

ANNEX 1

SEV licence – Ref. 21/02047/SEXR | Renewal of Sex Establishment Licence – Objection by Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre

The following variation is noted on the Cheltenham Borough Council's website on behalf of the applicant:

- 1. The Applicant being allowed to solicit individuals to attend the premises during the hours the licence is in operation provided that no solicitation takes place to anyone who appears to be under the age of 25*
- 2. The Applicant be allowed to operate a courtesy vehicle to transport dancers and clientele to and from the venue at all times. Further to be allowed to advertise the courtesy vehicle at all times during the permitted licence hours*

The current limitation:

There shall not be displayed outside the premises, in the immediate vicinity, or elsewhere within the Town any advertisements that indicate or suggest that any form of Relevant Entertainment takes place on the premises. This includes the display of any advertisement, word, letter, model, sign, light, placard, board, notice, device, representation, drawing, writing or any matter or thing (where illuminated or not) including in any of the following ways:

- a) by means of personal solicitation in the locality of the licensed premises;**
- b) by means of leafleting in the locality;**
- c) by means of externally displayed advertisement (such as on billboards or posters) in any part of the Council's administrative area.**
- d) by means of cruising vehicles or use of any other form of solicitation to invite people into the premises.**

Using the Council's own survey as evidence (August 2021) – that 75 % of women feel unsafe during race weeks, we would object to the approach requested above and would ask that the elected councillors take note of the views of residents expressed.

Given the timing of the variation request, GRASAC are not able to spend valuable client time writing long prose – particularly as any commentary hitherto has been disregarded – and at this stage and in order to meet the requisite deadline, GRASAC are simply noting it's objection as its work is primarily concerned with the safety of women and cannot see that allowing 'solicitation in the locality', leafleting, external advertisements or cruising vehicles as compatible with the views expressed by residents and conditions applied by the licencing committees. GRASAC sincerely hopes that the elected Councillors take cognisance of its residents and of its wider responsibilities.

Dated: 20-12-2021

For the attention of the Licensing Committee

Application 21/02047/SEXR The Two Pigs: application to vary conditions

I am writing to object to the application to vary the conditions attached to this licence.

The Standard Condition sought to be removed is a condition that appears to be imposed on all Sexual Entertainment Licences that are granted by the Council. It is a Condition that derives from the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020. It must therefore be assumed that it is Council Policy to prohibit anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

I have not been able to identify, in the information about this application that is currently available online, any arguments advanced by the Applicant as to why this policy Condition should be dispensed with in relation to the Two Pigs' licence. I would therefore ask the Council to refuse the variation on previously adopted policy grounds, quite apart from what appears to be the Council's emerging policy on maintaining the Safety of Women at Night...see further later in this Objection.

Should the Committee nevertheless be minded to permit personal solicitation for the Two Pigs, I would remind the Committee that in a previous application for this licence the Applicant made the point that it was a member of the Cheltenham Night Safe Scheme. It is my understanding that the Code of Conduct for the Night Safe Scheme contains some relevant provisions, extracts of which are as follows (with my emphasis):

*'Para CD9 :**Promoted** or special **events** may attract larger than usual numbers of customers and particular promotions may have violent or aggressive followers or other crime and disorder associated with them. **Such events must have a comprehensive risk assessment undertaken by the licence holder. As a matter of best practice a copy of the risk assessment should be submitted to the police and licensing authority at an early stage and not less than 14 days in advance of the proposed event***

*PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. **Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public. No more than two distributors promoting the same venue will be allowed to distribute printed matter at any location other than the venue that they are promoting. No free printed matter shall be placed on or attached to parked vehicles'***

I would ask that if it is minded to permit the Variation, the Committee impose further conditions that, in effect, require the Applicant to comply with the relevant provisions of the Night Safe Code, in particular by limiting the number of those individuals permitted to undertake personal solicitation.

I would also particularly ask that the Committee refuse permission for the Applicant to run a courtesy vehicle in the manner described in the Application. It is clear from the Council's adopted Standard Conditions that 'cruising' vehicles should not be permitted, and it is clear that very strict requirements have been imposed on this venue about maintaining the distance between customers and 'entertainers'. The Applicant does not appear to have undertaken that the proposed courtesy vehicle shall be operated in such a way that ensures that there is segregated use between 'clientele' and 'dancers', and there must be significant risks that the other Conditions might be broken if the proposed courtesy vehicle transports 'clientele' and 'dancers' at the same time. Enforcing the Conditions is likely to be impossible in respect of a moving vehicle.

