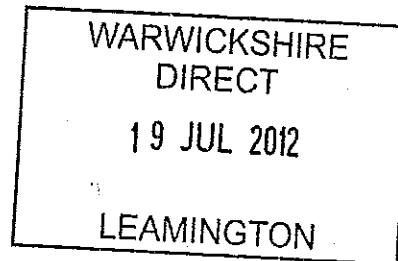


Say No to Strip Clubs in Warwick District

*A campaign group comprising residents, business owners,
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and individual members of the Labour Party, Liberal Democrat Party and Green Party
The group has no party political allegiance and is not faith-based*

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Licensing
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Riverside House
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CV32 5HZ

18 July 2012

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Objection to WDCSEL004 Sex Establishment Licence, 22 June 2012
for Shades, 6a) High Street, Leamington Spa, CV31 3AN / Shades Snooker Club (Applicant)**

On behalf of the campaign group 'Say No to Strip Clubs in Warwick District' I hereby lodge the following representation to the above application on the grounds of 'uses to which nearby premises are put' and 'character of the relevant locality' (WDC Sex Establishment Policy (Appendix F para 3 (d))).

1. Two refusals to date - June 2011, March 2012

The Regulatory Committee will be aware that two prior applications for a Sex Establishment Licence for the same premises have already been refused on the grounds of locality, specifically with reference to the abundance of residential housing in the immediate area and the existence of the Hindu Temple close by. As none of the facts which led to these refusals have diminished in any way it would appear contradictory and illogical for the Committee to embark on a u-turn by granting a licence on this third application. It is in fact arguable that the reasons to justify a refusal have increased as residential housing continues to grow in the area: the new Station House development is nearing completion whilst further planning applications for housing have been granted.

In addition, if the Committee were to grant the licence this would communicate a troubling message to both the public and the sex industry that repeated (and vexatious - see below) applications are likely to enhance an applicant's chances of success. This would undermine the public trust placed in the local authority to deliver consistent and defensible judgements when bestowed with the heavy responsibility of regulating the sex industry.

2. Third application / vexatious Applicant

The Committee will further be aware that there is a statutory 12 month bar on refused applicants re-applying. However, the Shades business has found a way to evade this by using a different legal entity for each application. A different name has been entered on three applications in respect of exactly the same premises. This has been either the company in the present application (Shades Snooker Club Ltd, Company No. 04476242) or a person who may be connected to the business: Lisa Ransford, if the spouse of Robert Ransford as the listed sole director of the company, would be captured by the legal definition of a 'connected person' (The Companies Act, 2006, s252).

It is clear to lay persons and legal professionals alike that the intent behind the 12 month bar is to prevent vexatious applications by applicants who have already been refused licences for the same premises. Such repeated applications indicate no respect for the decision of the local authority, the statutory 12 month bar on refused applicants or the circa 75 objections lodged to the last application. This third application by exactly the same people as before in practical terms will no doubt try the patience of the Committee as well as the local stakeholders who have objected twice already. It is waste of everybody's precious time and money having to ensure that a decision which has already been made is reinforced for the benefit of the local community.

3. Nearby premises use

The WDC Sex Establishment policy provides that the council will not normally licence premises that are in close proximity to:

- a residential area
- places where children congregate
- a church or other religious place of worship

(a) Residential areas

Shades is located in close proximity to the following sites of residential housing:

- a) Wise Street - large block of student flats opposite the entrance to the club, only accessible by passing Shades, as well as flats above the martial arts studio accessible via Wise St opposite Shades' entrance;
- b) Wise Terrace cul de sac: only accessible by passing the club, largely student housing. These student lettings are short term and renewed each academic year, so female students are just as likely to live here as the male students who submitted a petition in favour of Shades' SEL in March; in addition such male students are transient occupants who are not as heavily invested into area as long term permanent residents;
- c) Station House opposite the railway station; also designated as student housing and will therefore accommodate a high number of young women of university age;
- d) High Street flats;
- e) Crown Terrace - large social housing development;
- f) Tachbrook Road - terrace housing around the corner from Shades; and
- g) Gas Street housing estate, directly behind Shades, and houses many families.

The student population in the area includes a significant proportion of young female students from the UK and abroad.

There are also planning permissions which relate to sites in the immediate proximity of Shades, which will create more housing in the Wise Street/Wise Terrace locality:

- i) W/07/0621 (Granted) 7 Wise Street, demolition of existing buildings and erection of 9 new dwellings;
- ii) W/11/0955 (Granted) 4a) Wise Terrace, construction of 4 new apartments in multiple occupation and provision of 4 parking spaces;
- iii) W/08/1438 (Granted) 16 Wise Street / 5&6 Wise Terrace, construction of 7 apartments and 8 parking spaces;
- iv) W/08/0878 (Granted) 14 Wise Street, demolition of existing commercial premises and erection of three storey and basement building to provide 4 new apartments and 4 parking spaces.

A lap dancing club sited in close proximity to a residential area is not appropriate. The WDC Sex Establishment policy at para 3.1 references *"...a potential fear of crime, anti-social behaviour, noise pollution and disturbance to residents....in such cases the amenity of local residents can be placed under severe pressure."*

It is anticipated that Shades will submit that it has sufficient CCTV and security personnel located at the entrance to protect the safety of the public. However, this submission is not convincing for the following reasons:

Firstly, these door staff will not and cannot cover the broader High Street area which is a principal route to and from town at night and is the path taken by large numbers of commuters making their way home from the railway station at night.

Secondly, the reason for the policy advising against the grant of a licence in a residential area is because it is recognised that the sex trade is not a suitable feature for an area characterised by housing. No amount of CCTV or door personnel can overcome the accepted position that these businesses are linked to the very anti-social behaviour, noise pollution, disturbance and fear of crime as set out in the policy.

Nor will it escape the attention of the Committee that for obvious reasons, the sex trade is a profoundly negative influence where families are based. In a culture awash with the sexualisation of girls, women and increasingly children for a reason so vulgar and plain as commercial profit, the burden is placed upon families to raise children in a safe environment which equips them with the life skills required to confront these destructive forces. Shades is close to residential properties in which families are raised and the character of the area and use of premises within it therefore need to be appropriate.

Added to this is the need to consider the welfare of local residents as an utmost priority. In May 2012, a Newquay police chief drew a link between town strip clubs and the rates of rape and sexual assault¹ which resonated with earlier academic research.² This risk ought not to be underestimated, nor should any woman be placed in a situation of increased fear or risk of sexual harassment, rape or assault.

¹ The Daily Telegraph, 23 May 2012

² The Lilith Project, 2003; 2007.

(b) Premises used by or for children under 16

Shades is close to several premises dedicated to the care or supervision of infants and children:

- a 'Wing-chun' martial arts class studio held for children of four years old and above at 8 High Street, with its entrance directly across Wise Street in close proximity to the Applicant;
- Cleary's Boxing Gym on Wise Terrace, with classes for children as young as 7;
- two nurseries on Spencer Street, 'Head Start Day Nursery' at no.1, 'Banana Moon Day Nursery' at no. 5a);
- 'Surestart' on Clemens Street;
- The Warwick and Leamington Dance Academy at 54 High Street; and
- Family properties (see above) on surrounding streets

At earlier hearings, the Hindu Temple stated that it holds religious festivals which run throughout the night whilst Shades would be in operation. These festivals include infants and children.

c) Places of worship

Shades is around the corner from the Lord Krishna Hindu Temple and Community Centre at 10b) High Street, CV31 3AN. The temple is a large venue which is used regularly for day and night time worship, attended by people of all ages including children. The decisions in June 2011 and March 2012 referenced the presence of the temple close by as a relevant factor.

Shades is also situated a short distance from All Saints' Church, located at the bottom of the Parade.

d) Other relevant nearby premises uses

Shades is situated close to important public transport amenities. The railway station serves 1.8 million passengers per year, many of them being female commuters who work in Birmingham or London and arrive in Leamington late at night. High Street is the most direct route into town which is properly lit at night, meaning that such commuters have to pass Shades to make their way home in order to get into town on foot. Other routes are poorly lit and pose safety hazards and the perception of safety hazards in their own right.

Furthermore the railway station is a key gateway into Leamington for tourists, business travellers and other visitors. Perceptions of the town will be informed by first impressions on arrival, and the presence of the sex trade in the area is likely to have an adverse effect on the reputation and economy of the town.

There is also a bus stop directly outside Shades, operated by Stagecoach and West Midlands bus services. Any bus passenger wanting to use the bus to get home late at night would have to wait outside a strip club until their bus arrived, which can present an intimidating and unwelcome prospect for young women in particular. The amenity of such public transport passengers' use of the area should not be unfairly interfered with for the benefit the sex industry.

