

Special Procedure for the Licensing (General) Sub-Committee – Applications for Sex Establishment licences

One of the Council's Corporate Legal Advisors will be in attendance throughout the proceedings and he/she is there to advise Members. Sub-Committee Members may seek clarification on points of procedure at any time.

Please note that the Sub-Committee will normally adjourn for lunch at 1:00 p.m. and that comfort breaks will be taken at the discretion of the Chair at appropriate points during the meeting.

1. INTRODUCTION

- ◆ Everyone to introduce themselves
- ◆ The Licensing Officer will introduce the report, including background information and any written objections received.
- ◆ Members' questions to the Licensing Officer

2. OBJECTORS

If Objectors (including Police) have attended indicating a wish to address the Sub-Committee the Sub-Committee will consider each request in light of its discretion to permit oral representations.

As a guide, such representations will only be permitted if appropriate in order to briefly summarise and expand upon the main points of objection as set out in written submissions. Mere recitation of previous written submissions will not be permitted, nor will the introduction of entirely new grounds of objection.

Questions of Objectors will not be permitted by any party (including Members).

3. APPLICATION

The applicant or their representative will outline the details of the application and call any witnesses in support.

Questions may be asked of the applicant or of any witnesses by:

Licensing Officer

Members of the Sub-Committee

The applicant may call supporting witnesses at their discretion during the presentation of their application. Questions may be asked by the Sub-Committee Members / Licensing Officer of such witnesses at any appropriate point in their presentation

If any written objections have been received the applicant or their representative will be invited to comment on them

4. SUMMING UP

The applicant or their representative will have a final opportunity to sum up their application.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DECISION - CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Members of the Sub-Committee will retire to consider the decision. In doing so the Solicitor to the Sub-Committee and the Sub-Committee Administrator will retire with them, but will take no part in the discussion of the merits of the case or what the decision should be

Should the Solicitor to the Sub-Committee be required to clarify any points of law, these will be repeated in the public session.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION

Sub-Committee Members will return and the Chair of the Sub-Committee will deliver the decision in public session. The Licensing Officer will confirm this decision in writing to the Applicant within 7 days of the Sub-Committee decision, together with details of any relevant right of appeal.

Note: This procedure note is issued as a guide only – the order and conduct of business may be varied by the person presiding at any time in order to facilitate the determination of the matter, having regard to statutory restrictions and the rules of natural justice.

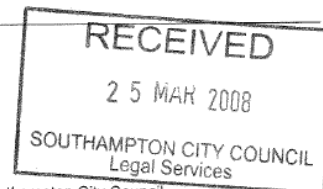
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT
1982, SECTION 2



APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT*/RENEWAL*/TRANSFER* OF A
LICENCE TO USE ANY PREMISES, VEHICLE, VESSEL OR STALL
AS A SEX ESTABLISHMENT

1. Is the application being made:
- (a) by an individual; or
 - (b) on behalf of a partnership; or
 - (c) a body corporate?
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2. Give the full names of the applicant (i.e. the individual, partnership, body corporate or unincorporated body making application). If the applicant is an individual any former names must also be given.
- MARTIN PETER CASTLE
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3. Give the applicant's permanent home address (if an individual) or registered or principal office (if a partnership, body corporate, or unincorporated body) and a telephone number at which the applicant may be contacted during normal office hours.
- 437a MILLBROOK ROAD WEST
SOUTHAMPTON
HAMPSHIRE SO15 0HX
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4. Is the application in respect of a sex shop or a sex cinema?
- SEX SHOP
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5. Is the application in respect of
- (a) premises; or
 - (b) a vehicle; or
 - (c) a vessel; or
 - (d) a stall?
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6. Where the Licence is sought in respect of a vehicle, vessel or stall state where it is to be used as a sex establishment.
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7. Where the Licence is sought in respect of premises give the full address of the premises, including the postcode.
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SOUTHAMPTON SO15 0HX
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8. Are the whole of the premises described in response to Question 7 above to be used as a sex establishment?