In terms of the overall emerging policy of the Council in respect of the Safety of Women at Night, I would respectfully remind Committee members that according to the Minutes of the full Council Meeting of 18 October 2021, item 11 on this topic, the Cabinet Member for Safety and Communities *'assured Members that regardless of the success of the [application for Home Office funding] the Council would make the streets safer for women'*, and that *'The Chair of the Licensing Committee emphasised his full support for [the measures]'*

I would hope therefore that in considering whether to depart from the Conditions set out in the Council's July 2020 Policy Statement (i.e. whether to permit this Application) the Committee would have regard to this emerging policy and the clear commitments made in October 2021 to make Cheltenham's street safer for women.

The promotion/advertising, not least by way of personal solicitation, of a Sexual Entertainment venue would appear to be at odds with this emerging policy.

Once again I ask that the Committee refuse this Application.

Yours faithfully,

Dear Sir

I write to object to the above licence on the grounds that it is contrary to the 'Night Safe Scheme', which is vital to our town centre, and because it is contrary to the Council's own policy.

The Two Pigs have adopted the 'Night Safe Scheme' and it states in its code of conduct (PN17) *printed matter... should contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.* This will clearly cause offence given the unsavoury and exploitative nature of the application.

The application also runs contrary to the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town

(including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

I thank you for your help in this matter and look forward to your refusal of the application.

Yours Faithfully

Dear Sir/Madam

Application 21/02047/SEXR The Two Pigs: application to vary conditions

I am writing to object to the above Application.

This is primarily an issue of safety and safeguarding, matters which the Committee and Council usually treat with the utmost seriousness.

First, this application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's own Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

Second, this application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular *PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.*

It is clear to me that this Application fails palpably on both these grounds, leaving aside any other considerations.

As a church leader in the town centre, involved in numerous schemes and initiatives that help to support vulnerable people, and reduce antisocial behaviour (such as Street Pastors, King's Table, Feed Cheltenham, Midweek Street Teams etc etc), I am more aware than most of the state of our streets at night, what contributes to good safe order and what doesn't. This Application doesn't.

I trust that it will be rejected.

With thanks for your work on our behalf, and all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Dear Sirs,

Please note my objection to the above application on the following conditions:

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual

Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.

Regards

Dear Sir

I am the XXXXXXXX

I know that members of the churches in the Cheltenham Deanery will have been in touch about this application

The reasons for objection seem very clear to me:

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.
2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular *PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. **Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.***

I hope very much on these grounds and for the safety of the public this application will be refused.

With all good wishes

Dear sirs

I wish to complain about the application to vary the conditions of the above mentioned licence on the following grounds:

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular *PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. **Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.***

I would be grateful if you would consider turning down this application.

Dear Licensing Committee

I would like to oppose the proposal by The Two Pigs to vary their sexual entertainment licence to allow them to distribute fliers advertising the sexual entertainment and a 'courtesy vehicle' which will pick up men around the town and transport them to the said venue.

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular *PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. **Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.***

Kind regards,

Dear Licensing Committee,

I am aware that the Two Pigs pub would like to start promoting its Sexual Entertainment through handing out flyers in the town and deploying a vehicle to recruit and pick up punters to take to the pub during race week. From my reading of the Council's own Sexual Entertainment Venues policy both the handing out of flyers and the reverse kerb crawling of a courtesy vehicle would constitute personal solicitation, which is clearly ruled out by the policy.

It was a retrograde step to award the sexual entertainment license in the first place but now it is in place the council must limit the impact on the town and the men and women who both want to enjoy this town. I know the council wash their hands of the moral implications of such decisions but to allow this venue to widely and actively solicit punters goes beyond the wording of their own policies, regardless of moral implications and regressive parliamentary decisions.

I hope the council will not award this license.

Peace,

For the attention of the Licensing Committee

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I am writing to object to the application to vary the conditions attached to this licence.

I read the news article published on 5th November 2021 on the Council website with interest, which stated that a licence for the Two Pigs to host sexual entertainment had been renewed for Race week in March 2022. I understand the predicament the Council faces with the public pressure to prohibit such activities and the statutory requirement to ignore moral objections. Whilst I personally object to the objectification of women and the potential consequent abuse that such sexual entertainment venues promote, I acknowledge that through the licensing regime the Council is able to afford some protection and control to workers, customers and the public. I applaud the Council for seeking to maintain its Purple Flag status to ensure that Cheltenham's Nightlife is safe for all and am glad that you say your focus will be on ensuring venues operate in accordance with the strict conditions imposed on them.