4. Clustering of Sex Establishments in Old Town - character of the local area

The SEL Policy provides that:

'The local council acknowledges that a concentration of licensed premises in a particular area can result in a potential fear of crime, anti-social behaviour, noise pollution and other disturbance to residents. In such cases the amenity of local residents can be placed under severe pressure.' (3: *Location of Licensed Premises*)

Irrespective of the legal position that each case is judged on its own merits, every time an applicant is granted a licence to operate in the sex trade this encourages further applications. There is a bigger picture to consider when regulating the sex trade, and we encourage the Committee to consider the broader implications of how the Old Town and Leamington Spa would be negatively affected by the licensing of a second Sex Establishment which would be less than 200m away from Amara (granted a Sex Establishment licence in April 2012). If Shades is granted a licence this would bring the number of Old Town strip clubs to two.

The permitted grounds for refusal do not only refer to 'use of nearby premises' but also 'character of the local area'. It follows therefore that licence decisions ought not to be based solely on the Applicant's solicitor attempting to contrive the definition of 'proximity' as limited to mean 'the same road', or 'close proximity' to mean 'next door to or immediately opposite', when there is no relevant statutory or case law precedent to support this interpretation - and even this tactic would fail in the present application. Instead, the Committee's decision ought to give equal weight to how the character of the local area will be affected by the clustering of Sex Establishments in the Old Town - the only area of Warwick District with any such venues.

It is acknowledged that Shades proposes to open from 11pm at night. However, the damaged public perception of the area which stems from the sex trade will not be suspended during the hours that Shades is closed. The Oxford English Dictionary defines 'character' as 'the distinctive nature of something'. It follows that the 'character' of any locality is by nature a long term, deeply embedded public perception which is informed by the types of premises uses or activities in the area.

The local press has reported the establishment of the sex trade in the Old Town with articles which associate the area with sleaze and a run-down image which unfairly tarnishes the broader locality, a sentiment which is equally reflected in the letters from local residents expressing their intense dissatisfaction at this development.³ There is abundant evidence to suggest therefore that in the court of public opinion where the character of the local area is defined, not only is the sex trade bad for Old Town but opening hours of any strip club are irrelevant for the purposes of mitigating such negative perceptions.

Night or day, the press and public will regard the Old Town in a negative light where seedy businesses in the form of sex trade are permitted to establish themselves. Meanwhile, a large number of other local stakeholders have invested a great deal of time and money trying to upgrade a historically disadvantaged area for the benefit of the entire community. The Old Town is home to over 500 businesses and numerous voluntary organisations. There is even a group which has formed to campaign for the Mary Portas funding to improve the character of the local area. Yet the long lasting stain brought by the sex trade is a stigma which overshadows all the positive developments which the public ought to be associating with the Old Town.

³ The Courier, 20 April 2012, "Sleaze Town" front cover page; subsequent letters in The Courier 27 April 2012 and 4 May 2012.

5. Applicant submissions

a) Strip club management

It is likely that Shades will submit that a purported record of being 'well run' should weigh in its favour. However, the management of the strip club does not mitigate the established reasons for the licence being refused twice already, being that it would be inappropriate on grounds of locality.

b) Economic impact

It may be submitted that refusing a business licence of this nature can result in jobs being lost. However, this is a false assumption.

- Firstly, the premises occupied by Shades has been used successfully as a nightclub for many years before the current business used it as a strip club. There is nothing to prevent the business being operated in this manner again - it is not their premises licence which is being decided here, which affects their ability to sell alcohol, host music or provide other common night club activities.
- Secondly, a normal nightclub employs many of the same personnel as required by a strip club: door security, DJs, bar staff, waiters/waitresses, management, cleaners or kitchen staff.
- Thirdly, such a view ignores the negative economic impact on a broader area brought by the presence of the sex trade, whereby far more businesses can lose trade as a result. A 2012 Local Government Survey reported that 76% of council officers blamed strip clubs for undermining high street growth because they contributed to discouraging potential customers from visiting to spend money, whilst deterring other businesses from setting up close by.⁴

The notion that refusing a business a Sex Establishment Licence leads to economic loss is a fallacy which ignores the business requirements of any night time economy venue. Shades chooses to be part of the sex industry, or tries to be - there is no-one and nothing preventing it from choosing some other profitable form of night time business.

c) Market Forces

At the last Shades hearing in March 2012, it was stated that 'There must be a market for these clubs, otherwise they would not be in business'. This is a comment which rests upon a simple but basically flawed argument of supply and demand for the sex trade. This can be easily overcome with the mention of many other things which are in regular demand (controlled substances, arms, child pornography, trafficked persons for sexual or manual labour exploitation, forms of identity for fraudulent purposes etc) but which for public policy reasons are prohibited or regulated by the state for the harms they inflict. The sex industry is not a simple case of supply and demand, it is a very complex phenomenon with many political, sociological, psychological and economic facets.

This 'market forces' argument does not relate to locality, but strays into the territory of moral argument in favour of the sex industry. It is accepted that SEL hearings are not a forum for voicing moral objections to the sex industry and it is fundamentally unjust for Shades to make sweeping moral arguments in favour of the sex industry in general whilst the local community is prohibited from responding or engaging with these topics. Any attempt by the applicant to invoke arguments with a moral dimension in order to justify the grant of a licence will meet with strong objection.

⁴ The Guardian, 14 April 2012, "Strip Clubs Hit High Street Growth"

d) Legal Rights

Nor should the Committee humour any transparent attempts to encourage them to think that because strip clubs are legal they ought to be permitted to operate irrespective of location, and that any objections which cite locality are in fact invalid moral arguments. This fundamentally contradicts the purpose of the relevant statute by omitting key facts in order to serve the client's interests.

Whilst it is true that strip clubs are legal, they are only legal where licensed and the local authority has been granted enhanced powers by Parliament specifically to control strip clubs by refusing licences in response to public outcry at the spread of the sex industry.

It follows that there is ample scope to refuse a Sex Establishment licence on the basis of locality - which is just as legal as the statute which permits Sex Establishments to exist per se. The statement offered in the past that 'because strip clubs are legal, whether we like it or not, they should be permitted to operate' is not only a misleading assertion which deliberately ignores the critical caveat on when and where strip clubs ought not to be licensed, but it is insulting to the intelligence of the Committee and public alike.

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Appendix 12

Objection to a Sex Establishment Licence

We wish to add the following representation to the Sex Establishment Licence application, submitted June 2012, for
Shades Gentlemen's Club, 6A High Street, Leamington Spa

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Address: [REDACTED] RADFORD ROAD

LEAMINGTON SPA Post Code CV31 [REDACTED]

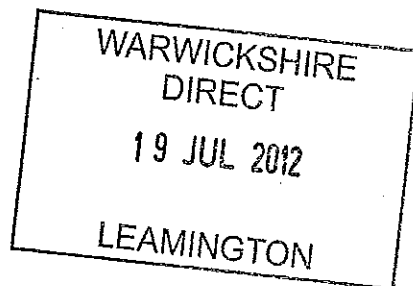
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We ☒ Object on the following grounds :

(This must not be on the solely on the grounds of morality or religion.)

That it will have an adverse impact
on the social and economic prospects
of the whole of Old Town.

See attached sheets.



Signed: [REDACTED]

Dated: 19/7/12

Please return this form when completed to:
Warwick District Council, Licensing,
Riverside House, Leamington Spa. CV32 5HZ
Email: licensing@warwickdc.gov.uk : 01926 456113

We live in South Leamington about 200 yards from Court Street where the Council has recently granted a licence for a live sex entertainment venue.

Like most local residents we don't want to live in an area which is known as the place to go to if you want live sexual entertainment.

The establishment of a second strip club in a residential area of South Leamington is not to provide a service for local residents. On the contrary, like the Court Street club, it will cater mainly for men who live out of town, because most people who use such places prefer not to be recognised by their neighbours so they tend to travel some distance from where they live. This means that to be a success it will have to develop a reputation over a wide area, which should be helped by its prominent position on the main road and practically opposite the railway station.

Once this happens, and given the existence of the other sex club, the whole area will attract even more men

looking for sleaze in all its forms, (whether they exist or not at present) at all hours of the night up until 4:00 in the morning. Once there is demand it will not be long before supply arrives to meet it, with the potential dangers and attendant nuisances of soliciting and kerb crawling.

South Leamington is becoming known as 'sleaze town'. The granting of a second licence for a sex club in South Leamington will be tantamount to the Council promoting a red light district in this part of town. Such a reputation for sleaze will undermine all the progress made in our neighbourhood to make it into a safe area attractive to a range of residents, small businesses, services and shops. It will not promote the regeneration of the area but its degeneration.

