerely



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From: David Marchant
Sent: 22 November 2014 13:17
To: Chris Jacob
Subject: FW: Ref: Licensing Application CPBC/LU/0432 - Sexual Entertainment Licence application for "Galore", 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Estate

Chris

Fyi

David

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 10:29 PM GMT Standard Time
To: David Marchant
Subject: Ref: Licensing Application CPBC/LU/0432 - Sexual Entertainment Licence application for "Galore", 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Estate

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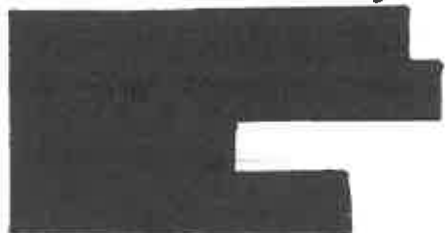
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Yours sincerely

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From: Castle Point Conservatives [office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: 05 November 2014 09:08
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: 'Sexual Entertainment Venue'

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 November 2014 22:16
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: 'Sexual Entertainment Venue'

Hello

Can I just start with how wildly insane and inappropriate this would be?!
 If this gets the go ahead, you really wouldn't hear the end of it from the locals.

My points are as follows:

- dance lessons in this area finish as late as 9.30pm
- This dance school has been on this site around 5/6 years, and established for 11/12.
- Just kids on the estate with this nearby? no.
- do you REALLY want to attract this type of behaviour to such a pleasant area to live? Take it to southend or basildon where the clubs are!
- The houses nearby, such as those off of manor road, and those down the more private roads of Keswick, Windermere, Thirlmere (which did I mention I live round here) [REDACTED] we can hear other stuff!
- The wrong type of people will be attracted to this area
- Intoxicated people around children
- I imagine the crime rate will be impacted
- Just having this venue there will promote the wrong ideas to children and teenagers?

Currently, these are all my points, but if any more spring to mind I won't hesitate to get in contact.
 Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]
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From: Castle Point Conservatives [office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: 17 November 2014 08:42
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Application for Sexual Entertainment Venue on Manor Trading Estate

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 November 2014 10:39
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Application for Sexual Entertainment Venue on Manor Trading Estate

Dear Rebecca,

In response to local advertising of the above application, I wish to express my wholehearted objection to such a venue.

[REDACTED] I am disappointed that objections made on moral grounds would appear to be dismissed out of hand and as such, would not provide a fair representation of public views.

As a local resident on the other hand, I am concerned that this venue would be the beginning of other illicit practices, particularly now that the local council have, in my opinion, been shortsighted in switching off all the street lights at midnight every day to save on costs.

Establishing evil and immoral practices only makes way for more to be drawn in and makes it difficult to eradicate them once they take a stronghold and get out of hand.

Kind regards,

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From: Castle Point Conservatives [office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: 11 November 2014 08:47
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Sexual Entertainment Venue

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 November 2014 08:39
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Sexual Entertainment Venue

I am very concerned about the sexual entertainment venue application on the Manor Trading Estate. I object to this as it would be in the community of Thundersley which is a village. I was born in Thundersley and have always taken great pride in our village and the closeness of the community. We need to protect our communities and the way of life we all feel safe in for us and our future generations. If we let an application like this go through what would come next. If we do not stop at the beginning other venues would slip in. On the estate is a dance school, Farmer Fred and not to mention the local community working there. The type of people who would go to the entertainment venue would also infiltrate the local pubs and restaurants and is seated within a safe and close community. I strongly advise this venue not to be approved. Thankyou for taking the time to read this email and for your concern.

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From: Castle Point Conservatives [office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: 10 November 2014 08:51
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Objection: Sexual Entertainment Licence

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 November 2014 23:46
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Objection: Sexual Entertainment Licence

To: Mrs Rebecca Harris MP

Dear Rebecca,

I fully agree with you and I object to the sexual entertainment licence, being applied for, on the Manor Trading Estate.

This is a decent residential area with schools, parks and children's play areas and recreational areas.

I fear that this kind of sexual entertainment often leads to more, for example local kerb crawling (which may lead, for example to people having sex in cars in the local area) and some kind of local drug trade is likely to follow also. This is the thin end of the wedge.

Surely there is a more suitable place, where it would have less impact on local families.

Kind regards,

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Sent: 10 November 2014 08:47
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Application for new venue on Manor trading estate

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2014 14:56
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Application for new venue on Manor trading estate

Dear Rebecca

Thank you for posting the details of the application for an adult sexual Activity centre on Manor trading estate. The area is used by a wide range of people trying to make a living from various businesses including Dance Schools, children's Play Centres. I agree with your comments that such a venue should be situated in a more easily accessible and well lit venue where police can patrol in a more routine way, than being off the beaten track! Next to Children's Activity Centres would be inappropriate.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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Sent: 10 November 2014 08:44
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Sexual licence manor trading estate



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2014 16:40
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Re: Sexual licence manor trading estate

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 11/05/2014 4:37 PM (GMT+00:00)
To: office@conservatives.com
Subject: Sexual licence manor trading estate

What a disgraceful thing to have in the middle of a residential area

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From: Castle Point Conservatives [office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: 05 November 2014 11:02
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Sexual Entertainment licence for Thundersley?!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2014 10:30
To: 'Castle Point Conservatives'
Subject: RE: Sexual Entertainment licence for Thundersley?!

Rebecca hi,

Thank you for your email. I agree that if one of these sexual entertainment spots is reality others will follow in no time at all.

[REDACTED]

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Castle Point Conservatives [mailto:office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 4, 2014 11:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Sexual Entertainment licence for Thundersley?!

[REDACTED]


I lived near a nightclub years ago which was meant to be out of the way from anywhere and even the relatively few houses quarter of a mile away had no end of problems just the two nights a week it was open because of drunken antics of the people walking home (bricks through windows, cars stolen and written off, criminal damage, sexual activity or evidence of same, in people's driveways.. etc) so I feel sure it would drive the residents crazy if it was passed – distressing for them and my mail bag couldn't take it!