I would therefore be very concerned if these 'strict conditions' were waived or even lessened and would request that the licensing committee insist that The Two Pigs abide by the Standard Conditions on Advertisements, solicitation and displays as per the original agreement.

In particular, with reference to the suggested variations on the application:

1. Having unrestricted advertising and solicitation as requested by the variation would not be in accordance with the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation. Also, the single restriction suggested by the variation that 'no solicitation takes place to anyone who *appears* to be under the age of 25' is a wholly subjective judgement call and cannot be easily regulated.
2. Providing a courtesy vehicle for dancers and clientele to and from the venue with no restrictions as to how this would be operated would potentially infringe the important distance required between customers and 'entertainers' for their safety. Also, the Cheltenham Night Out website promotes local taxi firms for the nightlife economy, all of whom already operate under Council licensing regulations. Allowing a courtesy vehicle from the Two Pigs with no regulation would undermine the taxi licensing system and impact on this important economy in the town.

I would urge Cheltenham Borough Council to reject this application by The Two Pigs to vary condition number 6 for the safety and well-being of all those who take part in the night time economy and to maintain the town's Purple Flag status.

Yours faithfully

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to object to the above application on the following grounds:

1. The application goes against the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020. The application is intended to enable the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation. This is intended to take place around the town, with therefore no means of the Council ensuring it will not be in places where this will cause distress, be seen by minors or within the vicinity of schools and other places such as the Racecourse.
2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. The distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers for a Sexual Entertainment cause serious and widespread offence in a manner to create nuisance and annoyance to members of the public.

I ask that you refuse this application.

I oppose this application on the grounds that

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.
2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular *PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. **Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.***

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to strongly object to the above application for the following reasons:

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular *PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. **Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.***

Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to raise deep concerns regarding the application by the Two Pigs pub.

As a head teacher of a local school in the town centre and with a teenage daughter myself, I am deeply worried about the impact that this might have on those living and working in - as well as visiting - Cheltenham during Race Week.

No doubt you will be aware of an incident that happened during the races this Autumn at Montpellier Park and this application seems to be going directly against any response that might be made as a result of the harm that comes to young girls/women.

Please note that:

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular *PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. **Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.***

I hope that you are able to consider seriously the concerns raised and refuse this application.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am opposed to this application for the following reasons:

The Application is contrary to the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Statement adopted 29/7/2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town, including in the vicinity of the Racecourse, the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

Secondly, the Application is contrary to the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs has adopted. PN17, referring to the distribution of flyers, states that distributors must not distribute free printed material in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the Public, which seems an inevitable outcome of what is proposed.

Yours sincerely

I object to the Two Pigs application 21/02047/SEXR on the following grounds:

1. The application goes against the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.
 2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.
 3. The application goes against the emerging policy of the Council in respect of the Safety of Women at Night. According to the Minutes of the full Council Meeting of 18 October 2021, item 11 on this topic, the Cabinet Member for Safety and Communities 'assured Members that ... the Council would make the streets safer for women', and that 'The Chair of the Licensing Committee 'emphasised his full support for [the measures]'. The promotion and advertising, not least by way of personal solicitation, of a Sexual Entertainment venue would appear to be at odds with this emerging policy.
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We write to lodge our objection to The Two Pigs application to vary the conditions of their approved conditions.

We feel that the distribution of flyers advertising the activities of The Two Pigs is in direct contravention of Cheltenham council's sexual entertainment venue policy statement. This policy expressly precludes the advertising of sexual entertainment and its promotion by means of personal solicitation. Clearly the handing out of flyers is not the only breach of this policy as the proposed 'courtesy vehicle' also represents a form of solicitation.

The Two Pigs venue have themselves signed up to the 'Night Safe Scheme' which states that printed matter should contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way i to cause a nuisance or annoyance to members of the public. Clearly distributing their proposed flyers will cause offence and annoyance to the local community.

The council has recently taken steps to enhance the safety of women at night as shown in the council meeting minutes of 18 October 2021 and has shown the importance of this issue. The approval of the Two Pigs application is clearly at odds with the council's emerging policy and would, in our view, be a serious set back for the safety of women and girls in the town.

We call on you to refuse the application.