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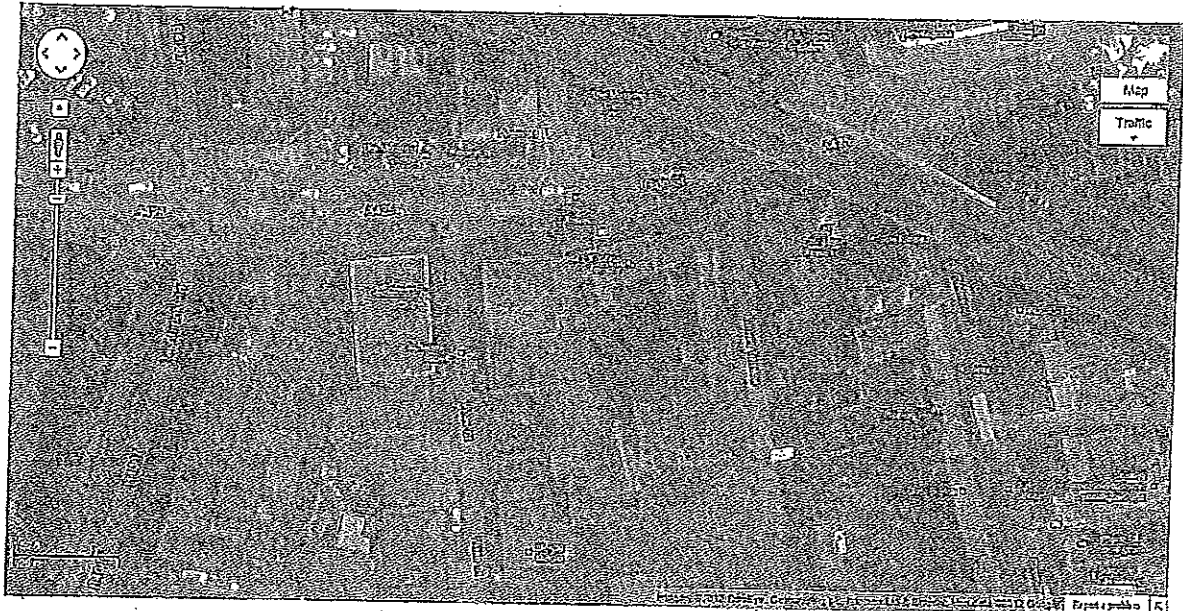
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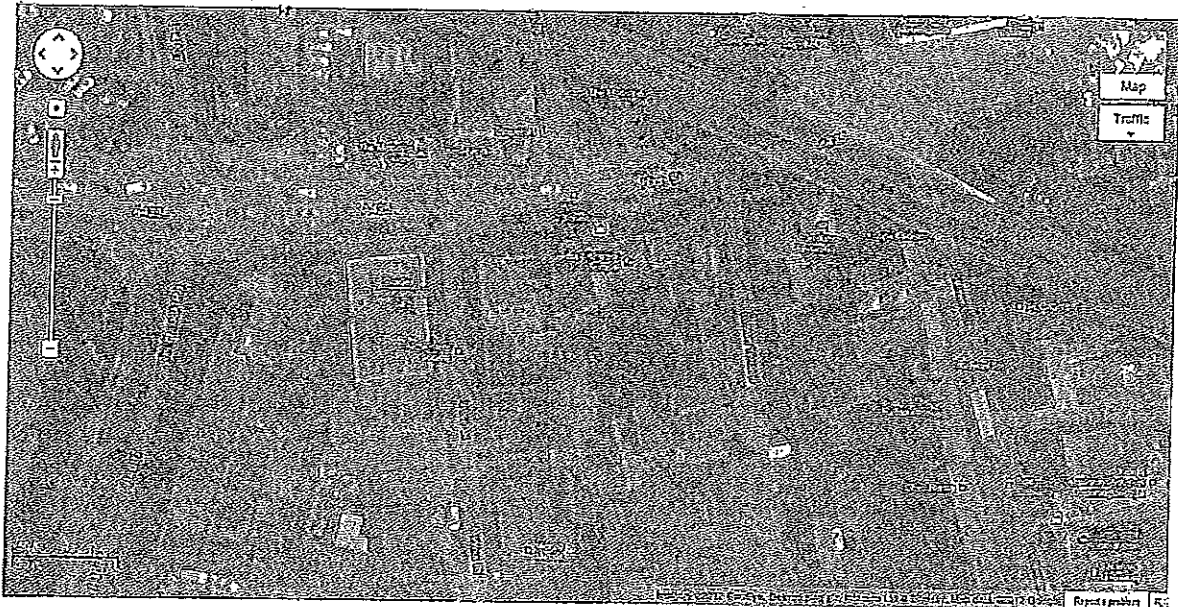
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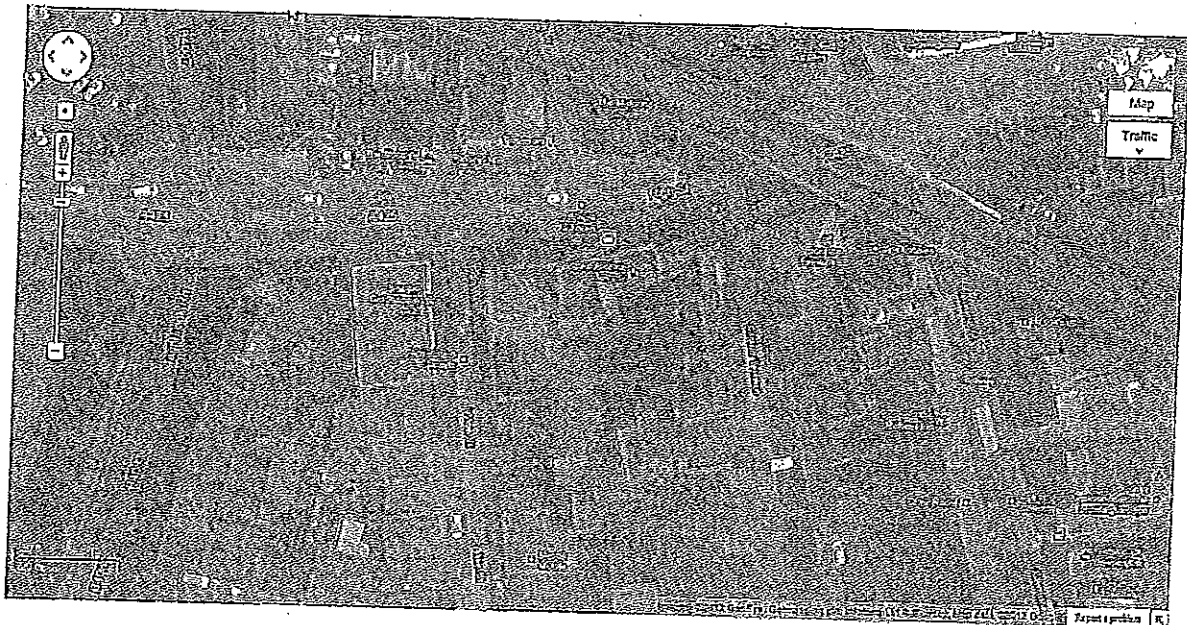
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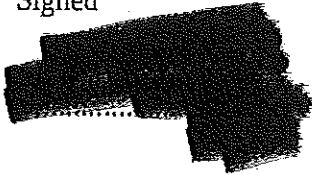
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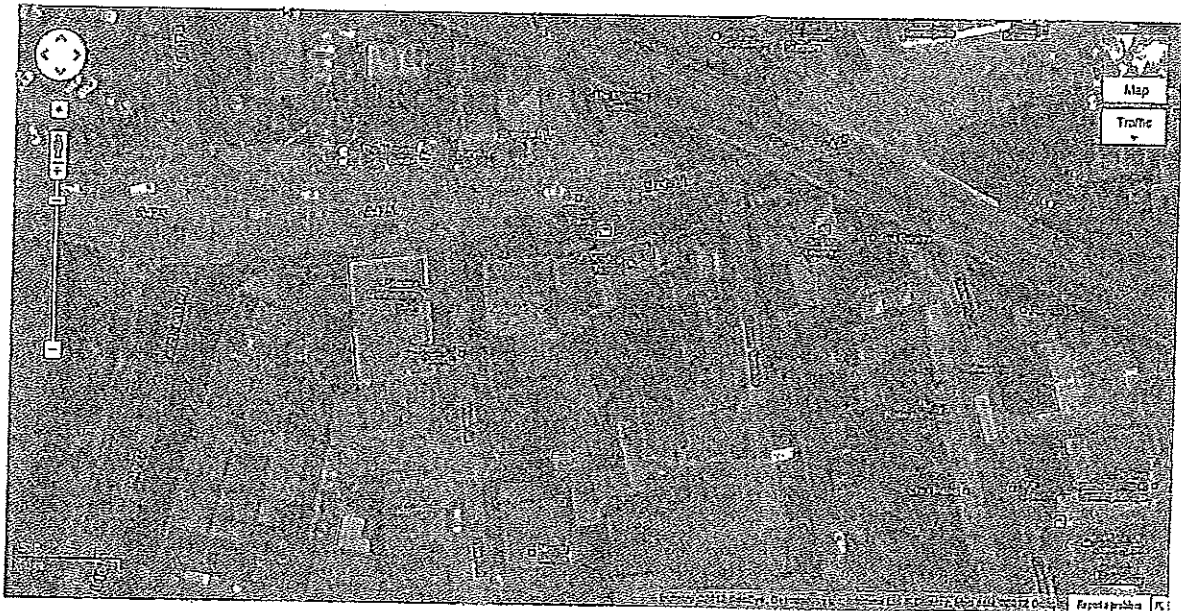
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Economic prospects of the area:

