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date 19 July 2012

NOTICE OF MEETING

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Date & Time

Monday, 30 July 2012 at 2.30 p.m.

Venue at

Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE:

Cllrs R D Berry, D Bowater and Mrs M Mustoe

All other Members of the Council - on request

**MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS
MEETING**

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2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence and notification of substitute members

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To receive from Members any declarations of interest.

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5. **Licensing Objectives**

This report has been withdrawn.

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Procedure for the hearing of applications- Sex Establishment Licensing

**The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as
amended by s27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009**

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**Licensing Sub-Committee Procedure for
Determining applications under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous
Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by s27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009**

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Licensing Sub-Committee Checklist

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Central Bedfordshire Council is the Licensing Authority for the grant of Sex Establishment Licences within the Central Bedfordshire Council area.
- 1.2. This document and the procedures detailed herein give information concerning the hearing and decision making process for Sex Establishment licensing.
- 1.3. This guidance is intended for all concerned in any way whatsoever with a hearing before a licensing panel (Licensing Sub-committee, the Licensing Committee or Council, as may be the case) in relation to the determination of applications under Sex Establishment licensing regulations.

2. General Principles

- 2.1. All Members sitting on the determination of an application will always promote the right of all parties to a fair hearing and only have regard to the evidence put before them by:
 - The applicant
 - The responsible authority (Police)
 - Any interested parties
- 2.2. Members will:
 - have regard to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Schedule 3 and any relevant secondary legislation
 - have regard to the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments
 - treat each application on its own merits; and
 - undertake its decision-making responsibilities honestly and fairly, in an open, transparent and accountable way.

PRE-HEARING

3. Licensing Panels

- 3.1. Generally, hearings will take place before a Licensing Sub-committee consisting of three Members of the Licensing Committee, although, to avoid unnecessary adjournments, a fourth Member may attend as a substitute Member.
- 3.2. If, for any reason whatsoever, it is not possible to have a matter determined by a Licensing Sub-Committee, the matter would be heard by the Licensing Committee. A Licensing Committee must consist of between ten and fifteen Members and at least one half of those Members must attend for a hearing to proceed before the Licensing Committee.
- 3.3. In the highly unlikely event of it not being possible, for any reason whatsoever, to have a matter determined by either a Licensing Sub-committee or the Licensing Committee, the matter would be heard by Council.

4. Timescales for Convening a Hearing

- 4.1. Most hearings must normally take place within 20 working days from the last date in which representations can be made.
- 4.2. Exceptions, with the agreement of the committee:
 - 4.2.1. Where the objections are withdrawn
 - 4.2.2. Where a party cannot attend on the day and it is in the interests of fairness to postpone the hearing to a later date
- 4.3. Hearings may be dispensed with where all relevant persons agree a hearing is unnecessary.

5. Notice of Hearing

- 5.1. Generally 10 clear days notice will be given of a hearing.

6. Persons to be Notified of a Hearing

- 6.1. The following persons must be notified of a hearing:
 - 6.1.1. Any applicant for a licence
 - 6.1.2. Any person who has made relevant representations;
 - 6.1.3. The Responsible Authority

7. Contents of Notice

- 7.1. The notice of a hearing must contain:
 - 7.1.1. The date, time and place of the hearing;
 - 7.1.2. The procedure to be followed at the hearing;
 - 7.1.3. The right of a party to attend and to be assisted or represented by any person whether legally qualified or not;
 - 7.1.4. Any points upon which the authority considers that it will want clarification from a party at the hearing;
 - 7.1.5. The right of the party to provide additional information to provide any clarification sought by the Authority;
 - 7.1.6. The consequences of failing to attend the hearing or not being represented at the hearing;
 - 7.1.7. Any information the Licensing Authority has received in support or opposition of the application.

8. Hearings to be open to the public

- 8.1. Hearings will generally be open to the public as the Licensing Authority is committed to taking decisions in an honest, accountable and transparent way, but on occasions a licensing panel may find it necessary to exclude a party or parties, the public and press from all or any part of a hearing.
- 8.2. A panel will only pass an exclusion resolution where it considers that the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in public. Such decisions will be made on an individual basis.
- 8.3. The panel's deliberations, which do not form part of the hearing, will be conducted in private. The announcement of the panel's decision is part of the hearing and will generally be open to the public, subject to any exclusion resolution.

9. Failure to attend the hearing

- 9.1. No party is obliged to attend a hearing, although the Licensing Authority encourages all parties to attend hearings to make their application or representation, as may be the case.
- 9.2. Regardless of whether a party attends a hearing or not, the matter will generally be heard and determined by the licensing panel (the Council, the Licensing Committee or a Licensing Sub-committee). At the hearing, the panel will consider any application, representation or notice made by an absent party in the same way as it will of any application, representation or notice made by a party that attends the hearing.
- 9.3. If, however, the hearing is adjourned to a specified date, all parties will forthwith be notified of the date, time and place to which the hearing has been adjourned.