Dear Sirs,

I would advise against expanding the licence and I object to it on the following grounds:

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.
2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.
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Yours faithfully,

I am contacting the Licensing Committee - ahead of the deadline of 30.12.21 - to object to the plan to distribute fliers advertising the sexual entertainment available at the Two Pigs, and to provide a courtesy car to collect men around the town and transport them to The Two Pigs during Race Week.

My objections focus on three points viz

This application goes against the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits the advertising of Sexual Entertainment anywhere in the town – including in the vicinity of the Racecourse - & its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the Night Safe Scheme which the Two Pigs have adopted. In particular PN17 Code of Practice regarding the distribution of printed matter such as promotional fliers. *Printed matter should contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way to cause offence or annoyance to members of the public.*

The application goes against the emerging policy of the Council in respect of the Safety of Women at Night. According to the Minutes of the full Council Meeting of 18 October 2021 item 11, the cabinet Member for Safety & Communities *assured members that the Council would make the streets safer for women* and the Chair of the Licensing Committee *emphasised his full support for these measures*. The promotion and advertising, not least by way of personal solicitation, of a Sexual Entertainment venue would appear to be at odds with this emerging policy.

I ask you to consider these objections to the application & reconsider the application.

I object to this application to vary conditions:

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular *PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as*

*promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. **Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.***

Dear Sir

I notice that an application has been lodged to allow advertising fliers to be distributed around the town concerning the activities of the Two Pigs. I would like to register my concern over this. Firstly it's against the Night Safe Scheme code of conduct and second I'm concerned that these fliers might end up in the possession of children! Whilst I'm aware that the activities they promote are popular amongst some, is this really a message we want to promote in the town?

I'm asking you please to turn down this application.

Thank you

I am writing to raise my objection to the application by the Two Pigs Pub in Cheltenham for a Sexual Entertainment Licence during race weeks.

There are so many reasons to object to this application, including objectification of women, potential abuse of women and generally the impact it has on woman's feelings of safety as they walk close to The Minster late at night, however I understand that these reasons are not enough to carry weight with the Licencing Committee. I would like therefore to also note the following reasons why this application should be rejected.

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.
2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. **Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.**

I hope my objections will be taken into account when this matter is discussed.

Dear Sir/Madam

I object to the extension of conditions sought by the Two Pigs in relation to sexual entertainment. In particular I find the use of flyers for advertising its conduct as threatening ill-effects on children should they come across these papers.

I further understand that such advertising goes against the policy statement relating to sexual entertainment adopted by the Council on 29 July 2020.

Comments: 28/12/2021 5:57 PM As a local resident I object on the grounds that if their license to solicit customers and then take them to the venue in a courtesy vehicle is (a) unfair to other local businesses and (b) nothing short of legalised mugging. I would be concerned as someone who is the worse for wear due to alcohol may be taken to somewhere they may not normally want to go. If the venue were to just do lap dancing and no more then the people in the venue would have gone of their own free will. Soliciting for customers equates to dragging people off the streets.

To The Licensing Committee

I strongly object to the application for the varying of the license conditions for the Two Pigs for the following reasons:

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.
2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offence. Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.
3. The application goes against the emerging policy of the Council in respect of the Safety of Women at Night. According to the Minutes of the full Council Meeting of 18 October 2021, item 11 on this topic, the Cabinet Member for Safety and Communities 'assured Members that ... the Council would make the streets safer for women', and that 'The Chair of the Licensing Committee 'emphasised his full support for [the measures]'. The promotion and advertising, not least by way of personal solicitation, of a Sexual Entertainment venue would appear to be at odds with this emerging policy.

I sincerely hope that this application will be refused.

Comments: 29/12/2021 1:41 AM I am worried about the potential sexual violence against women and if the events would become more common.

Dear Council Members

Objection

I was surprised to hear that, following the granting of the original licence, which in itself was controversial on moral grounds, and definitely out of sync with the prevailing world-wide movement "Me too", that a further condition is being pursued.

Obviously the afore-mentioned moral views did not hold sway originally, but to push this further with "courtesy" cars seems quite bizarre. In addition, I would like to make the point that I am surprised Councillors seem happy for Cheltenham to gain the reputation as a sleazy town. This seems very much at odds with what the vast majority of Cheltenham's population would support, and surely the Councillors should represent the majority.