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Signed

Date

Address

[REDACTED]

20/7/12

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[REDACTED] CLEMENS ST
LEAMINGTON

Objection to a Sex Establishment License

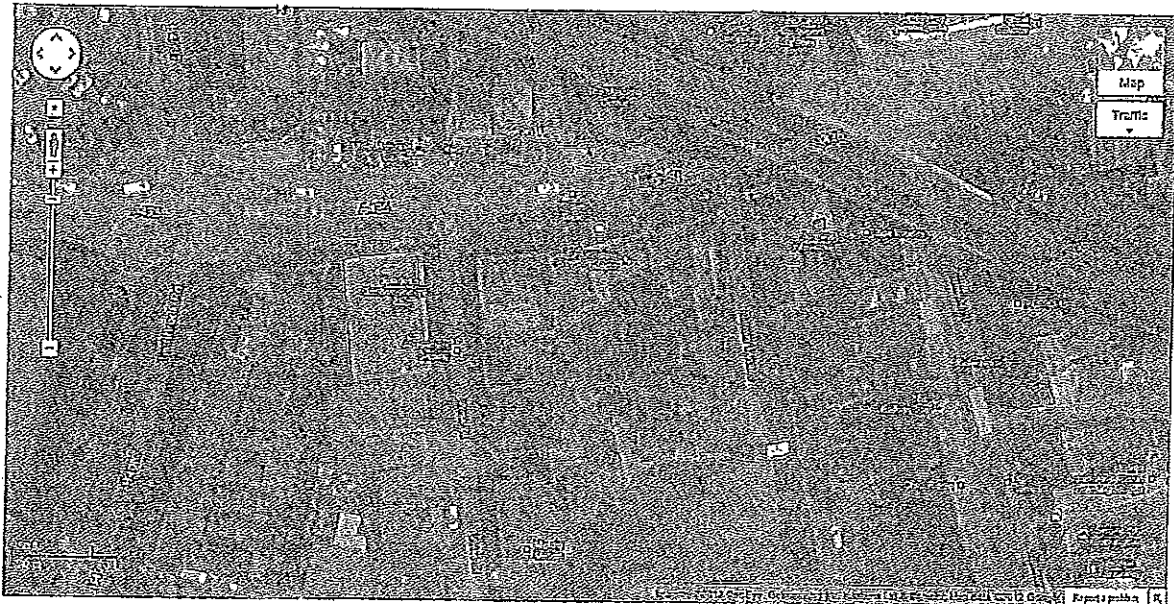
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Springwell Road
Leamington Spa
CV31 1RT

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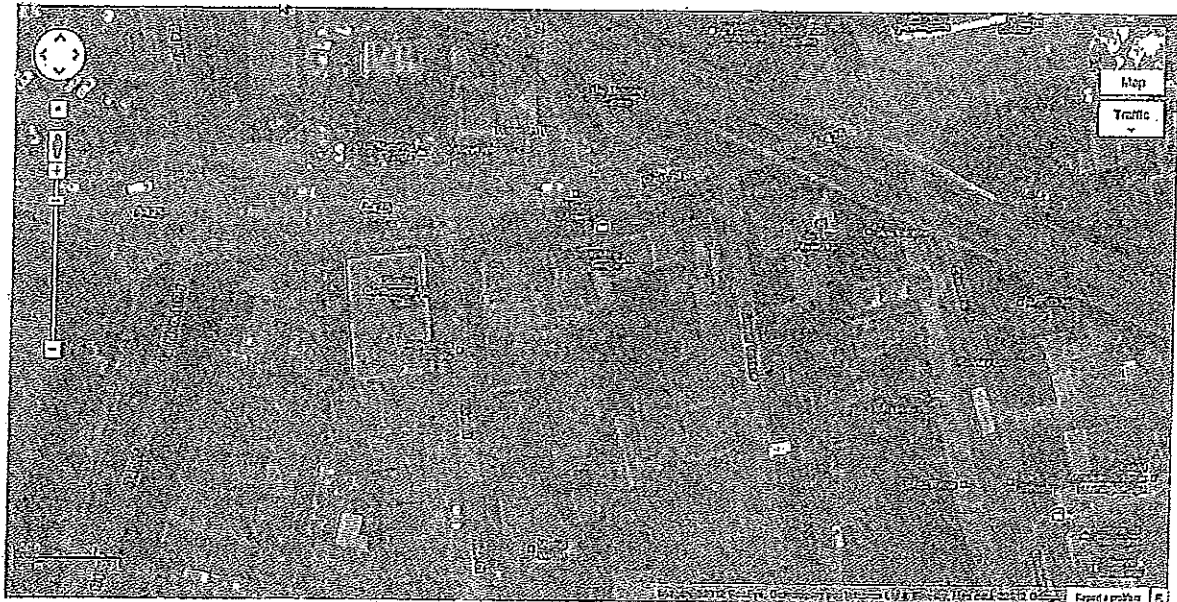
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Date

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[Redacted] Springwell Road
Leamington Spa
CV31 [Redacted]

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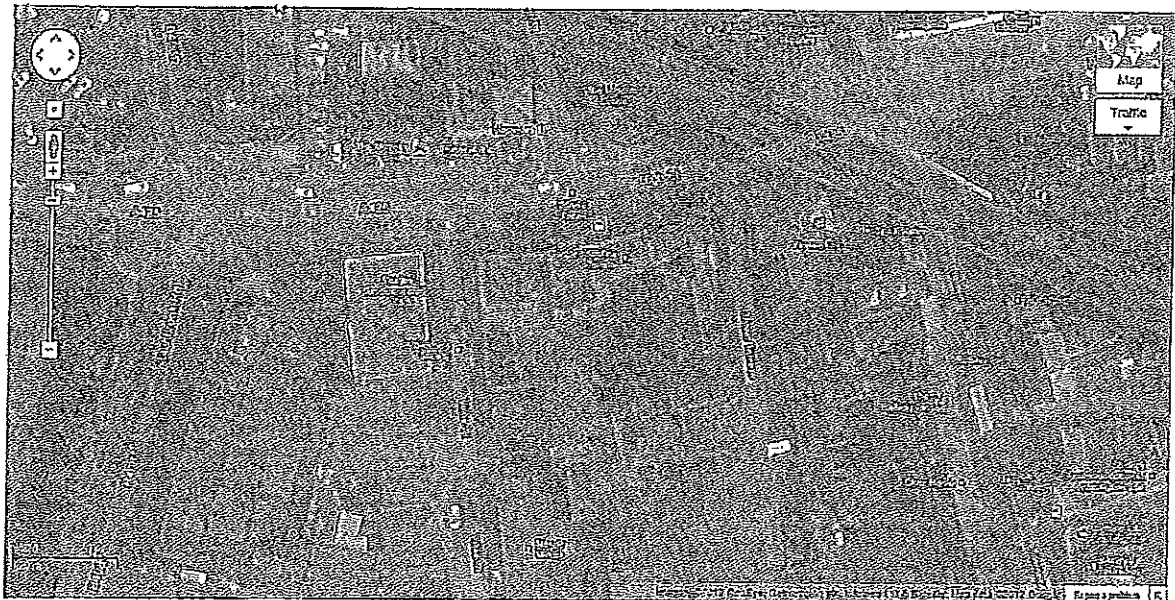
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[REDACTED] 8/7/2012

[REDACTED] LEE RD
KINGSWAY
LEAMINGTON SPA
CV31 [REDACTED]

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Date

Address

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20-7-12

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SOLWAY CLASP
LEAMINGTON SPA
CR31 [REDACTED]