YES



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9. If the answer to Question 8 above is "No" please state
- (a) which parts of the premises are to be used for the purposes of a sex establishment;
 - (b) the uses to which the remainder of the premises are to be put;
 - (c) the names, addresses and dates of birth of those who are responsible for the management of the remainder of the premises.

10. Are the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in use as a sex establishment at the date of this application?

YES

11. Were the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in use as a sex establishment on 22nd December 1981?

NO

12. Under what names are or will the premises be known?

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13. If the applicant is an individual give the following information:

(a)	Date of birth;	19 MARCH 1967
(b)	Place of birth;	SOUTHAMPTON
(c)	Nationality.	BRITISH

14. If the applicant is a partnership, body corporate or an unincorporated body complete the table in respect of each of the Directors, the Company Secretary or other persons responsible for the management of the body. In the case of a partnership details of all the partners must be given.

Forename	Surname	Former name (if any)	Home Address	Capacity	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Nationality



15. Complete the table below in respect of each of the individuals whose names are given in response to questions 2 and 14 above.

Names	Date of Birth	If place of birth is not within UK give date when UK residence commenced.	Address or permanent residence throughout six months immediately preceding the date of this application.
<p>AS PER LAST YEAR AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 2, 3 and 13</p>			

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16. This question need only be answered where the applicant is a Company.
- (a) Is the applicant a wholly or partly owned subsidiary of another Company?
 - (b) What type of Company is the applicant (e.g. public or private limited by share or guarantee etc.?)
 - (c) In which Country is the Company incorporated?
 - (d) What is the date of incorporation of the Company?
 - (e) Supply a certified copy of the applicant Company's Memorandum and Articles.
 - (f) If the applicant is a subsidiary of another Company give the following details and information:-
 - (i) A list of all other companies controlled by the holding company together with full details of any ultimate holding company.
 - (ii) A certified copy of the Memorandum and Articles of the parent company
 - (iii) The names and addresses of the Directors and Company Secretary of the parent company (use a separate sheet if necessary).

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17. If applicant is a company give a full list of names, addresses and holdings of shareholders holding 10% or more of the issued share capital and the number of remaining shareholders.

Name	Address	Date of Birth	Holdings
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18. Has the applicant a financial interest in the business which is the subject of this application? If 'yes' to what extent? PROPRIETOR
19. Is the whole of the business owned by the applicant? YES
20. If the whole of the business is not owned by the applicant state the names and addresses of those who will share in the profits of the business. In each case state the percentage share to be taken by each individual. NA
21. Is the applicant concerned in any other way financially or otherwise with any other business? NA
22. If the answer to Question 21 is 'yes' give full details of the other business and the nature and extent of the connection. AS PER PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS
23. Is the business required to purchase merchandise from a particular company, person or body? If 'yes' supply a copy of any agreement and state what is to be purchased and from whom. NO
24. Supply scale plans of the premises clearly showing the interior layout and the use of each part (see note C). AS PER PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS
25. What means are to be taken to prevent the interior of the premises being visible to persons outside the premises? AS PER EXPLANATIONS IN PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS
26. Give details of the times during which it is proposed to open the premises:-
- (a) Days of the week
- (b) Hours of the day
- AS IT CURRENTLY IS
- NO CHANGES SOUGHT



27. In respect of each individual who is to be responsible for the management of the premises in the absence of the licence holder please supply the following details:-

Forename	Surname	Former name (if any)	Permanent Home Address	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Date upon which became resident in the UK (if place of birth outside UK)	Nationality
<p>SAME AS PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS - NO CHANGES</p>							

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28. In respect of each of the persons whose names are given in response to Question 2, 14, 16 and 27 give details of their occupations during the 5 years immediately prior to this application. These must include the names and addresses of all employers and the nature and dates of employment.

Forename	Surname	Former name (if any)	Employers Name and Address	Description of nature of work
			AS PER PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS	- NO CHANGES

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29. In respect of each of the persons or bodies whose names are given in response to Questions 2, 14, 16, 17 and 27 give details of their previous convictions and of any previous convictions of any of their spouses:-

Forenames	Surname	Former Name	Date of Conviction	Place of Conviction	Nature of Offence	Sentence
None -						

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30. Have you any reason to believe that a prosecution may be pending against any of the persons or bodies whose names are given in response to Questions 2, 14, 16, 17 and 27? If 'Yes' give full details.