Also once a licence is granted the precedent is set – so while we want businesses to be successful - if this one was - it could lead to expansion and others springing up... and we suddenly have a new Bazvegas in the middle of New Thundersley...

[REDACTED]

Best wishes

Rebecca


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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 November 2014 23:03
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Sexual Entertainment licence for Thundersley?!

Attention: Mrs. Rebecca Harris,

RE: Sexual Entertainment licence for Thundersley?!

I fully agree with your comments in Facebook of the 4th November 2014.

[REDACTED]

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Sent: 05 November 2014 09:12
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW:

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2014 09:05
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject:

Hello,

I have just seen your recent post on Thundersley villages facebook page, I completely agree with what you are saying I think the placement for this new venue on manor trading estate is very inappropriate and I have also noticed that all the people commenting on the post on facebook disagreeing with your comment are all men, who would love to have something so inappropriate near them.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2014 08:12
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Sexual Entertainment venue in Thundersley

Hello,

I believe the Sexual Entertainment venue in Thundersley to highly inappropriate. Thundersley is not a place for late night venues. We do not have enough police support or security to ensure the businesses and residents are safe in the early hours or the morning (especially with all the street lamps being turned off at 12)

Thundersley is a nice area and would be tainted with such an establishment.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: Castle Point Conservatives [office@castlepointconservatives.com]
Sent: 05 November 2014 09:09
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: CPCA FW: Strip club licence

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 November 2014 23:40
To: office@castlepointconservatives.com
Subject: Strip club licence

I'm totally opposed to a strip club on manor trading. We live in a village. This isn't Southend. It will spill over into our village. Groups of men on stag do's or whatever will likely get drunk in the Tandoori Parlour or White Hart then head to this strip club, passing all of our houses along the way! Farmer Freds is also on the estate and I think it is completely inappropriate to have it anywhere near a children's soft play area whatever opening hours might be. Let's please retain some modicum of village and community life. This would be a stain on the map of castle point.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 November 2014 10:01
To: HARRIS, Rebecca
Subject: Table dance/pole dancing club on the Manor trading estate.

Dear Ms Harris,

I have been advised that planning permission is potentially being granted for a pole dancing/lap dancing venue on the Manor Trading estate.

Apart from the moral issues of having this type of venue in an urban area where crime is generally low, with potentially this venue bringing in outsiders from the area at all times of the night, I have more of an issue that the venue will have on the environment and local residents such as me.

As your aware from previous emails from me [REDACTED]

During the investigation it's been identified that there is many problems with drains in the area and even more problems with the drainage/sewage system on the Manor Trading estate.

The drains continue to block and flood over ground. You only need to visit the estate on a rainy day to see this evidence for yourself. These drains are poorly maintained and still have not been unblocked. These drains are from the 1960's and really need renewing. I have much photographic evidence of this fact.

My genuine and very real concerns doing a basic calculation of maths is that there would be literally extra thousands of litres of human waste from the venue being put into the failing sewer system on a daily basis. Working on the basic principle that there is 50 people in the venue every night using the toilet 3 times each. I'm sure that actually many more people would attend using the toilet facilities.

From this information alone and the fact that the landowner is unwilling to rectify the sewer /drainage problem this venue MUST not be allowed. I am still trying to ensure my house does not flood again, let alone even more human waste being pumped into the failing system.

I'm sure as the local Castle Point MP you can voice my concerns on my behalf. If this is something that your unable to assist with could you please possibly direct me to persons that would be willing to assist and help as I understand fully that your probably busy with other major issues.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Many Regards

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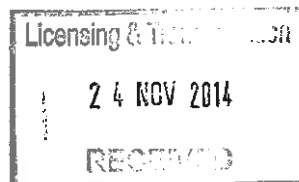
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Mr C. Jacob
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Castle Point Borough Council
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21.11.14

Dear Mr Jacob

Re-Application by G & K Ground Works (Galore) to license premises for a Sexual Entertainment Venue on Manor Trading Estate (two licenses)

The Parochial Church Council is aware of this application and following our meeting this week fully endorse all the concerns and points raised by Councillor Clive Walter.

Yours sincerely

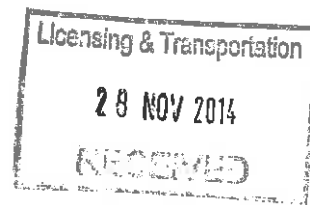
PCC Secretary

The Robert Drake Primary School

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Castle Point Borough Council

27th November 2014

Dear Sir / Madam,

Reference No. CPBC/LU/0432

(Re: Galore, Unit C7, 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Estate, Benfleet, Essex SS7 4PS)

I am writing on behalf of the Governing Body of The Robert Drake Primary School to make representations regarding the application for a New Premises License under the Licencing Act 2003 for a Sexual Entertainment Venue at the above address on the Manor Trading Estate.

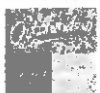
As a primary school located in the vicinity of the proposed establishment, we have serious concerns about the impact such a venue will have on the local area and residents and strongly object to this application. Although the venue is not expected to be open during usual school hours, our children and their families could be in the vicinity of Manor Trading Estate later in the evening after special events, open evenings or performances at the school.

We consider that this application will not enhance or add any value to this area of Thundersley

Yours sincerely,



Chair of Governors



school achievement award
Department for Education and Skills



Public Notices



Public Notices

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LAGOON AND TOILET BLOCK, SOUTHEND- ON-SEA.