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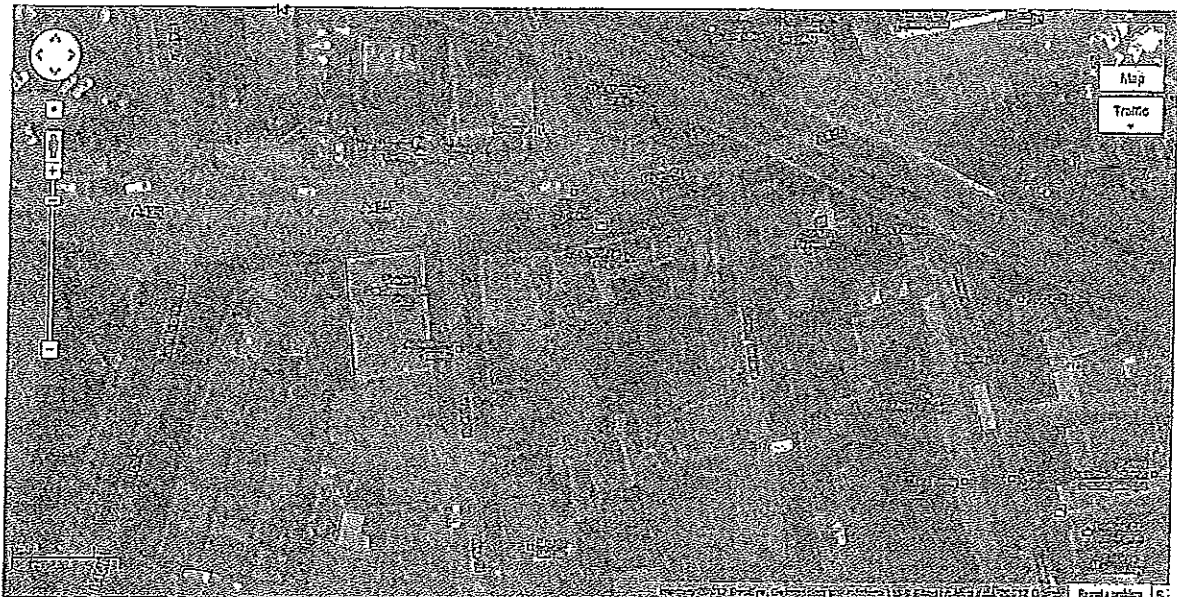
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20-7-12

[Redacted Address Line 1]

SOLWAY CLOSE
LEAMINGTON SPA
CV34 [Redacted]

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Date

20 7 2012

Address

CHARLOTTE ST.
LEAMINGTON SPA
CV31

Committee member
SHREE KRISHNA
TEMPLE

APPENDIX 30

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CV31

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 June 2012 14:30
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 – objection

My objections are on the following grounds:

- (a) These premises have twice been denied such a licence within the last year
- (b) I am highly concerned that such activity is being planned for in the area in which I live.

The premises in question are close to a number of nurseries, a dance school, health services, places of worship and shops etc which young children access on a daily basis & above all it is in a densely populated residential area with a diverse population including families with young children and many potentially vulnerable residents. In fact a massive new housing development (Station House) has just been completed very close to the premises.

As it is by a major bus stop and the town's railway station, many people including a large number of young women have to pass the premises at all hours: it surely raises the prospect of their possible harassment or worse (including violence) if having to pass an establishment hosting such activity.

In recent years the character of the area has made a number of steps towards improving its image & ambience including the closure of an unlicensed sex shop, the opening of an up market music venue and it would be a highly retrograde step if such a sleazy activity as is proposed was reintroduced after the previous application for a SEV at the premises was disallowed last year. I am often saddened by negative aspects of the area and when initiatives to regenerate it do not take root. It is therefore all the more vital at a time of some gains both to consolidate any progress and by preventing its sliding back into an area already stigmatised as one where "anything goes". This is an opportunity to send a clear signal to those wishing to set up anti-social businesses that Old Town is no longer a place where they are welcome and would be consistent with the current bid for "Mary Portas" funds to help regenerate the area. I am sure such a bid would be imperilled were the licence to be granted as it would signal a radically different vision for the area to the fundholders.

Equally one might take note of the progress in social attitudes whereby the dangers of the sexualisation of young women are being more & more widely recognised and the acceptance that participation in the sex industries is fundamentally exploitative in nature: issuing a licence such as the one being sought would unfortunately signal to the local & wider communities that such realisation was not accepted locally & further be of detriment to the local reputation. This of course would help drive away custom from the many decent local businesses which are already under pressure from the recession and which are dependent on family custom and on people from outside Old Town being prepared to enter the area.

Yours sincerely

APPENDIX 31

York Rd, L/1pe CV31

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 July 2012 15:20
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades 3rd SEV Licence Application for premises at 6a High Street Leamington Spa

Sirs,

I wish to record my objections in the strongest possible terms to the 3rd SEP licence application for a strip club in High Street, Royal Leamington Spa, on the basis that;

1. The location of the proposed club is in close proximity to existing and proposed houses in Wise Street, Crown Terrace, Tachbrook Road, Gas Street, and High Street and many Religious buildings, would be socially bad for residents, their children, and congregations
2. The proposals would have a hugely bad impact on the social and economic problems of the Old Town area, which is fighting to hold on to its desirability aspirations.
3. Granting the application would signal that the door is open in old town for any undesirable premises that cares to apply, and would severely undermine the efforts made by many bodies including WDC and WCC.
4. This is the 3rd application in a very short period, for the same SEV by the same organisation. Surely this is making a mockery of the law governing timing of applications..

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 July 2012 18:35
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades license application

Dear David,

I am horrified that yet another SEV licence application has come from Shades. As councillor for Brunswick I am trying to encourage any kind of regeneration to make South Leamington match North Leamington in terms of the attraction of the area to live and work in.

I am opposing the licence on the grounds that the club location is

1. close to housing on Wise Terrace, Crown Terrace, Tachbrook Road, Gas Street and the High Street where a brand new housing development called Station House has just been completed. Residents will need safe access to their homes during the proposed hours of operation, especially young women returning home from town;
2. will affect planning applications for more housing next to the applicant, as its entrance is on Wise St: W/07/0621 (erection of 9 new dwellings in Wise St); W/11/0955 (4 new apartments in Wise Terrace); W/08/1438 (7 new apartments in Wise Terrace) ; W/08/0878 (4 new apartments on Wise Street).
3. close to premises used by or for children under 16: a Wing-Chun Martial Arts class at 8 High St; two nurseries on nearby Spencer St, Warwick and Leamington Dance Academy at 54 High St;
4. and places of worship: the applicant is around the corner from the Lord Krishna Hindu Temple and Community Centre at 10b) High St, which hosts 24 hour religious festivals several times a year;
5. close to Leamington Railway Station and the bus-stop outside the club – a major commuter hub serving millions of passengers per year, many of whom will be female commuters making their way home at night when the club is in operation;
6. and is bound to impact on social and economic prospects of the area: Old Town has historically suffered from a stigmatised image and efforts have been made to regenerate the area to benefit businesses and residents alike. The sex industry compounds this image and undermines such efforts – especially now there is already one SEV licensed premises (Amara) in the area. There are over 500 local businesses in the Old Town struggling to survive, and a 2012 Local Government Association survey found that 76% of council officers blamed strip clubs for blighting High Street economic recovery.

Best Wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

David Davies

Appendix 33

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 July 2012 08:58
To: David Davies
Subject: FW: SHADES SEV APPLICATION JUNE 2012

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 July 2012 08:51
To: Licensing
Subject: SHADES SEV APPLICATION JUNE 2012

I OBJECT TO SHADES SEV LICENCE APPLICATION. ONE SEV CLUB (AMARA) IN SOUTH TOWN IS ENOUGH FOR ANY TOWN ALSO...

WHAT ABOUT THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR MORE HOUSING IN WISE STREET ALMOST NEXT DOOR TO SHADE, THE PREMISES IN HIGH STREET FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16, NURSERIES IN NEARBY SPENCER STREET, PLACES OF WORSHIP THE LORD KRISHNA HINDU TEMPLE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 10b HIGH STREET. I DO NOT WANT ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA TO BE LABELED LEAMINGTON SPA SEX/SLAZE TOWN PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS APPLICATION GO AHEAD

Regards

[REDACTED] NEW STREET LEAMINGTON SPA CV31 [REDACTED]

APPENDIX 34

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 July 2012 10:25
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV Application - Objection

[REDACTED] St Marys Crescent
Leamington Spa CV31 [REDACTED]

19/7/2012

Dear Sir,

I object to the application for a SEV license at Shades in High Street, Leamington Spa.