10. Disruptive behaviour

- 10.1. Any person who disrupts a hearing by the Council, the Licensing Committee or a Licensing Sub-committee of a matter being heard under Sex Establishment legislation may be required to leave the hearing.
- 10.2. It is for the panel hearing the matter to decide whether such person will be permitted to return to the hearing, but should they be allowed to do so, this may be on such conditions as the panel may specify.
- 10.3. If a disruptive person is a person who has a right to address the panel, then that person may, before the end of the hearing (i.e. before Stage 25 of the following procedure), put in writing any information they would have been entitled to give orally, had they not been required to leave the hearing.

SUB - COMMITTEE AGENDA

11. Licensing Sub-Committee agenda

- 11.1. The Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing shall be commenced in accordance with the Licensing Sub-Committee agenda. Any Committee matters shall be addressed at this stage.
- 11.2. The Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing procedure shall take over at the point at which the agenda item is called to be heard.
- 11.3. The Sub-Committee agenda shall deal with the issue of exclusion of press and public for the Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing.

HEARING PROCEDURE

12. Opening the Hearing

- 12.1. The Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing shall be formally opened by the Chair.
- 12.2. The Chair shall introduce Members of the licensing panel (a Licensing Sub-committee, the Licensing Committee or Council), officers present and all other parties present.
- 12.3. The Chair shall explain the procedure to be followed at the meeting and the nature of the decision to be taken by the panel.

13. Licensing Officer's Report

- 13.1. The Licensing Officer presents his / her Report, including an outline of the application, the representation(s) and any points upon which the Licensing Authority has given notice that it required clarification, and identifies anything relevant in the legislation and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 13.2. Members of the panel may ask questions of the Licensing Officer with regards to the Report.

14. Licensing Authority's request(s) for clarification

- 14.1. If points of clarification have been asked for, the Chair invites the Licensing Officer or relevant party to provide necessary information.
- 14.2. Members of the panel may ask questions with regards to the further information provided.

15. Presentation of Case / Submissions from Parties

- 15.1. In the order of Applicant, Responsible Authority and Interested Party each party shall be invited to undertake the following:
 - 15.1.1. Set out their case;

- 15.1.2. Call Witnesses in support of their case (provided notification of the witnesses has previously been given to the Council);
 - 15.1.3. Introduce documentary evidence in support of their case (provided notification of the documentary evidence has previously been given to the Council); and
 - 15.1.4. Respond to any questions asked of them by Members of the Licensing Panel.
- 15.2. At the Sub-Committee and Chair's discretion each party may ask questions of other parties by directing them through the Chair.
 - 15.3. The Sub-Committee shall have the absolute discretion to restrict the number of witnesses and documents that any party can introduce, or the time spent on submissions or oral evidence, to ensure the proper running of the hearing.
 - 15.4. Any witnesses that any party is seeking to call that have not previously been notified to the Council, in advance of the hearing, shall only be allowed with the consent of all other parties at the hearing. The Sub-Committee shall have the sole discretion to refuse to allow any witnesses to be heard, even where the consent of all parties has been given. In reaching the decision the Sub-Committee may consider any circumstances they believe to be relevant, and will have regard to the relevance of the evidence to the matters before the Committee.
 - 15.5. Any documents that any party is seeking to adduce that have not previously been notified to the Council, in advance of the hearing, shall only be allowed with the consent of all other parties at the hearing. The Sub-Committee shall have the sole discretion to refuse to allow any documents to be adduced, even where the consent of all parties has been given. In reaching the decision the Sub-Committee may consider any circumstances they believe to be relevant, and will have regard to the relevance of the evidence to the matters before the Committee.

16. Modification or Withdrawal of Application or Representation

- 16.1. The Chair shall ask the applicant whether the applicant wishes to modify or withdraw the application
- 16.2. The Chair shall ask each party making a representation whether such party would like to withdraw their representation

17. Closing Submissions

- 17.1. The Chair shall invite each of the parties to present a closing submission to the Sub-Committee.
- 17.2. The Chair shall invite the Licensing Officer to make any final representations.
- 17.3. At the end of the Closing Submissions the Chairman may ask the Legal Advisor if there is any clarification or points they wish to make.

18. Legal Advice

- 18.1. The role of the Legal Advisor is to provide Members with advice on:

- Questions of law;
- Matters of practice and procedure;
- The options available to the sub-committee in making their decision;
- Whether information or evidence is relevant to the licensing objectives;
- Any relevant case law or guidelines.

18.2. The hearing shall be directed by the Chair and assisted by the Legal Advisor as appropriate and necessary.

18.3. The Sub-Committee shall be entitled to vary the order and procedure for the hearing, at its absolute discretion.

19. Determination of the Application

19.1. After all representations have been heard, the Chair will inform all parties that the panel will retire in private to determine the matter.