Notice is hereby given that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has applied to the Marine Management Organisation under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, Part 4, for a marine licence to undertake the construction of a lagoon and toilet block, Southend-on-Sea. Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at the Contact Centre, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea SS2 6ZH. Copies of the Application and associated information may be viewed on line on the Public Register at www.marinemangement.org.uk/publicregister. Representations or objections in respect of the application should be made in writing, giving an address to which correspondence relating to the representation or objection may be sent, to the Marine Management Organisation, Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7YH, or alternatively emailed to joanna.smith@marinemangement.org.uk within 28 days of 3rd November 2014, quoting reference MCA/2014/00341.

The Marine Management Organisation will pass to the applicant a copy of any objection or representation we receive.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENSE UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

G & K Groundworks Ltd hereby give notice that they have applied to the Licensing Authority at Castle Point Borough Council for a Premises Licence for Galore, Unit C7, 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Estate, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 4PS to permit all licensable activities. This includes the supply of alcohol and regulated entertainment between 20:00 hours and 05:00 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive, and late night refreshment between 23:00 hours and 05:00 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive. The Licensing Register may be inspected at the Licensing Department, Castle Point Borough Council, Kiln Road, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1TF between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm (Monday to Friday except public holidays). Any representations by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by 28 November 2014. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5,000.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

G & K Groundwork Ltd hereby give notice that they have applied to the Licensing Authority at Castle Point Borough Council for a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence in respect of the above address to permit all licensable activities. This includes the supply of alcohol (in conjunction with a Premises Licence) and regulated entertainment between 20:00 hours and 05:00 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive. The Licensing Register may be inspected at the Licensing Department, Castle Point Borough Council, Kiln Road, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1TF between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm (Monday to Friday except public holidays). Any representations by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by 28 November 2014. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5,000.



Manor Road Industrial Estate
Benfleet, Essex.

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

13TH FEBRUARY 2015

Subject: Application for a new Premises Licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 made by G & K Groundworks Ltd for the address at Unit C7, 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Estate, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 4PS.

Report of: Head of Licensing and Transportation

1. Application

- 1.1 An application has been made for a Premises Licence to provide the supply of alcohol on the premises, Monday to Sunday from 20:00hrs to 04:30hrs the following day and late night refreshment, plays, films, indoor sporting events, boxing or wrestling entertainment, live music, recorded music and performance of dance. Monday to Sunday between 20:00hrs to 05:00hrs the following day.

2. Background

- 2.1 The application has been submitted to all the Relevant Responsible Authorities:

- Licensing Department
- Essex Police
- Essex County Fire & Rescue Service
- Planning Services
- Environmental Health Service
- The Health & Safety Executive
- Children' Safeguarding Service (Essex County Council)
- Essex Trading Standards
- Director of Public Health (Essex County Council)

- 2.2 Details of the application were also advertised in the Evening Echo newspaper on Monday 3rd November 2014, and blue notices were displayed on the premises. As a result representations have been made by Rebecca Harris M.P., Councillor Clive Walter (St Georges Ward).

- 2.3 The objections are pertinent to three of the four Licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003 with regard to the Premises Licence application, namely:

1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder
2. Public Nuisance
3. Protection of Children from harm.

- 2.4 After contact with the local police it has been confirmed that there was a premises licensed for the sale of alcohol under the previous Licensing Act on the Manor Trading estate, which operated as a sports club and venue for hire.

3. Current situation

- 3.1 Essex Police have been in consultation with the applicant and have made no representations to this application, as long as the conditions agreed for the dual application for the Sexual Entertainment venue are agreed. These conditions are:

- 1.1. The Licensee, or a responsible person over the age of 18 having been nominated by them and approved in writing by the Council for the purpose of managing the sex establishment ("the manager"), shall have personal responsibility for and be present on the Premises at all times when the Premises are open to the public.

Management Operation Manual (A guide to the safe operation of the venue including safety and security information)

- 1.2. The Licensee shall produce a Management Operation manual detailing all aspects of procedure when the Premise is operating the relevant entertainment. This document shall be regularly reviewed and be available for inspection by Castle Point Borough Council, Police or Police Licensing Officers upon request.
- 1.3. Control measures shall be in place as part of the Management Operation Manual to ensure the safety of performers when they leave the Premises following a period of work.

House Rules (A guide to the acceptable conduct of customers and performers)

- 1.4. The Premises shall provide a copy of its House Rules or any revisions to the Council and the Police before the premises is open under its Sex Establishment Licence.
- 1.5. The Licensee shall ensure that all performers and staff, including door supervisors, shall be made aware of the House Rules.
- 1.6. All dancers, staff and door supervisors shall read a copy of the House Rules relating to operating relevant entertainment. They shall sign and date a copy which shall be retained by the Premises as part of their due diligence. They shall be available for inspection by Castle Point Borough Council, Police or Police Licensing Officers upon request.
- 1.7. A clear copy of these conditions and the House Rules shall be exhibited at all times in or near the performers' changing room(s) in such a manner as they can be read by the performers. These conditions shall be protected against theft, damage or defacement.

- 1.8. A large print copy of the House rules shall be clearly displayed at the entrance/lobby of the premises and each customer shall be advised of the House rules prior to entry.
- 1.9. House Rules on the performance of relevant entertainment shall be displayed throughout the Premises and be clearly visible to customers. This will include any private individual booth area. The use of table/bar notices or prominent signage throughout the premises would be satisfactory.

Staff

- 1.10. The Licensee shall ensure that all staff and performers working within the sexual entertainment venue, if not a United Kingdom citizen, hold the required Work Permit.
- 1.11. All staff and performers shall be aged not less than 18 years. The Licensee shall maintain adequate records of these names, addresses and dates of birth including adequate identity and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) background checks using recognised photographic documentation. This is to include information on agencies performers work for. Copies of these documents shall be retained by the premises licence holder from the date of the start of employment for at least 12 months after the performer left the licence holder's employment.