My reasons are

In the Southern part of Leamington, in particular the area around High Street, Bath Street, Clemens Street efforts have been and are being made to regenerate the area, to make it more attractive for shops, businesses and residential accommodation. The introduction of a sex club in this area will make the area less attractive and put off new businesses from coming to the area. If the area is not being improved then it will further degenerate. A sex club in this area will speed this degeneration.

The railway station is very close by and arrivals off late trains will have to pass along High Street past the club. Such clubs inevitably attract people who might be intimidating to people walking from the station to their homes.

Regards

[REDACTED]

APPENDIX 35

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 July 2012 16:27
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection re SEV for Shades

Council-I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the granting of an SEV licence to Shades. You have seen fit to reject this application twice and I appeal to you to uphold your judgment and once more reject the application.

As a resident of the central Leamington district I object on the following grounds:

1 a sexual entertainment venue is incompatible with the character of the local area and the residential developments therein. Further residential developments have received planning permission, enhancing the nature of the High Street as a family-friendly, safe urban environment for adults and children alike. An SEV such as Shades has no place in a residential area.

2 complementing the above, Council should note the proximity of 2 nursery schools, a dance class and a martial arts class to Shades' premises. These, together with places of worship, further confirm the positive cultural and religious ambience of the area. A sexual entertainment venue should not form part of the hub of High Street activity. A High Street which has, of recent years, cast off its less salubrious image.

In making this objection I appeal to the Council to uphold government initiatives to protect childhood, and public safety on the streets of our towns, by rejecting the application by Shades for a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Portland Street
Leamington Spa
CV32 [REDACTED]

Appendix 36

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 July 2012 18:05
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades, June 2012 licence application - OBJECTION

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Licensing,

I wish to object to the licensing application for an SEV licence on High Street, Leamington Spa, submitted in June 2012.

- The proximity to local residences means this is an inappropriate location
- The fact they have reapplied within 12 months of being refused last time is an insult to the democracy of Warwick DC.
- Planning applications for more housing next to the applicant, as its entrance is on Wise St: W/07/0621 (erection of 9 new dwellings in Wise St); W/11/0955 (4 new apartments in Wise Terrace); W/08/1438 (7 new apartments in Wise Terrace) ; W/08/0878 (4 new apartments on Wise Street)
- The new student accommodation opposite the rail station opening soon means that there will be even more people living nearby.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Birchley Rise
[REDACTED] Solihull, B92 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 July 2012 14:42
To: Licensing
Subject: SHADES - 3rd SEV LICENCE APPLICATION - June 2012 - objection

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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SHADES - 3rd SEV LICENCE APPLICATION - June 2012 - objection

My main grounds for objection to this application are (1) the proximity of nearby housing and (2) the likely deleterious impact on the social and economic standing of the immediate neighbourhood.

These views are well supported by the many letters to the Leamington Courier making similar points. It is important that such views, felt strongly by the much wider community in Leamington and so not dismissible on 'NIMBY' grounds, are given due weight.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Albany Terrace
Leamington Spa
CV32 [REDACTED]

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 July 2012 16:44
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 - objection

This was correctly refused very recently and the objections of the previous application are still valid:

a) proximity to housing on Wise Terrace, Crown Terrace, Tachbrook Road, Gas Street and the High Street where a brand new housing development called Station House has just been completed. Residents will need safe access to their homes during the proposed hours of operation, especially young women returning home from town;

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c) Premises used by or for children under 16: a Wing-Chun Martial Arts class at 8 High St; two nurseries on nearby Spencer St, Warwick and Leamington Dance Academy at 54 High St;

d) Places of worship: the applicant is around the corner from the Lord Krishna Hindu Temple and Community Centre at 10b) High St, which hosts 24 hour religious festivals several times a year;

e) Leamington Railway Station and the bus-stop outside the club – a major commuter hub serving millions of passengers per year, many of whom will be female commuters making their way home at night when the club is in operation;

f) Impact of social and economic prospects of the area: Old Town has historically suffered from a stigmatised image and efforts have been made to regenerate the area to benefit businesses and residents alike. The sex industry compounds this image and undermines such efforts – especially now there is already one SEV licensed premises (Amara) in the area. There are over 500 local businesses in the Old Town struggling to survive, and a 2012 Local Government Association survey found that 76% of council officers blamed strip clubs for blighting High Street economic recovery.

In case the committee needs reminding I have repeated them above. I place emphasis on item (f)

I object

[REDACTED]
Leam Terrace
Leamington Spa
CV31 [REDACTED]

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 July 2012 22:10
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 – objection

My name is Anjeli Shah. I am a student and I live on [REDACTED] Brunswick Street, Leamington Spa, CV31 [REDACTED]

I am emailing to personally object to the granting of a Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) licence to Shades in Leamington Spa. I believe the club has already been refused the licence twice but is re-applying for one. I have a few reasons for my objections to this.

Firstly, Shades is close to Leamington High Street where often people are out late at night, and need safe access to their homes. This includes local residents and students who live in the area, particularly young women who are vulnerable, returning from nights out in town. It is very important that such people do not feel that their safety is compromised by the granting of a licence to Shades.

Secondly, Shades is nearby to premises used by children under the age of sixteen, such as nurseries, a Martial Arts Class and Warwick and Leamington Dance Academy. As children are making use of the area during the day, it is important that parents can feel reassured that their children's safety is paramount at all times. Parents would not feel that their children's safety was being put first by the Council if Shades were to be granted the licence.

Thirdly, Shades is near to Leamington Railway Station and there is a bus stop outside the club, both of which millions of passengers use to commute every day. Again this includes local residents and students, including many vulnerable young women who will be making their way home at night, when the club is in operation. Again, I must stress how important it is that people making use of the trains and buses feel safe in travelling through the town and accessing their homes at night.

Finally, the town where Shades is located has historically suffered from a stigmatised image. Efforts have been made to regenerate the area, to make it a better place for the residents to live in and for businesses to prosper. However, if Shades were to be granted an SEV licence, all of these efforts would be undermined. Leamington Spa needs to continue to prosper, socially and economically, so it is vital that the licence application continues to be refused.

This is an issue that I feel very strongly about, particularly as I am a student at Warwick University and I live in Leamington Spa during term time. As a young female I know how important it is for people like me to feel safe when walking through town late at night. Amara has recently been granted an SEV licence which I know myself and many other students are worried about, in terms of it compromising the safety of young people, due to the reasons mentioned above. Please take time to acknowledge why many including myself strongly object to the same licence being granted to Shades.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 July 2012 12:07
To: Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Shades SEV application June 2012 OBJECTION

name and address added as omitted by mistake in last email

----- Forwarded message -----

[REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Jul 4, 2012 at 10:25 AM
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 OBJECTION
To: licensing@warwickdc.gov.uk

The application should be refused on the following grounds

1. Leamington has no need of any SEV licences
2. Shades is on a main entry road into the town and provides a signal to visitors which is quite different from the mixed and dignified community which lives there.
3. It is next to student accommodation. Vulnerable young people, mostly away from home for the first time, must not be exposed to SEV places.

[REDACTED]
St Marys Road
CV31 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Appendix 41

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 July 2012 14:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 - objection

Re: Shades SEV application June 2012 - objection

See below my objection to Shades SEV application (June 2012):

- Residents, young women and children will need increased safe access to their homes during the proposed hours of operation. It is well documented that certain clientele to these establishments harass and make life unpleasant for local families;
- the local area, with its resident children, with two local nurseries and dance academy, all close to this location, will be exposed to a marked and detrimental change of character as well as great possible exposure and real threat to physical danger;
- the use of near by places of worship, particularly the Hindu temple and the Community Centre, all have regular 24 hour festivals. The impact on the character of this local area would be detrimental to the well being and safety of all the local users of these facilities;
- with a bus stop outside the club, close to the railway station, female commuters either local or from else where, particularly could be subject to interference especially during the hours that the club would be open. This is not the image that Royal Leamington Spa should be promoting.
- the need for a SEV application in an area of the town where surrounding business are already feeling stigmatised would be counter productive;

Approval of this application would reflect poorly to the reputation and standing of an honest and noble town and all the good citizens that live here.

From: [REDACTED] Albany Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV32 [REDACTED]

David Davies

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 July 2012 14:20
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 – objection

Grounds for objection:

The proximity to premises used by or for young children under 16, for example Wing-Chun Martial Arts class at 8 High St; two nurseries on nearby Spencer St, Warwick and Leamington Dance Academy at 54 High St.

In addition the proximity to Leamington Railway Station and the bus stop outside the club, both of which serve millions of passengers per year, including many young female students during the night when the club is in operation.