19.2. Either the panel will retire alone to a private room or all parties, officers and members of the public will be required to leave the room, although the panel may invite their legal adviser to join them for the purpose of providing only legal advice - the details of which will be disclosed upon the hearing reconvening.

19.3. Should the sub-committee need to ask any further questions of any party, all parties shall be invited to return for the purposes of asking and answering questions. The Sub-Committee will normally make its determination at the conclusion of the meeting

19.4. All decisions shall be made in line with the general principles as detailed in Appendix A, the range of options available.

19.5. The Sub-Committee shall complete the decision notice as shown at Appendix B.

19.6. The hearing will reconvene and the Chair will either:

- announce the Sub-Committee determination including reasons for the determination; or
- advise those persons present that the Sub-Committee has not reached a decision, but will make a determination as soon as it can and, in any event, within five working days. All parties will then be notified forthwith of the decision.

POST HEARING

20. Record of Proceedings

- 20.1. The authority shall ensure that a record is taken of the hearing.
- 20.2. The record shall be kept for a period of six years from the date of the final action on the matter.

21. Irregularities

- 21.1. Proceedings shall not be rendered void due to a failure to comply with the procedures set out in this document.
- 21.2. Any failure to comply with Hearing Regulations shall not render the process or the decision void.
- 21.3. Where the Authority considers any person to have been prejudiced from the irregularity it shall take such steps as it considers fit to remedy the irregularity, before reaching its determination.
- 21.4. Clerical mistakes may be corrected by the Authority.

22. Decision Notices

- 22.1. The Authority shall provide a written notice of its determination as soon as practicable after the hearing and within 5 working days.

23. Appeals

- 23.1. An appeal against the determination of the Authority must be made to the appropriate Magistrates Court within 21 days of the date of delivery of the decision.

24. Closing the Hearing

- 24.1. The Chair shall thank all parties for attending and draw the hearing to a close.
- 24.2. Should there be another hearing to be heard the Sub-Committee shall begin the procedure again.

Licensing Sub-Committee Checklist
Procedure for determining applications for a Sex Establishment Licence

Item				
1.	Chair to introduce Sub-Committee, Committee Administrator, other Officers and all Parties present.			
2.	Chair to explain procedure for hearing to all parties.			
3.	Licensing Officer to introduce application, including details of the premises, application, objections, references to the Statement of Licensing Policy and Statutory Obligations.			
4.	Chair to invite Sub-Committee to ask any questions of the Licensing Officer, in relation to the report provided.			
5.	Chair to ask Licensing Officer whether there are any points requiring Clarification.			
Steps 6 to 9 to be completed for each party in the order of Applicant (A), Responsible Authority (RA) and Interested Party (IP) The chair will invite each party to:		A	RA	IP
6.	Set out their case			
7.	Call Witnesses in support of their case (provided notification of the witnesses has previously been given to the Council);			
8.	Introduce documentary evidence in support of their case (provided notification of the documentary evidence has previously been given to the Council); and			
9.	Respond to any questions asked of them by Members of the Licensing Panel.			
Repeat steps 6 to 9 for each party				
10.	At the Sub-Committee and Chair's discretion each party may ask questions of other parties by directing them through the Chair.			
11.	Chair asks Applicant if they wish to modify or withdraw their application in any way.			
12.	Chair to invite closing submissions from applicant, responsible authorities and interested parties.			
13.	The Sub-Committee will retire into private to consider its decision.			
14.	Chair will announce the decision of the Sub-Committee and the reasons for the decision. The Chair will advise all parties of their right of appeal.			

Appendix 'A'

Options for determining applications

Determination of application for a Sex Establishment Licence

- To grant the application
- To refuse the application

Appendix 'B'



CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

DECISION NOTICE

Sex Establishment

DECISION OF THE LICENSING SUB – COMMITTEE

<u>Date of Hearing</u>	
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<u>Applicant's Name:</u>	
<u>Premises Address:</u>	

<u>Application for:</u>	
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<u>Reasons for Hearing:</u>	
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<u>Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee:</u>	
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<u>Applicant:</u>	
<u>Person(s) Appearing on Behalf of the Applicant:</u>	

<u>Objector(s):</u>	
<u>Person(s) Appearing on Behalf of Objector(s):</u>	

<u>Other Persons Present:</u>	
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If appropriate:

<u>COMMENCEMENT DATE</u>
<u>This licence will come into effect from:</u>
<input type="radio"/> <u>The date of this decision</u> <input type="radio"/> <u>The end of the period for appeal.</u>

FINDINGS OF FACT
The Sub-Committee made the following findings of fact:

DECISION
The Sub-Committee have decided that the application should be:

○ Granted (as set out in the application)

α Refused

• In coming to its decision, the Sub-Committee has taken into account:

- The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Schedule 3
- The above Act as amended by s27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009
- Central Bedfordshire Council’s Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments
- The merits of the application and the representations (including supporting information) presented by all parties.