Performers

- 1.12. A log book shall be maintained on the Premises detailing the names, start and finish times, of the individual performers involved in all forms of adult entertainment.
- 1.13. Performers shall remain clothed in public areas and all other areas except while performing in areas specified by the Council as where sexual entertainment may be provided.
- 1.14. No performer shall be allowed to work if, in the judgement of the management, they appear to be intoxicated or under the influence of illegal substances.
- 1.15. Performers shall get dressed at the end of each performance to the extent that their breasts and genitals are fully covered.
- 1.16. Performers shall not accept any telephone number, email address, address or other contact information from any customer.

Performances

- 1.17. Performers shall only perform on the stage area, to seated customers or in such other areas of the licensed premises as may be agreed with the Council, for example VIP booths.

- 1.18. There shall be no physical contact between customers and the performers except for an introductory handshake/kiss and the placing of money or tokens into the hands, an arm band, waistband, garter or similar receptacle of the dancer at the beginning or conclusion of a performance.
- 1.19. Customers shall be seated in an upright position against the back of the booth or seat with their hands by their sides before a dancer can start a table or private dance.
- 1.20. Performers shall not:
- (a) Climb onto any furniture unless provided as an on stage prop for the purpose of their performance.
 - (b) Simulate any sex acts.
 - (c) Undertake any performance involving a sex act with any other performer, persons in the audience or any object.
 - (d) Use inappropriate, suggestive or sexually graphic language at any time.
- 1.21. In the event of the relevant entertainment being performed for private viewing, the customer shall be informed of the duration and price of the relevant entertainment, and the details shall be specified in a clearly visible notice in each area designed for private relevant entertainment.

Door Supervisors

- 1.22. Any individual employed on the Premises to conduct a security activity (within the meaning of section paragraph 2(1)(a) of schedule 2 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001) shall be licensed by the Security Industry Authority or any replacement organisation.
- 1.23. An adequate number of registered Door Supervisors shall be on duty on the Premises whilst relevant entertainment takes place. There shall be at least one Door Supervisor on each entrance and in each separate part of the Premises. Provision shall also be made for the security of performers, with either a door supervisor located at the entrance to the changing rooms or a secure entry mechanism such as a PIN door lock installed on the changing room door.

Customers

- 1.24. No person under the age of 18 shall be admitted to the Premises. Customers who appear to be under the age of 25 must be asked to provide approved photographic proof of their age, i.e. passport, driving licence or pass-scheme. The Licensee shall provide prominent notices at each entrance to the Premises to this effect.
- 1.25. No customer shall be admitted to the Premises if, in the judgement of the management or the SIA door staff, they appear to be intoxicated, or under the influence of illegal substances.
- 1.26. Customers shall remain appropriately clothed at all times.

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

- 1.27. CCTV shall be installed, operated and maintained throughout the premises, including in private performance areas, to the satisfaction of Castle Point Borough Council and the Police in accordance with the requirements set out in the Sex Establishment Licensing Policy.
- 1.28. CCTV images shall be retained for a minimum of 31 days and be produced on the request of the Police or a Licensing Officer of Castle Point Borough Council. Recording media shall be set to 25 frames per second.
- 1.29. The CCTV system shall be operational at all times whilst the premises are trading. If the system is faulty or not working then the Police and Castle Point Licensing Service shall be informed immediately. Details of the malfunction shall be recorded in the premises incident book.
- 1.30. A4 sized warning notices shall be displayed in public areas of the premises and at all entrances advising that CCTV is in operation. The signs located at entrances shall be located on the exterior of the building at, and adjacent to, all public access doors. All signs shall comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2002.
- 1.31. Other than recordings made in accordance with the conditions relating to CCTV, no filming, recording or electronic transmission of performances shall take place without the prior consent of the Licensing Authority.

Layout of Premises and Safety of Performers

- 1.32. The approved activities shall only take place in the areas designated by the Licensing Authority.
- 1.33. A suitable system shall be installed to ensure the safety of performers whilst in private booths. This shall include a combination of CCTV and door supervisors and be fully documented as part of the Premises Management Operation Manual. Where the Premises is unable to satisfy Castle Point District Council and/or the Police that the measures in place adequately protect performers, then all dance booths used as part of the approved activities shall be equipped with a panic alarm for safety. Procedures shall be put in place to ensure that this alarm system is monitored at all times during approved entertainment.
- 1.34. The Licensee shall ensure to the Council's satisfaction (including, where required, necessary planning or building control consents) that the interior of the premises is not visible from the outside of the Premises, and that the exterior is maintained to a satisfactory level of decorum. At no point shall dancers be visible from outside of the Premises.
- 1.35. The Licensee shall ensure to the Council's satisfaction that the internal layout is designed in such a way as to ensure a form of supervision of every area, including the toilet entrances, to reduce any risks of illegal activity or use of illegal substances.

- 1.36. The Licensee shall ensure that any occupancy limits set by Castle Point Borough Council are not exceeded whilst sexual entertainment takes place on the premises.
- 1.37. Information shall be clearly displayed within the internal exit areas of all sexual entertainment venues, reminding customers to behave in a responsible and appropriate way towards all persons, after leaving the venue.

Advertising

- 1.38. The Licensee shall ensure that neither they nor any person promoting or providing entertainment on the Premises (nor any person acting on behalf of any such person) shall display advertisements promoting the entertainment or the Premises in any unlawful manner.
- 1.39. Where the Council has given notice in writing to the Licensee objecting to an advertisement on the grounds that, if displayed, it would offend against good taste or decency or be likely to encourage or incite crime or to lead to disorder or to be offensive to public feeling, that advertisement shall not be displayed.
- 1.40. The Licensee shall not permit the display outside of the Premises of photographs or other images which indicate or suggest that striptease or similar entertainment takes place on the Premises and which may be offensive.
- 1.41. The Licensee shall ensure that neither they nor any person promoting or providing entertainment on the Premises (nor any person acting on behalf of any such person) shall distribute flyers direct to residential premises, advertising the venue.