NO

31. Has any person or body named in this application been associated in any way with any other application for a licence for a sex establishment?

NO

32. Is there in force against the applicant or any of the persons or bodies named in answer to Questions 14, 19, 27 and 29 a disqualification from holding a licence for a sex establishment under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982?

If 'Yes' give full details.

NO

33. Is there any further information which the applicant would wish the Council to take into account when considering this application?

(This space may also be used to amplify any replies to other questions.)

NO - THIS IS NOW
A WELL ESTABLISHED AND
WELL RUN BUSINESS.




APPLICANTS ARE WARNED THAT ANY PERSON WHO, IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT, RENEWAL OR TRANSFER OF A LICENCE MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT WHICH HE KNOWS TO BE FALSE IN ANY MATERIAL RESPECT, OR WHICH HE DOES NOT BELIEVE TO BE TRUE, IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING £20,000.00

DECLARATION

I MARTIN PETER CASTLE

declare that the information given above is true and complete in every respect

Dated this 19 day of MARCH 2008

Signature 

Name of Signatory (BLOCK CAPITALS) MARTIN PETER CASTLE

Designation of Signatory (BLOCK CAPITALS) PROPRIETOR

Applicants are strongly recommended to seek professional legal advice before making an application for a sex establishment licence. Please note that members of the Licensing Team are not able to give such advice to applicants in any circumstances.

APPLICANTS ARE REFERRED TO THE ATTACHED NOTES



9th April 2008

The Licensing Team
Southampton City Council
Southbrook Rise

Dear Sir,
"Taste of Amsterdam"
Licence renewal 437 Millbrook Road West, SOTON

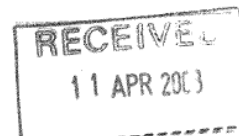
In response to the Public Notice of 19th March 2008 for the above premises I wish to object to the renewal of the Licence.

My reasons continue to be that a local Shopping Parade is not suitable for a licensed Sex Shop. The 2 Sports shops the general store and numerous "Take Away" shops are frequented by families and unaccompanied school children. This includes adolescents of the surrounding residential district.

As an objector, my view is that such an exclusive shop may serve a minority of people but the Social Welfare implications are considerable. The City Council should be extra vigilant with regard to the Obscene Publications Act (with respect to R18 videos) and the Protection of Children Act, to prevent damaged lives.

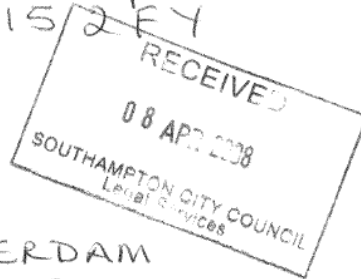
Yours faithfully,

(Please withhold name + address)



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TASTE OF AMSTERDAM
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OBJECTION

I have never been convinced that street shopping parades that are not even part of a district centre are suitable locations for sex shop trading.

However once yearly objections are likely to carry no more weight than those presented for the first licence for Taste of Amsterdam.

My perception is that such shops should be or have remained in the more traditional areas, among the dealers in drugs

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prostitution or any other vice dictated by public demand,

I consider that prostitution is an essential trade, a further aspect of the leisure industry.

I feel that Panel should take into consideration the character of the nearby streets, in which there must be many older citizens and young families.

My objection is that the parade is not a suitable location due to the character of the surrounding streets.

You may give my name and address to the applicant.

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LORRAINE BARTER

3-4-08

2nd April 2008

2 Applications for Sex Shop Licences
at 437 and 439 Millbrook Rd West

I wish to draw these 2 separate Applications to your notice. It is thought that this type of shop is misplaced within a Shopping Parade frequented by families and a walking route to school. These shops were licensed some time ago. It would seem that the Conditions laid down by the Council have been followed year by year.