REASONS FOR DECISION
The reasons for the Committee’s decision are as follows:

Irrelevant Representations
The Sub-Committee determined that the following representations were irrelevant: Not applicable.

<u>Representation</u>	<u>Reason Representation was Considered Irrelevant</u>
1.	
2.	

Right of Appeal

Applicants or any person who has made a relevant representation who is dissatisfied with this decision has the right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of the date on which they are notified of the decision.

Signed: _____

[Name]

Chair of Licensing Sub-Committee

Date: _____

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
30 July 2012

SUBJECT	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Part 2, schedule 3, as amended by s27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 – A hearing called to determine an application for a Sex Establishment Licence at Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill, MK45 2EH
REPORT OF	Head Of Service Public Protection
<i>Contact Officers; dave.mcbain@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</i>	

1. The Application

- 1.1 An application has been submitted by Lord John Shayler for the grant of a Sex Establishment Licence to carry out the business of a Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV)

1.2

Activity	Current Provision	The Application
Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV)	N/A	Mon – Weds 1900hrs to 0030hrs Thurs – Sat 1900hrs to 0130hrs Sunday - Closed

1.3 Location

The premise is situated in a small shopping parade, close to a mini roundabout complex in the Town centre. Other retail properties are situated around this area. A public house, The White Hart Hotel, is within 70 metres of the property. There is some residential property within the nearby surroundings. A small public space, with a local monument, is situated in front of the premise. There is a large supermarket and car park to the rear of the premise.

The application is attached as Appendix 'A'.

A copy of the location map is attached as Appendix 'B'.

Location photographs are also attached to this report.

2. Relevant History

A valid application for a premises licence for the property under the Licensing Act 2003, was received by Mid Bedfordshire Council On 6th February 2008. The licence was granted on 6th March 2009. the authorisation includes Provision of facilities for Live Music & Recorded Music, Provision of facilities for making music, Provision of facilities for dancing, Provision of Late Night Refreshment and the Supply of alcohol.

3. **Special conditions for Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEV)**

Special conditions relating to SEV's can be found on pages 29 and 30 of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments. These are applied to all SEV Sex Establishment Licences

4. **Representations from the responsible Authority**

Police – Report attached

5. **Interested Parties**

5.1 A number of representations have been received. These are attached to this report

5.2 A further 40 representations were rejected as being not relevant

6. **Licensing Policy**

Members' attention is drawn to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments, in particular sections 9,10,11 and 12 and Appendix 'F' para 3 (c & d) and para 4

7. **Other Guidance**

The sub committee must also have regard to

- The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982
- Any supporting regulations - i.e. s27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009

8. **Observation and General Guidance**

8.1 The Sub-Committee must consider the application and any submissions made in writing, and determine the application.

The options available are:

- Grant the application
- Grant the application with any additional conditions requested by the Chief Officer of Police
- Refuse the application

8.2 The Sub-Committee determination must be based upon:-

- The merits of the application and the representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties
- Any comments made by the Chief Officer of Police and any objections made
- The Statement of Policy of the Licensing Authority
- The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended

8.3 The Sub-Committee must provide clear and relevant reasons for their decision.

Background Papers: Schedule 3 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by s27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009.
Central Bedfordshire Council Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments

Location of Papers: Licensing Team, Dunstable

File Reference: (SEV) 2/3

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Please note that an application has been received on 14/06/2012 for a

Licence	Sex Establishment
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Premises Licence. Details as follows:

Name of applicant/Club Lord John Shayler - Shaylers

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Shaylers 4 Church Street Amphill

Town	Amphill	Post code	MK45 2EH
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Licensable activities applied for/times. Mon to Weds – 1900 – 0030 / Thurs to Sat – 1900 – 0130 / Closed Sunday

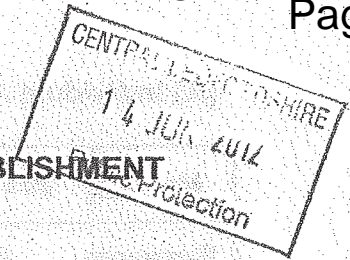
Description of the Application. Sex Entertainment Venue

The full application can be viewed at the address below. The application will be advertised on a notice outside the premises and also in a local publication of the applicant's choice. If you wish to make a representation, please do so in writing by 13th July 2012. Any such representation must reach the Council by the date given above.