Documentation

- 1.42. A copy of the licence and any special conditions attached shall, at all times, be displayed in a conspicuous position on the Premises so as to be available for inspection by the police, the fire authority, and authorised officers of the Council.
- 1.43. The name of the person responsible for the management of the Premises, whether the Licensee or the manager, shall be displayed in a conspicuous position within the Premises throughout the period during which he is responsible for the conduct of the Premises.
- 1.44. The challenge 21 policy will be adopted where by any person who appears under the age of 21 will be challenged for proof of age. The only recognised proof of age will be a full passport, Photo style driving licence and "pass" accredited card. Such cards will display the pass hologram.
- 1.45. A refusal book will be kept to record all refusals of alcohol and cigarettes.

- 1.46 CCTV, close circuit television will be installed to cover all areas customers have access to. This will record in real time and recordings will be retained for at least 30 days. All recording will be of good quality images and special attention should be made to main entrance/exits and provide a quality head and shoulder image. Signage will be displayed stating CCTV is in operation. Recordings will be made readily available upon request by the Police or Local Authority.
- 1.47 All staff will receive training in how to deal with drunkenness, challenging for suitable ID and any aspects of the Licensing Act that may undermine the licensing objectives. All such training should be recorded and kept on premises and made available upon the reasonable request from the Police or Local Authority.
- 1.48 All reasonable steps will be taken to prevent youths gathering outside the front of the premises.
- 1.49 All reasonable steps should be taken to prevent "proxy" sales of alcohol. This should include posters warning of the offence and challenging customers who may purchase unusual amounts of alcohol or may have been approached by youths that can be seen from the store itself.

The Environmental Health Department at Castle Point Borough Council have agreed with the applicant that the following conditions are to be included within the operating schedule:

1. All external doors to the sex establishment shall be fitted with a device to provide for their automatic closure and such devices shall be maintained in good working order. Any openable windows to the sex establishment shall be closed during hours of operation.
2. The licensee shall ensure that adequate sanitary accommodation is available in the premises. Separate sanitary accommodation will be provided for the free use of staff and members of the public and in particular shall:
 - (a) Maintain each sanitary convenience in clean and efficient order;
 - (b) Ensure that any room which contains a sanitary convenience is suitably and sufficiently lit and ventilated and is kept clean;
 - (c) Ensure that in the sanitary accommodation provided there are installed and maintained suitable and sufficient wash hand basins and that each basin is provided with an adequate supply of hot and cold water or of hot water at a suitably controlled temperature; together with an adequate supply of soap and suitable hand drying facilities;
 - (d) The premises are so constructed with the adequate provision of efficient drains, suitable wall, floor and ceiling finishes etc so that satisfactory sanitation can be maintained.

3. The licensee shall ensure that no noise shall emanate from the licensed premises or vibration transmitted through the structure of the licensed premises which gives rise to a nuisance to the occupiers of premises in the vicinity of the licensed premises.
4. Without prejudice to the generality of this condition the licensee shall ensure that no form of loudspeaker or sound amplification equipment is sited on or near the exterior of the licensed premises or in or near any foyer, doorway, window or opening to those premises.
5. The licensee must ensure that appropriate measures are taken to prevent any nuisance which may be caused by the operation or use of ventilation or other equipment.

4. Statement of Licensing Policy

- 4.1 There are no specific issues arising from this application relevant to the Council's statement of Licensing Policy.
- 4.2 The following extracts from the Council's statement of Licensing Policy are brought to the general attention of the Sub-Committee:

"(1.17) When considering applications, the Council will have regard to:-

*The Licensing Act 2003 and the licensing objectives,
Government guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003
Any supporting regulations
This statement of licensing policy.*

- (1.18) This does not however undermine the rights of any person to apply under the 2003 Act for a variety of permissions and have the application considered on its individual merits, nor does it override the right of any person to make representations on any application or seek a review of a licence or certificate where they are permitted to do so under the 2003 Act.*
- (1.19) The Licensing Authority recognises that, in some circumstances, longer licensing hours for the sale of alcohol may help to avoid concentrations of customers leaving premises simultaneously and to reduce the potential for disorder. It also recognises that overly restrictive hours may inhibit the development of night-time economies that are important for investment, employment and tourism.*
- (1.20) when determining applications before a Licensing Sub-Committee, the authority will seek to balance those factors against their duty to promote the four licensing objectives and the rights of residents to peace and quiet."*

5. Options

The Sub-Committee is advised that it has the following options when determining this application.

- (i) Grant the application, on the terms and conditions applied for as set out in the application dated 23rd October 2014. (Appendix 1.)
- (ii) Grant the application, on the terms and conditions applied for, including the additional conditions, as agreed between the applicant, Essex Police and Environmental Health or modified to such extent as considered necessary for the promotion of the Licensing Objectives.
- (iii) Reject the application and provide reasons for any such decision.

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Application for a Premises Licence
Appendix 2 – Letter from Essex Police
Appendix 3 – Email from Environmental Health
Appendix 4 – Letter of representation from Rebecca Harris M.P.
Appendix 5 – Letter of representation from Cllr Clive Walter
Appendix 6 – Copies of the Public Notices
Appendix 7 – Plan showing local area and premises

Recommendation

The decision of the Sub Committee is required following proper consideration of the application and representations made to the Sub Committee.

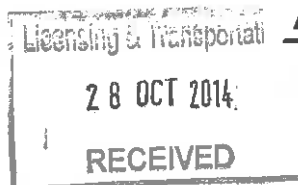
Resolution Required

Background Papers:

CPBC Statement of Licensing Policy

Report Author: Chris Jacob.