(19/03/08)

Two requests submitted by the Applicant of no. 439 are:-

1. Requesting change of colour of shop-front from brown with gold to navy blue with silver. This would differ from the other three licensed shops in the city.
2. Requesting permission to change the obligatory obscure glazing from cream coloured blinds to an illuminated display of lingerie. The submission gives details in writing (no plans or photos)

I have inspected both Applications as invited in the Public Notices (ECHO).

The first Application considered by the City Council (131 ABOVE BAR) formed the basis of set Conditions. The Licensing Panel was anxious to keep control of the situation, as opposed to the risk of unlicensed premises. I felt that Trading Standards and Police should be able to exercise sufficient control but these 2 services could not specify shop-front appearance or public interaction and allied matters.

Having read the proposal for the window display, I question the reasoning that lingerie is displayed in main-street store windows. Yes, it is attempting to attract customers but one generally seeks the article amongst ordinary goods. A sex shop claims to stock "Adult goods". As I see it, the customer in search of lingerie would, by chance, be introduced to "extreme products" and R18 videos.

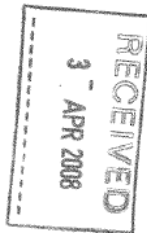
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This letter is to alert you to the proposal to change the Conditions regulating the "Hidden Assets" shop, thus ~~the~~ breaking the uniformity of the City Council's strategy.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. "Private Shop", 131 Above Bar, is on the perimeter of the proposed Cultural Quarter with residential. Can this be right?



Regulations for Sex Establishments

Southampton City Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by paragraph 13 of Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1982 and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf make the following Regulations:

- 1 (a) In these Regulations the following expressions that is to say "Sex Establishment", "Sex Shop", "Sex Cinema", "Sex Article", and "Vessel" shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them by Schedule 3 of the Act.
- (b) In these Regulations the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them namely:-
- "the Act" - means the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1982.
- "the Council" - means Southampton City Council.
- "licensed premises" - means any premises, vehicle, vessel or stall licensed under the Act.
- "licence holder" - means a person who is the holder of a sex establishment licence.
- "permitted hours" - means the hours during which the licensed premises are permitted under Regulations 2 and 3 hereof to be open to the public.
- "sex establishment licence" - means a licence granted pursuant to Schedule 3 of the Act.

Conditions applicable to licences for Sex Establishments

2. The licensed premises shall be closed throughout Good Friday, Christmas Day and every Sunday and public holiday and may be open only during the permitted hours prescribed in Regulation 3 hereof.
3. The permitted hours of opening, unless varied by special condition, shall be as follows: -
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| Mondays | 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesdays | 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursdays | 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| Fridays | 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturdays | 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
4. The licensed premises shall not be used for any purpose other than the business of a sex establishment.

5. The licensed premises shall not be open for the purposes for which the sex establishment licence is granted on any occasion when the Council may signify in writing to the licence holder, occupier or other person having at the time the care and management of the premises, that the same should not be open.
6. No person who is or appears to be under the age of 18 or is known by the licence holder or any servant or agent of his present on the licensed premises to be under that age shall be admitted to or shall be permitted to remain on the licensed premises.
7. The licence holder:-
 - (a) shall display on the licensed premises in a conspicuous position his sex establishment licence;
 - (b) shall exhibit on those premises such notices in such form and in such position as may be prescribed;
 - (c) shall comply with any prescribed restriction with respect to the exhibiting of other written matter or of signs of any description on the licensed premises.
8. No facilities shall be provided in a sex shop for:-
 - (a) see any television broadcast or the replaying of any video tape or film or other like matter nor;
 - (b) hearing any sound broadcast tape or other like matter other than facilities for the reception of radio programmes broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation or the Independent Broadcasting Authority.
9. No music, dancing or other entertainment whether of a like kind or not shall be provided or permitted, other than as permitted by Regulation 8 of these Regulations, and no refreshment of any kind shall be served on nor shall any facilities for the taking of such refreshment be provided upon the licensed premises.
10. The licence holder shall exhibit on the exterior of the licensed premises in a position visible to persons outside the premises a notice, in addition to his name, in not more than one place, in characters not exceeding three inches in height and consisting only of the words "licensed sex shop" or "licensed sex cinema" (as the case may be) and such indication, if any, as he thinks fit to give of the times at which the licensed premises are open. No other notices, unless pursuant to these Regulations, may be exhibited.
11. The licence holder shall exhibit in a conspicuous manner and in some conspicuous place inside the licensed premises and at the point of access to the licensed premises a notice stating that persons under the age of eighteen years are not admitted thereto.
12. The licence holder shall not display in any position visible to persons outside the premises any matter which does not comply with the Indecent Displays (Control) Act 1981.

