

**London Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by S27 of the Policing & Crime Act 2009  
Southwark Sex Establishments Licensing Policy**

**Summary of responses to public consultation exercise 2011**

General Questions	Yes	No	Don't Know
Q1 – Do you support the decision to adopt Schedule 3 of the 1982 Act and introduce a licensing regime for sex establishments?	80%	20%	
Q2 – Having read the draft policy do you consider that the document is clearly written and easy to understand?	87%	13%	
Q3 – Do you feel it is useful to include definitions of sex establishments in the main body of the report?	93%	7%	
Q4 – Do you agree with the proposed method of consultation set out in the report?	73%	27%	
Q5 – Do you agree with the inclusion of an appropriate locations policy?	73%	27%	
Q6 – Do you agree that it is inappropriate to issue a sex establishments licence near residential accommodation?	87%	13%	
Q7 – Do you agree that it is inappropriate to issue a sex establishments licence near places of worship, community facilities or public buildings?	80%	20%	
Q8 – Do you agree that it is inappropriate to issue a sex establishments licence near schools, youth clubs, shops, parks, leisure and recreational establishments and any other similar premises directed at, or primarily used by children or families?	87%	13%	
Q9 – Do you agree that it is inappropriate to issue a sex establishments licence within sight of pedestrian routes or transport nodes (such as stations or bus stops) serving categories under Q6 – 8 above?	80%	20%	
Q10 – Do you think the council should take into account the cumulative impact of licensed premises when considering applications for sex establishments licences?	87%	13%	
Q11 – Do you think the council should take into account levels of recorded crime in the locality?	73%	27%	
Q12 – See area summaries			
Q13 – See area summaries			
Q14 – Do you agree with the standard proposed opening and closing times for licensed premises?	67%	33%	
Q15 – Do you agree with the proposed standard conditions for all premises?	73%	27%	
Q16 – Do you agree with the proposed standard conditions for sex shops?	80%	20%	
Q17 – Do you agree with the proposed standard conditions for sex cinemas?	80%	20%	
Q18 – Do you agree with the proposed standard conditions for sex entertainment venues?	80%	20%	

**Bermondsey Community Council Area**

Q12 – Do you agree that the policy should set out appropriate numbers of sex establishments by ward?

Q13 – If so, what do you consider the appropriate number of sex establishments in your ward?

Respondent	Q12	Q13 Ward	Sex shops	Sex cinemas	Sex entertainment venues	Comments
<b>Bermondsey Community Council</b> received a presentation on the subject as part of the consultation at its meeting of 24 January 2011. A general view on the position regarding appropriate numbers was taken from the floor and is indicated here. Attendees were encouraged to leave their individual views at the end of the meeting. Three individual anonymous responses were left, each emphasising the stated position.	Yes	Grange	0	0	0	
	Yes	Riverside	0	0	0	
	Yes	South Bermondsey	0	0	0	
Resident A, SE1	Yes	Grange	0	0	0	I can't think of any part of Southwark that would be suitable for sex entertainment venues. I'm not so concerned about sex shops as I feel people would be more likely to purchase items from there for use in their own home. The cinemas and entertainment venues, I feel are more likely to encourage objectification of women and increased violence towards women. The levels of sex related violence surrounding sex entertainment venues has been researched and there is a clear link between an increase in sexual

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						violence and related crimes and the appears of a sex entertainment venue. I particularly agree with the restrictions around these venues close to schools. There are enough problems with the sexualisation of children in these times (see increased teenage pregnancy levels etc) for the children of Southwark to see these venues on a regular basis and to believe that this is normal and acceptable.
Resident B, SE1	Yes	Grange	0	0	0	It is right to have a detailed policy in place, but I believe the council should refuse licences to any sex establishments. They are exploitative, no matter how tightly regulated, and attract abusive toxic men. The council could lead the way by declaring the borough an 'exploitation free zone'.
Resident C, SE16	No	South Bermondsey				Banning them in certain areas is patently ridiculous. In particular banning them near transport hubs! Similarly near 'places of worship', community facilities or public buildings. What on earth do you think would be the problem? Other than over-zealous religious people crying that they're offended. I do not see that there would be any real impact. Do we want more jobs in our area or not?

<b>Borough and Bankside Community Council</b>						
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An announcement concerning the consultation was made at <b>Borough and Bankside Community Council</b> on 3 February 2011. The Community Council encouraged those present to submit their individual views but did not take a formal position of its own.		Cathedrals				
		Chaucer				
Resident D, SE1	Yes	Cathedrals	0	0	0	Commented all wards should have 0 premises. Selling human sex relations as a commodity is not a healthy way forward for society and I don't think Southwark Council should permit it in any way.
The Revd Canon Bruce Saunders, Southwark Cathedral		Cathedrals				Copy of supporting letter attached
Chris Cooper, Admin Manager, Metropolitan Tabernacle		Cathedrals				Copy of supporting letter attached

**Camberwell Community Council**

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An information stall was provided at <b>Camberwell Community Council at the meeting of 2 February 2011</b> . No formal view was given by the Community Council itself.		Brunswick Park				
		Camberwell Green				
		South Camberwell				
Resident E, SE5	Yes	Brunswick Park	0	0	0	There are good transport links to Soho.

**Dulwich Community Council**

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An announcement concerning the consultation was made at <b>Dulwich Community Council</b> on 24 January 2011. The Community Council encouraged those present to submit their individual views but did not take a formal position of its own.	N/a	College	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
	N/a	East Dulwich	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
	N/a	Village	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Resident F, SE21	Yes	College	0	0	0	None
Resident G, SE22	Yes	East Dulwich	0	0	0	Re Q14 I would prefer that hours were more restricted and that you should also consider closing on other major faith's religious festivals.