Licensing Unit, Castle Point Borough Council



**Application for a premises licence to be granted
under the Licensing Act 2003**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

We G & K Groundworks Ltd

(Insert name(s) of applicant)

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

Part 1 – Premises Details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Unit C7 30 Brunel Road Manor Trading Estate			
Post town	Benfleet, Essex	Postcode	SS7 4PS

Telephone number at premises (if any)	N/A
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£12,250.00

Part 2 - Applicant Details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as

Please tick as appropriate

- | | |
|---|---|
| a) an individual or individuals * | <input type="checkbox"/> please complete section (A) |
| b) a person other than an individual * | |
| i. as a limited company | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> please complete section (B) |
| ii. as a partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> please complete section (B) |
| iii. as an unincorporated association or | <input type="checkbox"/> please complete section (B) |
| iv. other (for example a statutory corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> please complete section (B) |

- c) a recognised club ☐ please complete section (B)
- d) a charity ☐ please complete section (B)
- e) the proprietor of an educational establishment ☐ please complete section (B)
- f) a health service body ☐ please complete section (B)
- g) a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales ☐ please complete section (B)
- ga) a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England ☐ please complete section (B)
- h) the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales ☐ please complete section (B)

* If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm:

Please tick yes

I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or ☒

I am making the application pursuant to a

statutory function or ☐

a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative ☐

Mr []		Ms []		Other Title (e.g. example, etc)	
Surname			First name		
I am [] years of age					
I am [] years of age I am [] years of age I am [] years of age					
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Particular contact information provided			
Email address (optional)			

(B) OTHER APPLICANTS

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name G & K Groundworks Ltd
Address 376 London Road Hadleigh Essex SS7 2DA
Registered number (where applicable) 3331126
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.) Private Limited Company
Telephone number (if any) 01268 752298
E-mail address (optional)

Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

DD		MM		YYYY			
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(as soon as permitted)

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

DD		MM		YYYY			
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Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)

It is a self-contained unit within an existing Trading Estate with good access and plentiful parking. It is a rectangular shape; please refer to the plans submitted with this application.

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Provision of regulated entertainment

Please tick any that apply

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box I)



Supply of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box J)



In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Tue	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Wed	00:00	05:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
	20:00	00:00			
Thur	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Fri	00:00	05:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5) Allow for additional hour on Bank Holidays.		
	20:00	00:00			
Sat	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Sun	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
					Both <input type="checkbox"/>
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Tue	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
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Thur	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5) Allow for additional hour on Bank Holidays.		
Fri	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Sat	00:00	05:00			
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Sun	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			

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Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give further details</u> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	00:00	05:00	
	20:00	00:00	
Tue	00:00	05:00	
	20:00	00:00	
Wed	00:00	05:00	
	20:00	00:00	
Thur	00:00	05:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5) Allow for additional hour on Bank Holidays.
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Sun	00:00	05:00	
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D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
					Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>		
					Both	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)					
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Wed	00:00	05:00					<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 4)	
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Thur	00:00	05:00						
	20:00	00:00						
Fri	00:00	05:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5) Allow for additional hour on Bank Holidays.					
	20:00	00:00						
Sat	00:00	05:00						
	20:00	00:00						
Sun	00:00	05:00						
	20:00	00:00						

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)			
			Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
			Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>		
			Both	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)			
Mon	00:00	05:00				
	20:00	00:00				
Tue	00:00	05:00				
	20:00	00:00				
Wed	00:00	05:00			State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music (please read guidance note 4)	
	20:00	00:00				
Thur	00:00	05:00				
	20:00	00:00				
Fri	00:00	05:00	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5) Allow for additional hour on Bank Holidays.			
	20:00	00:00				
Sat	00:00	05:00				
	20:00	00:00				
Sun	00:00	05:00				
	20:00	00:00				

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Tue	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Wed	00:00	05:00	State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music (please read guidance note 4)		
	20:00	00:00			
Thur	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Fri	00:00	05:00	Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5) Allow for additional hour on Bank Holidays.		
	20:00	00:00			
Sat	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Sun	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			

G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
					Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>		
					Both	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)					
Mon	00:00	05:00						
	20:00	00:00						
Tue	00:00	05:00						
	20:00	00:00						
Wed	00:00	05:00					<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u> (please read guidance note 4)	
	20:00	00:00						
Thur	00:00	05:00						
	20:00	00:00						
Fri	00:00	05:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5) Allow for additional hour on Bank Holidays.					
	20:00	00:00						
Sat	00:00	05:00						
	20:00	00:00						
Sun	00:00	05:00						
	20:00	00:00						

			Please fill in the details here (please refer to the instructions on page 100)		
			State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (a), (b) or (c) not being a standard finding.		
			Non standard finding: Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (a), (b) or (c) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please set out the evidence on which you are relying.		

I

Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 2)		Indoors <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>
					Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
					Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Tue	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00	<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Thur	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5) Allow for additional hour on Bank Holidays.		
Fri	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Sat	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			
Sun	00:00	05:00			
	20:00	00:00			

J

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Day	Start	Finish	<u>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</u> (please read guidance note 4)			
Mon	00:00	04:30				
	20:00	00:00				
Tue	00:00	04:30				
	20:00	00:00				
Wed	00:00	04:30				
	20:00	00:00				
Thur	00:00	04:30				<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)
	20:00	00:00				
Fri	00:00	04:30				
	20:00	00:00				
Sat	00:00	04:30				
	20:00	00:00				
Sun	00:00	04:30				
	20:00	00:00				

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor:

Name Mr Glenn Smith	
Address 115 Oakfield Road Benfleet Essex	
Postcode	SS7 5NW
Personal licence number (if known) CP/PL0758	
Issuing licensing authority (if known) Castle Point Borough Council	

K

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8).

The premises will provide adult entertainment in line with the Sex Establishment License also applied for, but no one under the age of 18 (21 if activities specifically related to the Sex Establishment are in effect) will be permitted entry, and the interior of the establishment will not be viewable to passers-by. Additionally, the location of the premises is not close to any residential areas, reducing the likelihood of children being in the vicinity, and the hours of operation begin late in the evening.

All to go on M3 for P...

