

RE: Playhouse Gentlemans Club Sexual Entertainment Venue License.

I would like to object to the renewal of this application.

I consider that the renewal of this license would be inappropriate having regard to the use which any premises in the vicinity are put, this is a reasonable grounds for an objection and is stated in Southampton City Councils Sex Establishment Licensing Policy (5.1. iv.)

I raise this objection as a local resident who lives in close proximity to the area, for years we have suffered from the effects of the late night economy in the Bedford place area, myself and my neighbours have challenged the operating hours for the gentlemans club at planning, where over 25 people who live in the area had objected to the club, which was looking to open until 5AM.

With regard to residential amenity and the noise that this venue would create, Southampton Councils planning department refused to allow this venue to operate beyond 2AM.

In section 5.6 of the councils sex establishment licensing policy, the policy refers to the use of premises in the vicinity.

Quoting section 5.6.3

“When considering the type of uses which may be deemed to be inappropriate, due regard will be given to the suitability of the proposed location of the premises and will take into account relevant factors including, but not limited to, the presence of what may be regarded as sensitive issues (e.g. dwellings, places of worship, schools, youth clubs, community centres, women’s refuges, libraries, parks or swimming pools).”

The councils planning department have deemed that this gentlemans club would affect residential amenity and extended operating hours were refused, this was also refused at planning appeal which was broadcast in the local news.

I believe that the licensing department should reject the renewal or should reduce the operating times of this license to fall in line with that accepted by the planning department.

As local residents of the area we have suffered greatly from the noise and disturbance created in this area.

Crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour have greatly increased in the area since the easing of COVID-19 restrictions and the reopening of nightclubs and bars.

I do not believe it is appropriate to have such a premises licensed in this area.

I do appreciate that this venue was previously operated as a nightclub, however this was only licensed until 2AM, people would leave the area by 2.30AM. This new gentleman’s club has been licensed until 5AM and is inappropriate with regard to the location of the premises, this is a residential area, and having a venue operating until 5AM will cause noise and disturbance in the area as well as increased crime and disorder, although the venue may claim that they will not cause any trouble, it is likely that their customers will behave anti-socially when leaving the venue, drunk.

I therefore raise an objection to this application and in my opinion it should not have its license renewed or should be reduced to 2AM.

Kind Regards