**Licensing Team, Central Bedfordshire Council, Watling House, High Street North,
Dunstable, Beds LU6 1LF
Telephone: 0300 300 8647**

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Appendix 'A'



APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE. (* insert GRANT / RENEWAL / VARIATION / TRANSFER)

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We LORD JOHN SHAYLER

(Insert name/s of applicant/s – please read guidance note 1)

apply for the Grant / Renewal / Variation / Transfer* of a Sex Establishment Licence for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) in accordance with schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (*delete as necessary)

Part 1 - Premises Details (Please read guidance note 2)

Postal address (including trading name, post code and telephone number of premises) SHAYLERS

4 CHURCH STREET AMPHILL BEDS MK45 2EH

Part 2 - Applicant Details

Please state whether you are applying for a licence as

Please tick yes

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a) an individual or individuals * | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | please complete section (A & C) |
| b) a person other than an individual * | | |
| i. as a limited company | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete all sections |
| ii. as a partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete all sections |
| iii. as an unincorporated association or | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete all sections |
| iv. other (for example a statutory corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> | please complete all sections |

(A) Individual Applicant Details (Please read guidance note 3)

Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Title	LORD
Surname SHAYLER			First names JOAN		
Date of birth			26. OCTOBER 1960.		
Current postal address including post code			14. GEORGE STREET WOBURN BEDS. MK17 9PY		
Telephone number (if any)					
E-mail address (optional)					
Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Title	
Surname			First names		
Date of birth			/		
Current postal address including post code					
Telephone number (if any)					
E-mail address (optional)					

(Continue on separate page if necessary)

(B) Other Applicants Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number.

Name	/
Address including post code	
Registered number	
Description of applicant (e.g. partnership, company, etc.)	
Telephone number (if any)	
E-mail address (optional)	

(C) Description of Trading Activity

The premises will trade as:						
a sex cinema <input type="checkbox"/>		a sex shop <input type="checkbox"/>		a sexual entertainment venue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
The premises will trade on the following days and between the following times:						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
From 19.00	From 19.00	From 19.00	From 19.00	From 19.00	From 19.00	From Closed
To 00.30	To 00.30	To 00.30	To 01.30	To 01.30	To 01.30	To Closed

(D) Licensing History

Has any person or the corporate or unincorporated body referred to in this application: -

Been disqualified from holding a licence for a sex establishment?	NO
Been refused the grant / renewal / transfer of a licence for a sex establishment?	NO
Been the holder of a sex establishment licence when that licence has been revoked?	NO
If 'Yes' to any of the above please provide details:	

Part 3 - Declaration

(D) Contact Details (Please read guidance note 5)

Contact name	LORD JOHN SHAYLER
Contact postal address including post code	14 GEORGE STREET WORBORN BEDS MK17 9PY
Telephone number (if any)	
E-mail address (optional)	

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT / RENEWAL / VARIATION /
TRANSFER
OF A SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

Schedule 3

Name/s of Applicant/s	JOHN SHAYLER
Postal address of premises including name of the premises and post code (where possible) or a description to enable the location to be identified.	SHAYLERS 4 CHURCH STREET AMPTHILL BEDS MK45 2EH
<p>Summary of application (hours of trading, type of licence, etc):</p> <p>Monday 19.00 to 00.30 Tuesday 19.00 to 00.30 Wednesday 19.00 to 00.30 Thursday 19.00 to 01.30 Friday 19.00 to 01.30 Saturday 19.00 to 01.30 Sunday Closed</p>	
<p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application has been made to Central Bedfordshire Council for a licence to use the above premises as a sex establishment.</p> <p>Copies of schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (which defines the type of activity that may be carried out under a licence) and of the application may be inspected at the offices of Central Bedfordshire Council, Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1LF between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm (Monday to Friday except public holidays).</p> <p>Any objections in respect of the above application must be made in writing to the council at the above address by</p> <hr/> <p>It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5,000.</p>	

I/We:

Please tick yes

- Enclose the fee (Please make payable to Central Bedfordshire Council)
- Enclose evidence of identity containing a photograph in respect of each individual applicant / partner / director, as applicable
- Enclose either a criminal conviction certificate or criminal record certificate or the results of a subject access search of the police national computer by the National Identification Service
- Understand that if the above requirements have not been complied with my application will be rejected
- Understand that the information given may be used in conjunction with other authorities for the prevention and detection of fraud, and will be held on computer, subject to the Data Protection Act 1998.
- Confirm that the information supplied in this application is true to the best of my / our knowledge and belief.