L

Hours premises are open to the public
Standard days and timings
(please read guidance note 6)

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	00:00	05:00
	20:00	00:00
Tue	00:00	05:00
	20:00	00:00
Wed	00:00	05:00
	20:00	00:00
Thur	00:00	05:00
	20:00	00:00
Fri	00:00	05:00
	20:00	00:00
Sat	00:00	05:00
	20:00	00:00
Sun	00:00	05:00
	20:00	00:00

State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 4)

Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5)

Allow for additional hour on Bank Holidays.

M Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 9)

Please refer to the Promotion of Licensing Objectives submission document.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

Please refer to the Promotion of Licensing Objectives submission document.

c) Public safety

The site is not close to any residential areas and all surrounding uses cease to operate during the opening times of the premises. Parking and taxi provision will be promoted to ensure increased safety of those leaving the site.

Please refer to the Promotion of Licensing Objectives submission document.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

The police will be contacted in any instances of criminal or disorderly activity. Taxi provision will help ensure customers can get home safely.

Please refer to the Promotion of Licensing Objectives submission document.

e) The protection of children from harm

The interior of the establishment will not be viewable to passers-by. Additionally, the location of the premises is not close to any residential areas, reducing the likelihood of children being in the vicinity, and the hours of operation begin late in the evening.

Please refer to the Promotion of Licensing Objectives submission document.

Checklist:**Please tick to indicate agreement**

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee. ☒
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises. ☒
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable. ☒
- I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable. ☒
- I understand that I must now advertise my application. ☒
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected. ☒

IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 4 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

**Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 11).
If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	<i>pp Forde</i>
Date	28 October 2014
Capacity	Agent

(For most applications, completion of this application by the applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent is required. If you are signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.)

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13)

**Russell Forde
Smart Planning
Old School House
Rettendon Turnpike**

Post town	Battlesbridge, Essex	Postcode	SS11 7QL
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Telephone number (if any)	0870 013 6996
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If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional)
contact@smartplanning.co.uk

Notes for Guidance

1. Describe the premises, for example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.
2. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
3. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
4. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
6. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
7. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.
8. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.
9. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
10. The application form must be signed.
11. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
12. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicant or their respective agent must sign the application form.
13. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

APPENDIX 2



Mr J COLE,
Smart Planning
Old School House
Rettendon Turnpike,
Battlesbridge, Essex



Licensing Unit
Southend Police Station
Victoria Avenue
Southend, Essex.
Email:
southendlicensing@essex.pnn.police.uk

Dear Mr Cole

Thursday, 30 October 2014

Application for a Sex Establishment Venue Licence
Galore, 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Est, Benfleet

I write to you as the applicant in relation to the above application.

Essex Police are happy with the proposed conditions of the licence outlined within this application, therefore Essex Police will not be making any representations against this venture.

A copy of this letter has been sent to your Neighbourhood Policing Inspector and the Licensing Authority for their records.

cc: Neighbourhood Policing Inspector, Essex Police
cc: Licensing Team, Castle Point District Council

Steven Greener
Licensing Officer, Essex Police

Chris Jacob

From: Andrew Marshall
Sent: 05 November 2014 14:32
To: Chris Jacob
Cc: Melanie Harris; 'james.cole@smartplanning.co.uk'
Subject: Galore, Unit C7, 30 Brunel Road, Benfleet SS7 4PS
Attachments: Galore.docx

Dear Chris,

I write further to the email of the 27th October 2014 advising of the application for a premises licence and sexual entertainment venue license at Unit C7, 30 Brunel Road, Benfleet.

I have had the opportunity to look at this application and can advise that this service does not wish to make any representations.

I have, however, agreed with the applicant for a number of conditions to be attached to any licence you approve. Below is the chain of emails which confirms approval of the attached conditions.

I have copied into this email James Cole at Smart Planning, whom will confirm, if you required, that the attached conditions are the ones we have previously approved. Please do not hesitate to contact him should this be necessary.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew

Andrew Marshall BSc (Hons) M.C.I.E.H A.M.I.O.A
Environmental Health Officer
Castle Point Borough Council



Dear Mr Jacobs,

Further to my email yesterday, I would like now to add my own objections to the granting of a sexual entertainment license for Thundersley.

My office regularly receives complaints both from residents and from businesses about rowdy late night behaviour, anti-social behaviour, littering and minor criminal damage and nuisance from existing drinking establishments in the borough already. These bars and clubs do not have such a late licence as is proposed here or the added element of sexual entertainment licence. I believe through concrete experience that a venue such as this – however well managed behind closed doors – will inevitably lead to increased rowdiness, laddish behaviour from customers leaving the premises and making their way home past neighbouring homes in residential streets. In my opinion the granting of this license at this location will be likely to lead to an increase in complaints about inappropriate and unwelcome behaviour affecting the surrounding neighbourhood.

I believe the potential disruption that will be caused by patrons of the proposed establishment in the area will far outweigh the economic benefit. The type of clientele that this club is likely attract will be groups such as “stag do’s” and similar. Having left the venue, most likely intoxicated, I believe these groups will be more likely to commit acts of anti-social behaviour and minor criminal damage in the area. With the best will in the world, no establishment can police the behaviour of its customers once they have left the premises. The site is close to a number of quiet residential streets. For those reasons I do not believe it would be appropriate for this area.

I must also echo the concerns of a number of my constituents, who feel that the location is inappropriate based on its proximity to a number of schools and young people’s clubs. I believe that these kinds of establishments are better suited to larger towns and city centres who have the necessary infrastructure and experience to deal with them, not a trading estate in Thundersley.

I hope that the committee will take full account of my concerns, and those of many of my constituents, when coming to a decision on this application.