13. The licence holder shall not permit any person other than persons employed by him, his servant or agent, statutory undertakers or, if applicable, his landlord to enter upon any part of the premises which are not available to the public in connection with the display, sale, hire, exchange, loan or demonstration of sex articles.
14. The licence holder shall not display any advertisement which is visible to persons outside the premises except as permitted by these Regulations or under the Act and no advertisements shall be displayed wherever visible which depict any article or thing intended for use in connection with or for the purpose of stimulating or encouraging acts of force or restraint which are or may be associated with sexual activity.
15. The licence holder shall ensure that the interior of the sex establishment shall not be visible to persons outside the premises.
16. The exterior of the licensed premises shall be of materials approved by the Council.
17. No illuminated signs or exterior lights shall be affixed to the licensed premises unless approved by the Council.
18. The holder of a sex cinema licence shall observe such regulations and conditions as may be approved by the Council from time to time for cinemas having a licence under the Cinemas Act 1985 as shall be applied by the Council by special condition to the sex establishment licence, giving such reference to the said cinema licence conditions as may be deemed appropriate and the regulations and conditions shall have the same force and effect as if the same were severally contained in these regulations.
19. The licence holder shall not knowingly allow the licensed premises to be the habitual resort of a reputed prostitute or the habitual resort or meeting place of reputed prostitutes, whether the object of their so resorting or meeting is or is not prostitution.
20. If the Council notifies the licence holder, occupier or other person having at the time the care and management of the premises in writing by delivering notice at the licensed premises that any particular sex article, advertisement or matter shall not be displayed the same shall be withdrawn from view forthwith.
21. No film or video material shall be kept at the sex establishment except such film or video material that bears a reproduction of the Certificate of the British Board of Film Certification.
22. The licence holder shall comply with all fire and safety requirements of the Council and maintain and keep available for use all specified fire fighting equipment and extinguishers.
23. The external doors of the licensed premises shall be fitted with self closing mechanisms and such mechanisms shall be maintained in good order. No external door shall be fixed in the open position at any time during the permitted hours.

24. Applicants for the grant, renewal or transfer of a sex establishment licence or waiver thereof shall make their application on the form approved from time to time by the Council returnable to the office of the Head of Legal & Democratic Services together with the approved fee (where a sex establishment licence is required). A copy of the application in all cases shall be sent to the Chief Constable of Hampshire Constabulary, West Hill, Winchester, not later than 7 days after the date of the application to the Council.
25. Applicants for the grant, renewal or transfer of a sex establishment licence shall advertise notice of their application in the form approved by the Council and in accordance with the prescribed dimensions by publishing the advertisement in a local newspaper circulating in Southampton not later than 7 days after the date of the application. A copy of the advertisement as published and date of publication shall be lodged with the Council forthwith.
26. Applicants for the grant, renewal or transfer of a sex establishment licence shall display a notice in the form approved by the Council and furnish two completed copies to the Council forthwith so that a copy may be sent to the appropriate public library. The Notice shall be displayed at the premises to be licensed for 21 days beginning with the date of the application to the Council and in a place where the notice can be inspected and conveniently read by the public from outside the premises.
27. A police officer or an authorised officer of the Council may at any reasonable time enter and inspect any premises in respect of which a sex establishment licence is for the time being in force.
28. The licence holder or some responsible person, being 21 years of age or over, nominated by him in writing shall be in attendance at the premises at all such times as the premises are open to the public and any nomination shall be produced to any police officer or authorised officer of the Council and give the name and address of the person nominated.