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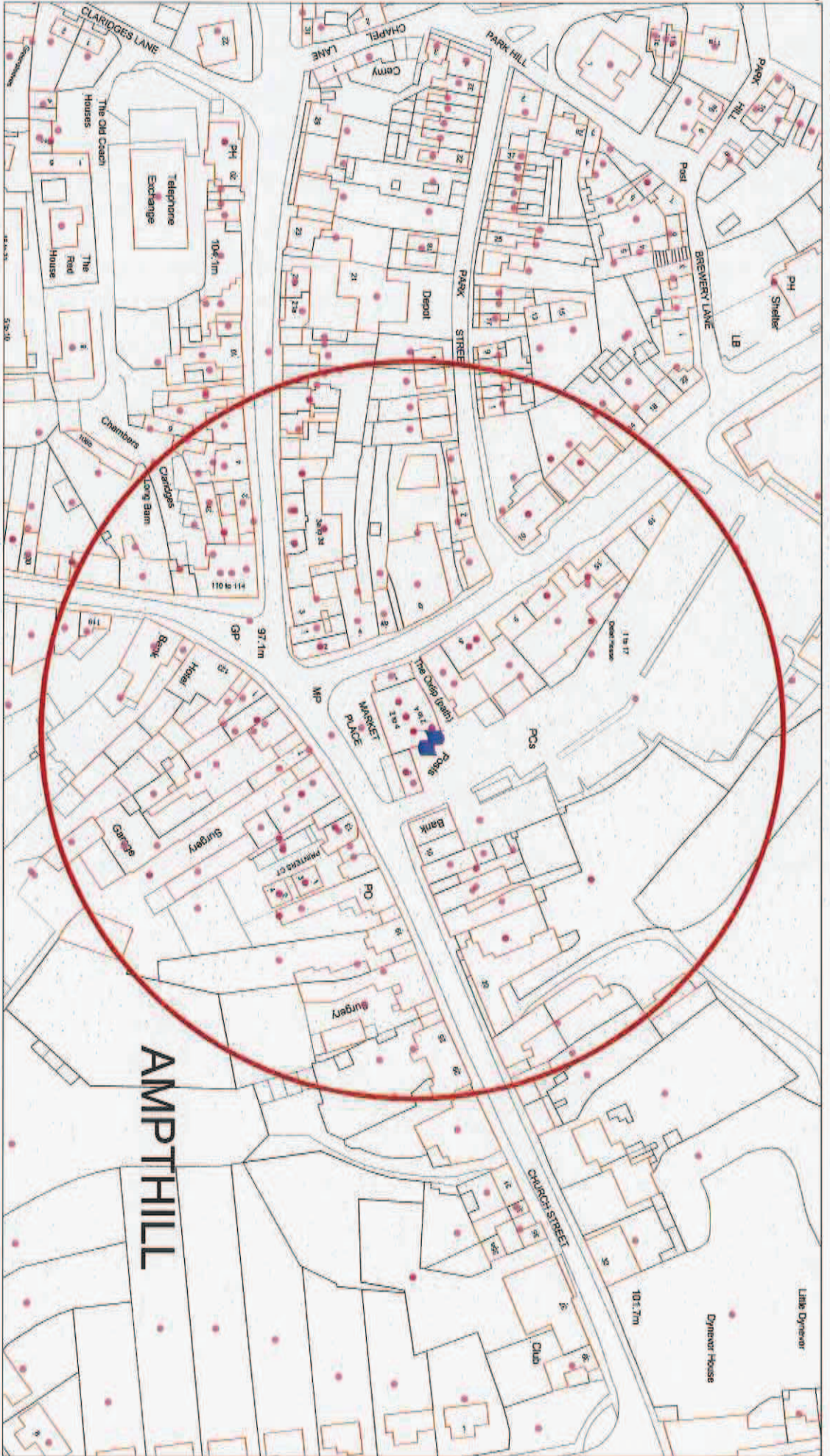
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Signature of applicant/s or applicant/s' solicitor or other duly authorised agent.
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Date	17/6/2012
Capacity	ISO.

APPENDIX 13.1

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WE ARE NOW ACTIVELY SEEKING DANCERS TO JOIN OUR TEAM. WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM AMPTHILL, FLITWICK AND THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES, 18 TO 60 YEARS ONLY PLEASE.

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- 3, GAY MALE DANCERS.
- 3, LESBIAN DANCERS.
- 4, TRANSVESTITE DANCERS.
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Schedule 3

Name/s of Applicant/s	JOHN SHAYLER	
Postal address of premises including name of the premises and post code (where possible) or a description to enable the location to be identified.	SHAYLERS 4 CHURCH STREET AMPTHILL BEDS MK45 2EH.	
Summary of application (hours of trading, type of licence, etc):	<p>Monday 19.00 to 00.30</p> <p>Tuesday 19.00 to 00.30</p> <p>Wednesday 19.00 to 00.30</p> <p>Thursday 19.00 to 01.30</p> <p>Friday 19.00 to 01.30</p> <p>Saturday 19.00 to 01.30</p> <p>Sunday Closes</p>	
<p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application has been made to Central Bedfordshire Council for a licence to use the above premises as a sex establishment.</p> <p>Copies of schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (which defines the type of activity that may be carried out under a licence) and of the application may be inspected at the offices of Central Bedfordshire Council, Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1LF between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm (Monday to Friday except public holidays).</p> <p>Any objections in respect of the above application must be made in writing to the council at the above address by</p> <hr/> <p>It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5,000.</p>		

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BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE

FROM: C. J Carey PC 715
Licensing Officer
Central Bedfordshire Area

TO: Licensing Committee
Central Bedfordshire Council

Ext: 3260

Date: 9th July 2012

Subject: **Application for Sex Establishment Licence**
Shaylers 4 Church St Ampthil

The Police have received a copy of this application. We note that a premises Licence is already in force. There is no evidence of significant crime or disorder in the immediate area of the premises.