I remain, ever yours

Rebecca Harris

10 Clare Road
Benfleet
Essex SS7 4DE

Telephone: 01268 757471
Email: cldr.cwalter@castlepoint.gov.uk

Council Offices, Kiln Road,
Thundersley, Benfleet,
Essex. SS7 1TF

Telephone: 01268 882200
Fax: 01268 882410

Mr Chris Jacob
Licensing Department,
Castle Point Borough Council
Council Offices
Kiln Road,
Benfleet
Essex SS7 1TF

20th November 2014

Dear Chris,

Re - Application by G & K Ground Works (Galore) to license premises for a Sexual Entertainment Venue on Manor Trading Estate (two licenses).

I refer to the above mentioned applications, I am concerned that these are only licensing applications and do not take into account the wider issues such as Development Control (building control and change of use of premises), Environment and Leisure, Business Liaison and Neighbourhoods and Safer Communities.

I therefore write to raise the concerns of residents as to the unsuitability of the location of the premises for these activities as follows:-

Lack of infrastructure.

- The road surfaces on Manor Trading Estate are in a very poor condition, unsuitable for either pedestrian or vehicular traffic particularly during the hours of darkness. This proposal will increase traffic and only exacerbate this problem.
- The premises would be operating during the hours of darkness and when decisions have been taken by Essex County Council to economise both in terms of money and carbon emissions by turning off street lighting. Whilst appreciating that the street lighting on the estate is not under the control of Essex County Council that of the surrounding area that gives access to the estate is.

Neighbourhoods and Safer Communities

- The siting of the premises is out of keeping with the area, far away from any other night entertainment venues. This means that any possible economies of scale, such as

parking, taxi ranks, presence of police, shared security staff, lighting, mobile food vendors and safety in numbers for customers and venue staff are simply not present. While not wishing to sound like a NIMBY, when one considers suitable existing town centre locations and for example Basildon Festival Leisure Park, where the addition of an extra facility such as this would not stretch resources, to consider such an unsuitable location as the extreme corner of Manor Industrial Estate does not make any sense.

- Nuisance to local residents during anti-social hours.
- The days of operation and the hours applied for are excessive.
- Since the cutbacks in policing anecdotally a culture of more visible drug dealing has been observed in the borough even during daylight hours, the presence of such a club would certainly exacerbate this problem. Many people see these problems, but are frightened to report them to the police. Let us not forget the drug and gang culture of the late 1990s that resulted in the death of a young girl and the 'Essex Boys' murders in Rettendon.
- The police have another 5% cut in budgets in the pipeline with more predicted after this and the present policy direction announced recently by Nick Alston, Essex Police and Crime Commissioner is to take more officers off the streets to fight cyber-crime.
- A night club operating on this industrial estate would adversely affect the security of the existing businesses by providing a suitable cover for burglary and a variety of organised criminal activities.
- The sheer number of vehicles parked on the estate as part of its normal business activities and the need for transport for customers (in varying states of intoxication) from the venue provides the most obvious example of unpremeditated theft or damage to those vehicles.
- The premises are situated close to a children's play area and although the two activities are separated by their hours of operation, the possibilities of litter, needles, drug paraphernalia coming into contact with children are very worrying.

The fact that the police, fire authorities and environmental health have raised no objection is simply not acceptable. Since this application presents them with an additional focal point during the night time, they need to adopt a more pro-active approach, prepare a detailed plan for the increase in demand for their services in terms of manpower, vehicles and communications that this change of use would cause and present them to any hearing. Why should the hard pressed council tax payers foot the bill for this business activity, when resources of the afore-mentioned services are subjected to such savage cutbacks and are under such pressure?

I return to my initial point, to ask why this application has been processed in this manner and has not followed what I would consider to be the more usual route taken by such potentially controversial proposals that involve a number of Council committees? I also ask why it has not been presented to the full licensing committee and openly debated prior to the special hearing that has been suggested and of only having three licensing committee members giving evidence to a specialist legal hearing.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Walter

Public Notices



Public Notices

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LAGOON AND TOILET BLOCK, SOUTHBEND- ON-SEA.

Notice is hereby given that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has applied to the Marine Management Organisation under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, 1944, for a marine licence to undertake the construction of a lagoon and toilet block, Southend-on-Sea. Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at the Contact Centre, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea SS2 6ZH. Copies of the Application and associated information may be viewed on line at the Public Register at www.marinemangement.org.uk/publicregister. Representations or objections in respect of the application should be made in writing, giving an address to which correspondence relating to the representation or objection may be sent, to the Marine Management Organisation, Lancaster House, Hampshire Court, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7YH, or alternatively emailed to joanna.mitchell@marinemangement.org.uk within 28 days of 28 November 2014, quoting reference ML/A/2014/00341.

The Marine Management Organisation will pass to the applicant a copy of any objection or representation received.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENSE UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

G & K Groundworks Ltd hereby give notice that they have applied to the Licensing Authority at Castle Point Borough Council for a Premises Licence for Galore, Unit C7, 30 Brunel Road, Manor Trading Estate, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 4PS to permit all licensable activities. This includes the supply of alcohol and regulated entertainment between 20:00 hours and 05:00 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive, and late night refreshment between 23:00 hours and 05:00 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive. The Licensing Register may be inspected at the Licensing Department, Castle Point Borough Council, Kiln Road, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1TF between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm (Monday to Friday except public holidays). Any representations by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by 28 November 2014. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5,000.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

G & K Groundwork Ltd hereby give notice that they have applied to the Licensing Authority at Castle Point Borough Council for a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence in respect of the above address to permit all licensable activities. This includes the supply of alcohol (in conjunction with a Premises Licence) and regulated entertainment between 20:00 hours and 05:00 hours Monday to Sunday inclusive. The Licensing Register may be inspected at the Licensing Department, Castle Point Borough Council, Kiln Road, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1TF between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm (Monday to Friday except public holidays). Any representations by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by 28 November 2014. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5,000.



Manor Road Industrial Estate
Benfleet, Essex.

