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Public Consultation on New Licensing Arrangements for Sex Entertainment Venues

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Council's draft policy.

Our general comment on this type of establishment is that they perform no social benefit and indeed encourage the worst aspects of behaviour to the detriment of whatever community they are located in. We would oppose the granting of such licences anywhere in Southwark because we see at first hand the sad effects on families and children of the immoral life encouraged by such places.

We also note in Section 101.

Applications will not normally be granted where the premises are located:

Near residential accommodation;

Near places of worship, community facilities or public buildings;

Near schools, youth clubs, shops, parks, leisure and recreational establishments and any other similar premises directed at, or primarily used by children or families; Or

Within sight of pedestrian routes or transport nodes (such as stations or bus stops) serving any of the categories listed in the three bullet points above.

We would argue that this section will preclude the granting of licences anywhere in the Elephant & Castle area which can easily be seen to conflict with each of these conditions.

Yours faithfully,

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