Regards

Comments: 29/12/2021 10:27 AM 'People' are within their rights to do whatever they wish to do under the current law. I get that. And I shall leave morality aside. But, under the licensing regulations, paragraph 6 entitled 'Advertisements, solicitation and displays' it, inter alia, specifically bans any form of leafleting. This, and providing transport (cars?) to take 'customers' to the Two Pigs, in my view places further - and unnecessary - fears on people, specifically women, that they are extra-vulnerable to assault. Please respect women's rights not to be placed in any more danger that they are already under. Please enforce paragraph 6.

I would like to add my voice to those objecting to the renewal of the 'sexual entertainment' licence during race weeks at the Two Pigs pub next to the Minster.

Dear Sirs

RE: 21/02047/SEXR | Renewal of Sex Establishment Licence- Variation

I wish to register my objection to the above application to vary the conditions of Section 6 of the Sex Establishment Licence granted to the Two Pigs public house.

In the strongest possible terms, I urge the Councillors to refuse this application & adhere to the origin conditions granted.

Yours faithfully

To whom it may concern,

I would like to formally object to the proposal for the 2 Pigs to extend their license to include soliciting during the March race week. I find it incredible that in a time when violence and sexual violence against women and girls is in the UK news almost daily that it could even be considered.

Kind regards,

I am emailing to object to the below application on the grounds of sexism. This archaic behaviour reduces women to sexual objects which in turn fuels sexual violence towards ALL WOMEN.

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[21/02047/SEXR | Renewal of Sex Establishment Licence | Open for Consultation | Private Address \(cheltenham.gov.uk\)](#)

To whom it may concern,

I would like you to take into consideration my objection to the following application: 21/02047/SEXR The Two Pigs: application to vary conditions.

I find it appalling that this should even be taken into consideration, especially with the current UK press coverage concerning violence against women and girls.

Regards,

To whom it may concern,

I would like to make the following objections to the proposed application.

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular *PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offense. Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.*

3. The application goes against the principles behind the *upcoming* Safety of Women at Night policies. Women should not be for sale.

4. *The horrific news regarding Jeffrey Epstein, the coercive involvement of Ghislaine Maxwell, the tragic death of Sarah Everard* have all sparked a national conversation about the violence, abusive and dehumanizing behaviours that women and girls experience. These cases have shone a light on the responsibility we as a town would have in allowing *coercive behaviour*. We would be allowing the harassment of potential clients who may also be under the influence of alcohol (not making wise, clear or kind decisions). We would be allowing a narrative that states women can be bought quickly for the pleasure of another.

What message would this send and what lies regarding their own personal value or identity or that of others would it cause people to believe in our town?

It is worth noting that Women and girls account for 99% of victims of human trafficking in the commercial sex industry and 58% in other sectors. Many of these women are likely to have had broken, pain-filled or abusive pasts, would we as a town want to reinforce this or would we rather be a town that sends a message that all our residents and visitors are of precious high value and worthy of dignity and respect.

(Sources: International Labour Organization; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; National Referral Mechanism, See the Protection from Harassment Act 1997)

Thankyou for taking the time to read through my objections.

Kind Regards,

Comments: 30/12/2021 12:02 PM The application goes completely against the "Night Safe Scheme". If consent were given the town's reputation for having a safe night-time economy will be damaged.

Soliciting for trade in vehicles advertising the venue is also against the agreement. I am sure that people looking for this type of entertainment will be able to find their own way to the venue by foot or public transport.

Additional vehicles driving around the town does little to making Cheltenham carbon neutral.

As one of the Borough's ward councillors, I wish this application to be considered by the licensing committee and would like to address it.

To whom it may concern,

I would like to formally object to the proposed application by the Two Pigs to be allowed to operate a courtesy vehicle to transport dancers and clientele to and from their venue. I strongly feel that this arrangement would put the dancers at higher risk of harm in the way of sexual violence from men. When men are paying for sexual entertainment, it is likely that they would view the dancer as a commodity; an object - without thoughts and feelings and therefore disregard what they are consenting to.

Kind Regards,

Comments: 30/12/2021 1:12 PM As a local resident, a woman, a wife, a mother, a human...I am astonished that an application to publicly solicit anyone on the street is even being considered. The thought horrifies me. Cheltenham already has an awful association with sex trafficking (& therefore also the objectification of women & girls) & I cannot stay silent about this. People who want to seek out strippers/sex etc always will, regardless of the law, but it is important to me that others who have no intention of doing so should be approached on the street whilst minding their own business. There must never be a culture of coercion or pressure around sex, ever, but this proposal would seek to normalise this behaviour. I am vehemently opposed to this application.