The proximity to housing, in particular Wise Street and Wise Terrace, therefore the safety of residents, particularly young women, returning home. Also the planning applications for more housing near to the applicant.

Furthermore the impact of social and economic prospects of the area. Efforts have been made to regenerate the area to benefit businesses and residents, however the sex industry undermines these efforts. Local businesses are struggling to survive and many council officers have blamed strip clubs for the struggling economic recovery on the High Street.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Mount Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 [REDACTED]
Term time address: [REDACTED] Wise Street, Leamington Spa, CV31 [REDACTED]

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David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 July 2012 10:31
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 – OBJECTION

Where do I begin in my objection to this SEV licence application? Why would anyone in their right mind want a sex club in Leamington Spa?

Old town is an up and coming area of Leamington with a huge new housing development within a stones throw of Shades. Can anyone guarantee women are going to get home safely, without harassment from people going in and out of this club all night? What about people walking home from town to the other residential areas or waiting at the nearby bus stop? The position of Shades nightclub is smack, bang between two very important and busy crossroads in leamington.

It will most certainly ruin the reputation of this part of leamington which seems to be developing well so far. My 3 boys are keen members of the Wing Chun martial arts club RIGHT across the road. They attend at least three times a week. It is teaching them discipline, to avoid conflict and aggression but perhaps most importantly, respect. Respect for their environment, respect for people of all walks of life. I believe the whole philosophy of this sports club is in direct conflict with what a sex club represents.

Most of the classes they attend, because of time restrictions of school, are in the evening. I shudder at the thought of them coming out of their club (which is very new and already extremely popular) and facing a queue of eager men who can't wait to leer over naked women. What would we be telling the young people of Leamington Spa if we allowed this club to go ahead with this hideous type of entertainment?

I implore you to consider very carefully; do we want a club like this in our town at all? Or at the very least do we want one where women and children are frequently coming and going from this very spot?

There are big cities nearby which I suspect already provide this type of entertainment. I do not see how a club of this type could enhance leamington or provide something that is 'needed'.

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]
Rugby Road,
Leamington Spa
CV32 [REDACTED]

Appendix 44

David Davies

From: Licensing
Sent: 04 July 2012 15:44
To: David Davies
Subject: FW: Shades SEV application June 2012 Objection

[REDACTED]
Sent: 04 July 2012 15:43

To: Licensing

Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 Objection

I wish to object to the Shades SEV application on the following grounds

- a) the close proximity of housing and proposed new housing
- b) the close proximity of premises used by young people
- c) the close proximity of places of worship
- d) close to the railway station and bus stop so commuters will be fully exposed to its purpose

Yours

[REDACTED]
Cliffe Road
Royal Leamington Spa
CV32 [REDACTED]

Appendix 45

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 July 2012 18:09
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 – objection

My details are [REDACTED] Thickthorn close kenilworth CV8 [REDACTED]

I strongly object to this application

I use leamington railway station and work long days and have to exit the station during the clubs proposed opening hours I do not wish to encounter those who would frequent such an establishment as part of my normal working day

Also there are premises near to this site where children go to attend martial arts classes and to a dance school

I also have friends who own a business nearby which would be negatively affected

[REDACTED]

David Davies

Appendix 46

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 July 2012 10:02
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 – objection

To whom it may concern,

I live in Kenilworth and would like to object to Shades Nightclub's recent application for an SEV licence. My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED] De Montfort Road, Kenilworth, CV8 [REDACTED]

My reasons for objection are as follows:

The proximity of Shades to the housing on Wise Terrace, Crown Terrace, Tachbrook Road, Gas Street and the High Street where a brand new housing development called Station House has just been completed.

Residents of the area will need safe access to their homes during the proposed hours of operation, especially young women returning home from town, which is not a service and should not be necessary.

Furthermore, in close proximity to Shades there are also premises used by or for children under 16: a Wing-Chun Martial Arts class at 8 High St; two nurseries on nearby Spencer St, Warwick and Leamington Dance Academy at 54 High St;

Shades is around the corner from the Lord Krishna Hindu Temple and Community Centre at 10b) High St, which hosts 24 hour religious festivals several times a year. Leamington Railway Station and the bus-stop are outside the club – a major commuter hub serving millions of passengers per year, many of whom will be female commuters making their way home at night when the club is in operation. Equally commuters passing through Leamington will see the applicant, and have a lasting impression of Leamington Spa as somewhere that is accepting of the sex industry.

Shades will impact on the social and economic prospects of the area.

Old Town has historically suffered from a stigmatised image and efforts have been made to regenerate the area to benefit businesses and residents alike. The sex industry compounds this image and undermines such efforts – especially now there is already one SEV licensed premises (Amara) in the area. There are over 500 local businesses in the Old Town struggling to survive, and a 2012 Local Government Association survey found that 76% of council officers blamed strip clubs for blighting High Street economic recovery.

I urge you to consider all of these reasons when deciding upon this matter.

Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]

Appendix 47

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 July 2012 17:31
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 – objection

We are writing to object to the recent SEV application by Shades of 6a High St, Leamington Spa, on the grounds of:

- 1) proximity to housing on Wise Terrace, Crown Terrace, Tachbrook Road, Gas Street and the High Street where a brand new housing development called Station House has just been completed. Residents will need safe access to their homes during the proposed hours of operation, especially young women (such as our teenage daughter) returning home from town;
- 2) Planning applications for more housing next to the applicant, as its entrance is on Wise St: W/07/0621 (erection of 9 new dwellings in Wise St); W/11/0955 (4 new apartments in Wise Terrace); W/08/1438 (7 new apartments in Wise Terrace) ; W/08/0878 (4 new apartments on Wise Street);
- 3) Premises used by or for children under 16: a Wing-Chun Martial Arts class at 8 High St; two nurseries on nearby Spencer St, Warwick and Leamington Dance Academy at 54 High St;
- 4) Places of worship: the applicant is around the corner from the Lord Krishna Hindu Temple and Community Centre at 10b) High St, which hosts 24 hour religious festivals several times a year;
- 5) Leamington Railway Station and the bus-stop outside the club – a major commuter hub serving millions of passengers per year, many of whom will be female commuters making their way home at night when the club is in operation;
- 6) Impact of social and economic prospects of the area: Old Town has historically suffered from a stigmatised image and efforts have been made to regenerate the area to benefit businesses and residents alike. The sex industry compounds this image and undermines such efforts – especially now there is already one SEV licensed premises (Amara) in the area. There are over 500 local businesses in the Old Town struggling to survive, and a 2012 Local Government Association survey found that 76% of council officers blamed strip clubs for blighting High Street economic recovery.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Willes Road
Leamington Spa
CV31 [REDACTED]

David Davies

APPENDIX 48

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 July 2012 17:40
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 -objection

from [REDACTED] Leam Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV31 [REDACTED]

We are writing to object to the above planning application , the character of the local area will suffer if this application succeeds:

WE have particular concerns about the proximity of the club to the railway station and to the bus stop outside it. A number of people , including women, are likely to passing by the club whilst it is in operation returning home past the club at that time. We would like to think that efforts were being made to make streets feel safer in this area.

WE also object to the license as the club will tarnish the image of South town, where attempts made to regenerate businesses in the area will suffer. There are over 500 local businesses in the Old Town struggling to survive, and a 2012 Local Government Association survey found that 76% of council officers blamed strip clubs for blighting High Street economic recovery.

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 July 2012 22:29
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 - objection

To whom it may concern

I would like to object to Shades sexual entertainment licence for the following reasons

The proposed venue is close to a significant number of student and multiple occupancy residences. Many of these residents are female students, mothers etc. As a male resident I feel that the Old Town is already not the safest part nor the most comfortable part of Leamington to walk through at night. Such a venue will not help this.

The site is also very close proximity to housing on Wise Terrace, Crown Terrace, Tachbrook Road, Gas Street and the High Street Leamington Railway Station and the bus-stop outside the club, most people by definition walk to a railway station or bus stop, often in the dark returning from work or a night out in Leamington or other towns

I have 2 young children who regularly walk and cycle in the area and along the street in question, on our way to Co-op or to access Clemens Street. The proposed venue is close to venues that specifically cater for children such as Wing-Chun Martial Arts, 2 nurseries and the Leamington Dance Academy in the Polish Centre

The Council should be trying to regenerate the Old Town, not promote businesses which detract from the character and community of the heart of Leamington Spa

regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Radford Road
Leamington Spa
Warwickshire
CV31 [REDACTED]

Appendix SD

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 July 2012 16:53
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 - objection

Please can I register my objection to the licence application made by Shades (6a High Street, Leamington)?