The Police have noted the Standard conditions contained within the Central Bedfordshire Council Statement of Licensing Policy with regard to Sex Establishments.

Should the Committee be minded to grant this application the Police would request that consideration be given to adding the below listed conditions to the Licence.

1. A minimum of 4 SIA registered door staff of whom one will be female will be on duty at the premises during operating hours and for a further 30 minutes after the terminal hour.
2. A suitable CCTV system to be installed to the satisfaction of Bedfordshire Police. The system to be operational at all times when licensed activities are being carried out. The system is to cover all public areas including booths and corridors but not staff changing rooms or any toilets in the premises. The system is to be adequately maintained and be capable of downloading recorded material onto removable media.
3. The siting of the CCTV system will be agreed with Bedfordshire Police prior to installation and will comply with that agreement at all times. Changes to the siting and standard of the CCTV system may only be made with the consent of Bedfordshire Police.
4. CCTV footage will be made secure and retained for a minimum of 31 days. CCTV footage to be supplied to the police and authorised officers of Central Bedfordshire Council on request.
5. At all times when the premises are open to the public there will be a member of staff on duty who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system and who is able to download immediately any footage as requested by the police or an officer from the licensing authority.

C. J. Carey
Bedfordshire Police Licensing Unit.
Central Bedfordshire.

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Fax no: 0300 300 8200

Your ref:

Our ref:

Date: 13 July 2012

Dear Sir/madam

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982
Licensing of Sex Establishments – Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Amptill, Beds

I acknowledge receipt of your objection to the above application on the grounds of location, and the characteristics of the locality.

A Licensing Sub Committee has been called for Monday 30th July 2012 at 14.30hrs in the Council Chamber at Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds SG17 5TQ to decide the application, and you are invited to attend.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P Davies

Licensing Co-Ordinator

Public Protection

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NB: Please read the attached information/guidance.

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1. Hearings to be open to the public

- 1.1. Hearings will generally be open to the public as the Licensing Authority is committed to taking decisions in an honest, accountable and transparent way, but on occasions a licensing panel may find it necessary to exclude a party or parties, the public and press from all or any part of a hearing.
- 1.2. A panel will only pass an exclusion resolution where it considers that the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in public. Such decisions will be made on an individual basis.
- 1.3. The panel's deliberations, which do not form part of the hearing, will be conducted in private. The announcement of the panel's decision is part of the hearing and will generally be open to the public, subject to any exclusion resolution.

2. Failure to attend the hearing

- 2.1. No party is obliged to attend a hearing, although the Licensing Authority encourages all parties to attend hearings to make their application or representation, as may be the case.
- 2.2. Regardless of whether a party attends a hearing or not, the matter will generally be heard and determined by the licensing panel (the Council, the Licensing Committee or a Licensing Sub-committee). At the hearing, the panel will consider any application, representation or notice made by an absent party in the same way as it will of any application, representation or notice made by a party that attends the hearing.
- 2.3. If, however, the hearing is adjourned to a specified date, all parties will forthwith be notified of the date, time and place to which the hearing has been adjourned.

3. Disruptive behaviour

- 3.1. Any person who disrupts a hearing by the Council, the Licensing Committee or a Licensing Sub-committee of a matter being heard under Sex Establishment legislation may be required to leave the hearing.

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- 3.2. It is for the panel hearing the matter to decide whether such person will be permitted to return to the hearing, but should they be allowed to do so, this may be on such conditions as the panel may specify.
- 3.3. If a disruptive person is a person who has a right to address the panel, then that person may, before the end of the hearing (i.e. before Stage 25 of the following procedure), put in writing any information they would have been entitled to give orally, had they not been required to leave the hearing.

Licensing Sub-Committee Checklist
Procedure for determining applications for a Sex Establishment Licence

1.	Chair to introduce Sub-Committee, Committee Administrator, other Officers and all Parties present.			
2.	Chair to explain procedure for hearing to all parties.			
3.	Licensing Officer to introduce application, including details of the premises, application, objections, references to the Statement of Licensing Policy and Statutory Obligations.			
4.	Chair to invite Sub-Committee to ask any questions of the Licensing Officer, in relation to the report provided.			
5.	Chair to ask Licensing Officer whether there are any points requiring Clarification.			
Steps 6 to 9 to be completed for each party in the order of Applicant (A), Responsible Authority (RA) and Interested Party (IP) The chair will invite each party to:		A	RA	IP
6.	Set out their case			
7.	Call Witnesses in support of their case (provided notification of the witnesses has previously been given to the Council);			
8.	Introduce documentary evidence in support of their case (provided notification of the documentary evidence has previously been given to the Council); and			



9.	Respond to any questions asked of them by Members of the Licensing Panel.			
Repeat steps 6 to 9 for each party				
10.	At the Sub-Committee and Chair's discretion each party may ask questions of other parties by directing them through the Chair.			
11.	Chair asks Applicant if they wish to modify or withdraw their application in any way.			
12.	Chair to invite closing submissions from applicant, responsible authorities and interested parties.			
13.	The Sub-Committee will retire into private to consider its decision.			
14.	Chair will announce the decision of the Sub-Committee and the reasons for the decision. The Chair will advise all parties of their right of appeal.			