To whom it may concern,

I would like to make the following objections to the proposed application.

1. The application goes against the the Standard Conditions included in the Council's Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy Statement adopted 29 July 2020 which prohibits anywhere in

the Town (including in the vicinity of the Racecourse) the advertising of Sexual Entertainment, and its promotion by means of personal solicitation.

2. The application goes against the Code of Conduct for the 'Night Safe Scheme' which the Two Pigs pub have adopted. In particular *PN17 Code of practice for the distribution of printed matter such as promotional flyers: Printed mattershould contain nothing that is likely to cause serious or widespread offense. Distributors must not distribute free printed matter in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.*

3. The application goes against the principles behind the *upcoming* Safety of Women at Night policies. Women should not be for sale.

4. *The horrific news regarding Jeffrey Epstein, the coercive involvement of Ghislaine Maxwell, the tragic death of Sarah Everard* have all sparked a national conversation about the violence, abusive and dehumanizing behaviours that women and girls experience. These cases have shone a light on the responsibility we as a town would have in allowing *coercive behaviour*. We would be allowing the harassment of potential clients who may also be under the influence of alcohol (not making wise, clear or kind decisions). We would be allowing a narrative that states women can be bought quickly for the pleasure of another.

What message would this send and what lies regarding their own personal value or identity or that of others would it cause people to believe in our town?

It is worth noting that Women and girls account for 99% of victims of human trafficking in the commercial sex industry and 58% in other sectors. Many of these women are likely to have had broken, pain-filled or abusive pasts, would we as a town want to reinforce this or would we rather be a town that sends a message that all our residents and visitors are of precious high value and worthy of dignity and respect.

(Sources: International Labour Organization; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; National Referral Mechanism, See the Protection from Harassment Act 1997)

Thankyou for taking the time to read through my objections.

Kind Regards,

Dear Sir / Madam / Committee,

Application [21/02047/SEXR](#) The Two Pigs: application to vary conditions

I am very concerned with the above application and wish to object on the following formal lines:

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Thank you for your consideration.

On a more personal note, I have worked with and am connected with two award winning international anti-slavery charities, both of which make frequent representations to parliament. It is widely acknowledged that this entertainment industry is very closely associated with sexual exploitation and trafficking.

Wouldn't it be a thing if Cheltenham was known for making a stand for protecting the underdog and the marginalised, rather than creating space where illicit and illegal operations will take advantage of liberal legislation?

Please do the right thing here. The consequences are far-reaching.

Yours faithfully,

Sir/Madam,

It is with regret that I am forced to object once again to the request from The Two Pigs owners for a further extension to the request which you passed.

Now they wish to subtly advertise and encourage people off the street to go to their venue.

They naturally will maintain as they do that it is for the safety of others, which is not the way I perceive this, it is a way to seduce further people to use their premises.

The seductions also includes the women who are using the transport.

What next?

Yes. of course they are in the game to make money but whose expense.

Sincerely,

Comments: 30/12/2021 5:46 PM Our town should not support the sanction of any type of strip club and this varied license.

Comments: 30/12/2021 7:42 PM I had naively not even realised a licence to open such an establishment in Cheltenham had already been approved by the council which is pretty horrifying at the outset and I strongly question the validity of that previous decision. I refer you to the quote from xxx, CEO of the Gloucestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre:

"We have had clients who've worked in this particular venue and clients in general who have told us they have been assaulted during race week," she said.

"Six nights of sexual entertainment and sexual tourism is going to increase the capacity for sexual assault."

The most recent request goes even further. Currently, the establishment is presumably frequented by persons who have deliberately chosen to go there for the specific purpose of participating in this sort of 'entertainment' (although I shudder to use the word). Now you appear to be considering allowing the applicant to actually go out and lure punters in (some of whom perhaps would not otherwise be intending to go to such a venue) with free transport! Surely this can only aim to increase business and profit. With increasing demand for 'services' does this not increase the likelihood of more girls being bused into the area, and increase the likelihood of sex trafficking?

I urge you in the strongest terms to reject this proposal and to seriously reconsider allowing Mr Burrows' premises to operate as a 'sexual entertainment venue'. Please consider your decision very carefully and with regard to your conscience. How long before a temporary licence becomes permanent in the town?

Comments: 30/12/2021 8:02 PM As much a race weeks are good for Cheltenham's economy, the sex trade is not something we should be supporting, especially with its links to illegal movement of vulnerable women.