<b>Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community Council</b>
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<b>Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community Council</b> received a presentation on the subject as part of the consultation at its meeting of 20 January 2011. This was followed by a workshop session to consider the matter of appropriate location. The views from the workshop session are given here.		Nunhead	0	0	0	No areas in Nunhead that is suitable. Too many families / churches / schools / residential area.
		Peckham Rye	0	0	0	Entire Peckham Rye ward highly residential. Small shopping areas located near schools and community facilities.
		The Lane	0	0	0	Sex work and sex industry activity are not any part of the aspirations I want to see for anyone in our community. If you want it go to Soho.
Resident H, SE15	Yes	Nunhead	0	0	0	Re consultation – Please consider making it a requirement for applicants to give notice in all local newspapers to enable more interested parties / potential objectors to be made aware.
Staff of Bellenden Primary School		The Lane				We feel very concerned of the exposure to children if such establishments were to be permitted. Such establishments come with unsolicited advertising and also crime i.e. curb crawlers etc all of which have an adverse effect on our community. We feel there should be an exclusion zone of at least 2 miles from any education

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						establishment where children attend. In addition to this we feel very strongly about advertising such behaviour as can be seen in telephone boxes, we would ask that the same consideration is given when drawing up proposals.
Resident I, SE15		The Lane	0	0	0	I think it is outrageous that Southwark could do this they need to sort out shops first on high streets. We have already been classed as the worst council in London to even think about sex shop it is ridiculous.



**Peckham Community Council**

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<b>Peckham Community Council</b> received a presentation on the subject as part of the consultation at its meeting of 5 February 2011. Several residents expressed the view that places like lap dancing clubs were not acceptable in the borough, and that if they were to exist at all, should be far away from schools and residential areas.		Livesey (West)				
		Peckham				
Resident J, SE15	Yes	Livesey (West)	0	0	0	None
Resident K, SE15	No	Livesey (West)				
Resident L, Evolution Quarter Residents Association	Yes	Peckham	0	0	0	

**Rotherhithe Community Council**

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An announcement concerning the consultation was made at Rotherhithe Community Council on 20 January 2011. The Community Council encouraged those present to submit their individual views but did not take a formal view of its own.	N/a	Livesey (East)	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
	N/a	Rotherhithe	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
	N/a	Surrey Docks	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Resident M, SE16	Yes	Livesey (East)	Don't know	Don't know	Don't know	Society is divided between races, gender, secular, Liberal and Religious. As such we need all consensus in forming & shaping Policies that affect us all that is the beauty of Democracy for us to establish a Rainbow Coalition.

<b>Walworth Community Council</b>
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<b>Walworth Community Council</b> received a presentation on the subject as part of the consultation at its meeting of 24 January 2011. This was followed by a voting exercise on appropriate location. The results are provided here.		East Walworth	88% no suitable location	88% no suitable location	88% no suitable location	
		Faraday	88% no suitable location	88% no suitable location	88% no suitable location	
		Newington	88% no suitable location	88% no suitable location	88% no suitable location	
Resident N, SE1	Yes	East Walworth	2	0	0	None
Resident O, SE17	Yes	East Walworth				None
Resident P, Headteacher, Primary School, SE17	No	East Walworth	0	0	0	Allocation by ward could lead to 2 or more being very close although in different wards. No need for such venues when Southwark is so close to Soho.
Resident Q, SE16	No	East Walworth	0	0	0	I wish this was easier to understand
Resident R, SE17	Yes	East Walworth	2	1	0	None
Resident S, SE17	Yes	Faraday	0	0	0	I strongly opposed to this type of licences. I think this should be confined to an specific

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						area already existing in London: Soho area. I think to create more, it will only destroy communities and increment the exploitation of human being. It is not healthy for community development. Bad example to youngsters. Favour exploitation of human being: Enabling unsocial behaviour to our surrounding. More problems with drug related issues etc.
Resident T, SE17	Yes	Faraday	0	0	0	I would like to draw the attention of the council to part F – Relevant Locality of the draft in listing my opposition to issuing licences. Paragraph 101 states applications will not normally be granted where premises are located near residential accommodation. Walworth (Faraday ward) is one of the most densely populated residential area in London. It includes many schools, numerous places of worship, play areas and public parks, not forgetting the sprawling Aylesbury Estate. One would then assume that the applicants would want there business situated where it would generate most income and that would be on the Walworth Road. Part F also states applications will not normally be granted within sight of pedestrian routes or transport modes (stations and bus stops) so this rules out locality. Reference part G conditions paragraph 106 and 108 states opening hours

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						for sexual entertainment venue and sex cinema from 09.00 to 23.00 hours Monday to Saturday. Past experience of late ending venues usually brings the complaints of lack of parking spaces and excessive late night noise. After a short while these venues usually apply for late night extensions i.e. 2am. In my opinion the sex industry in London should stay under the control of Westminster City Council in their Soho district, which let's face it, is only a couple of miles away. This area has been very successfully run for many years and it's brand is world famous. For our women and children's sake, I do not wish to see the growth of sex establishments in SE17.
Resident U, SE17	Yes	Newington	0	0	0	I would really hope that the Council would not consider allowing the opening of any sex establishments of any of the three categories anywhere near Walworth or the Elephant and Castle – this is a residential area with many children and families. The Walworth Road is already blighted by too many betting shops: it would be terrible to add to this.
Resident V, SE17	Yes	Newington	0	0	0	None