I understand you need my contact details which are as follows:

[REDACTED]
Beauchamp Avenue,
Leamington Spa.
CV32 [REDACTED]

I have 2 main grounds for objection:

1. In my opinion these types of club should not operate in close proximity to housing. This is clearly the case in this example, with the quantity of residents affected growing significantly with the imminent opening of the new student accommodation. Residents should be able to feel safe returning to their homes on foot.
2. This area of town (Old Town) already has a dubious image and sex clubs are not going to help development of this area and the reputation it has.

Many thanks,
Rachael Johnson

Appendix 51

David Davies

From: Licensing
Sent: 12 July 2012 16:58
To: David Davies
Subject: FW: Shades SEV application June 2012 – objection

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 July 2012 16:52
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 – objection

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to object to Shades SEV application June 2012.

Shades sits on a main route into the bottom of town, particularly walking from the station – A route I walk often. The area is demographically diverse, including – students, children and vulnerable adults. There is a bus stop which I regularly used to use as a student at all hours right outside and I would feel v.uncomfortable waiting there with people coming in and out of shades.

Shades is in a residential area, with some of the accommodation being used in Crown Terrace yards from Shades being used by organisations providing supported housing to particularly vulnerable people. For instance, one lady whom I know with learning disabilities who lives in this block is extremely susceptible to sexual exploitation as she struggles to understand when people mean her help or harm and has experienced lewd comments and worse in the area.

Leamington and South Leamington has many hard working independent businesses that contribute towards a positive, healthy image of the area. This is sullied by having a business (however well run!) in a prominent place that promotes the idea that women's primary purpose is to be lusted after rather than treated as people – the Shades banner and logo are a clear indication of this.

Leamington should be working to build a community character that people feel safe, valued and respected – A business providing sexual entertainment does the opposite and a licence should not be granted for this premises in Leamington.

[REDACTED]
The Close
Leamington Spa
CV31 [REDACTED]

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 July 2012 10:38
To: Licensing
Subject: "Shades SEV applicaion Jube 2012 - objection"

Dear Sirs,

I have lived in Leam Terrace for many years and have watched the rise and fall of Old Town during this period. I use it for all my shopping and commercial activities hoping in this way to support the businesses located there. I was delighted recently with the number of new exciting arrivals including the French patisserie, Willow and the tailoring business.

It is my considered view that if Shades is granted a licence its presence will be an obstacle in the way of encouraging more businesses with an up-market product to look elsewhere. The establishment of a sex industry will blight its image as the downtrodden area of Leamington Spa bringing the worst kind of notoriety to the area. The re-generation which took place some time ago will have been all to no avail and the area will be further blighted by such an establishment.

I am a frequent rail traveller often walking back home after dark and I would feel it would compound the feelings of vulnerability passing closeby the sex club. A feeling surely to be shared amongst the many travellers in the same situation as myself.

I am totally dispirited by the thought of the Old Town having its already tarnished image further dragged down if this application is sucessful.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Leam Terrace CV 31 [REDACTED]

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David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 July 2012 12:08
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV application June 2012 – objection

[REDACTED] York Road,
Leamington Spa,
CV31 [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed SEV licence application for 6a, High Street, Leamington Spa.

My reasons for objecting are:

- a) proximity to housing on Wise Terrace, Crown Terrace, Tachbrook Road, Gas Street and the High Street where a brand new housing development called Station House has just been completed. Residents will need safe access to their homes during the proposed hours of operation, especially young women returning home from town;
- b) Planning applications for more housing next to the applicant, as its entrance is on Wise St: W/07/0621 (erection of 9 new dwellings in Wise St); W/11/0955 (4 new apartments in Wise Terrace); W/08/1438 (7 new apartments in Wise Terrace) ; W/08/0878 (4 new apartments on Wise Street);
- c) Premises used by or for children under 16: a Wing-Chun Martial Arts class at 8 High St; two nurseries on nearby Spencer St, Warwick and Leamington Dance Academy at 54 High St;
- d) Places of worship: the applicant is around the corner from the Lord Krishna Hindu Temple and Community Centre at 10b) High St, which hosts 24 hour religious festivals several times a year;
- e) Leamington Railway Station and the bus-stop outside the club – a major commuter hub serving millions of passengers per year, many of whom will be female commuters making their way home at night when the club is in operation;
- f) Impact of social and economic prospects of the area: Old Town has historically suffered from a stigmatised image and efforts have been made to regenerate the area to benefit businesses and residents alike. The sex industry compounds this image and undermines such efforts – especially now there is already one SEV licensed premises (Amara) in the area.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 July 2012 15:16
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV Application June 2012 - Objection

We were surprised that a further application for a SEV licence had been submitted having had their previous application refused only 6 months ago. We are writing to make our objections known for the following reasons:

1. Other nearby premises are offering similar services and so more of this type of entertainment would be superfluous.
2. Local residents' health, safety, welfare and amenity of the area will be adversely affected by an increase in parked vehicles; also troublesome noisy, hyped-up groups exiting the premises would make the immediate vicinity a no-go area for would be passers-by - women being particularly vulnerable as well as users of public transport, bus stops and rail station being close at hand.
3. Increased traffic congestion and noise would have a disturbing effect on people using places of worship such as the Hindu Temple and the Community Centre at 10b High Street hosting 24 hour religious festivals several times a year.
4. Much has been learned from the granting of such licences about their blighting effect on the recovery of local businesses struggling to survive in the current economic downturn. Nothing therefore should be allowed that would prejudice the residential and commercial development of the area and have a detrimental effect on this Old Town part of Leamington Spa.

For these reasons we trust that this application will again be turned down.

[REDACTED]
Girvan Grove
Leamington Spa
CV32 [REDACTED]

Appendix 55

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 July 2012 15:14
To: Licensing
Subject: SHADES – 6a High Street, Leamington Spa – SEV LICENCE APPLICATION

Dear Sirs

I write to object to this application, and to urge that it be rejected.

The principal grounds for my objection are the unsatisfactory location for this activity, in particular the close-ness to existing and proposed housing developments. It is axiomatic that residents be able to go to and from their homes both with physical safety and without the danger of being verbally abused by users of the proposed venue. This must be possible at all times, including late evenings/early mornings.

Similar concerns apply to those arriving at Leamington Railway Station on late trains and needing to make their way home to the residential areas beyond Bath Street, at times when the proposed club will be open. Also, it would undoubtedly have a most adverse effect on the local businesses operating in Leamington Old Town, where surveys have shown that the presence of SEVs has a seriously adverse effect on economic recovery. Approval of the application would undoubtedly cause a set-back to the efforts being made for economic regeneration in the Old Town.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Portland Place West, Leamington Spa, CV32 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

APPENDIX JB

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 July 2012 14:54
To: Licensing
Subject: 'Shades SEV application June 2012 - objection'

Dear Sir/Madam

I strongly object to the is application because the Applicant is round the rocnrer from the Lord Krishna Hindu Temple & Community Centre at 10b] High St, which hosts religious festivals - up to 14 montly and many for 24 hours duration.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thornby Avenue, Kenilworth, CV8 [REDACTED]

Almond 57

David Davies

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2012 17:12
To: Licensing
Subject: SHADES - 6a High Street, Leamington Spa - 3rd SEV LICENCE APPLICATION

I object most strongly to the proposed new sex club in High Street, Leamington Spa.

My grounds for objection are as follows:

It would be too close to areas of domestic housing -e.g. Wise Terrace; Crown Terrace; Tachbrook Road; and High Street itself where the newly erected Station House will shortly be accomodating a large number of students,all of whom need safe access to their homes.

The bus stop , used day and night, is nearby and also needs unimpeded safety.

Two children's nurseries are situated in nearby Spencer Street.

The old town has long been trying to overcome its previous seedy image, and is beginning to succeed. The proposed club will do nothing to further its rise to respectability.

The many small businesses in the area could suffer from the proximity of this enterprise.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Eastnor Grove, Leamington Spa CV31 [REDACTED]

David Davies

Appendix 57

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 July 2012 14:48
To: Licensing
Subject: Shades SEV Licence Application June 2012 - Objection

Dear Sir,

I wish to object very strongly to the sex club being proposed by Shades at 6a High Street, Leamington Spa. I live in the south side of Leamington and am up and down the High Street frequently, both to do shopping and also to take the train to Birmingham and back, sometimes arriving back after dark. I think it will make me feel quite unsafe, I thought the Council was trying to regenerate the Old Town, while simultaneously making it safer. This is not the way to go about it, as such premises will attract yet more of the same.. Also, people actually live in the heart of the Old Town and this makes it not a suitable location for such premises.

[REDACTED]
Willes Terrace
Leamington Spa
CV31 [REDACTED]