18 OBJECTION
MADE THIS
STATEMENT

1st July 2012

Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
High Street North
Dunstable
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LU6 1LF

Dear Sir or Madam

Reference: Shaylers – application for sex establishment Ampthill

I would like to formally register my objection to the above application on the following grounds:

- It is totally at odds with the town's historical and cultural heritage and its family based community spirit and values
- It will have a seriously detrimental effect on other businesses in Ampthill already struggling in hard economic times as people avoid the area
- It is in close proximity to many residential properties – including my own where many young children reside
- It is located at the very the focal point of the community and in close proximity to areas used continuously by children e.g. on the way to school, to bus stops and churches, to use local amenities such as dancing schools, toy and sweet shops and cafes and to gather in communal areas in the centre of town
- It will further exacerbate problems with unruly behaviour in central Ampthill late at night already a problem due to alcohol / late licensing at local pubs
- It will create an environment in central Ampthill that makes it uncomfortable and threatening for women and girls of all ages to go about their normal business, effectively creating a no-go area for us which is completely unacceptable
- Whilst the council does not recognise moral issues in these cases, allowing this application to be approved will send a clear message to the young women and girls of Ampthill that sexual exploitation of women is something that the town council condones and promotes.

I trust these objections will be given full and proper consideration. I also understand that my identity will not be passed to the applicant unless my permission is given.

Yours faithfully



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Dave McBain

To: Paul Duckett

Subject: RE: Representation at a hearing for Shaylers SEV application

Cllr Duckett,

many thanks for your email. I can now list you as an interested party and you will receive notification of the day, date, place and time of a future hearing. This will be following the end of the notification period at which time you will also receive a copy of the hearing document. This will contain all of the additional information that you will require.

Regards,

Dave McBain

From: Paul Duckett [mailto:duckettcomms@yahoo.com]

Sent: 03 July 2012 15:00

To: Dave McBain

Cc: Cllr Paul Duckett

Subject: Re: Representation at a hearing for Shaylers SEV application

Dear Mr McBain, I wish to make representation as ward councillor and deputy mayor of Ampthill in opposition to this licence being granted on the following grounds:

The site is located on the Market square of this Georgian market town facing onto the pedestrian/public amenity heart of the town centre.

The building is part of the predominating townscape outside of which are held community events such as the act of remembrance in November, the Christmas lights switch on festival, charity fund raising stalls/collection days to name a few.

This area immediately outside the proposed site is also a seating area for people of all ages wishing to meet up and interact.

In addition, There are residential apartments facing onto the square and surrounding the site as well as housing.

All of which combines to make this location unsuitable for the use to which this application is directed.

Representations in the form of letters, petitions etc from members of the community will be used to further reinforce my case for the opposition of such a use for this building and I propose to quote them on the day.

I trust this gives Lord Shayler's brief sufficient information as to my intent and if you could furnish me with similar including copies of representations I should be obliged, yours sincerely,
Paul

Sent from my iPhone

On 3 Jul 2012, at 12:38, Dave McBain <Dave.McBain@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Cllr Duckett,

I understand that you wish to make a representation at any future hearing called to determine the above application.

In order for you to be able to speak at a hearing we must be in receipt of an acceptable representation from you relating to the criteria for an objection under Sex Establishment legislation.

Objections cannot be based upon moral grounds, but must relate to the location and suitability of locality with regard to the following;

1. Residential areas
2. Schools, nurseries or any other premise substantially used by children under 16 years of age
3. Parks or other recreational areas used by or for children under 16 years of age
4. Churches or other places of religious worship
5. Community buildings

Regards

Pat

Pat Davies MIOL, MCMI
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From: Chris Nixon (BPCT) [<mailto:Chris.Nixon@bedfordshire.nhs.uk>]
Sent: 19 June 2012 15:17
To: Licensing Enquiries
Cc: drcjnixon@gmail.com
Subject: Shaylers - application for sex establishment Ampthill

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19/06/12

Dear Sir or Madam

Reference: Shaylers – application for sex establishment Ampthill

I would like to formally register my objection to the above application on the following grounds:

I spend my professional life supporting the withdrawal from drugs of many sex-working girls, none of whom enjoy their work, but usually end up having to be a part of the sex entertainment industry.

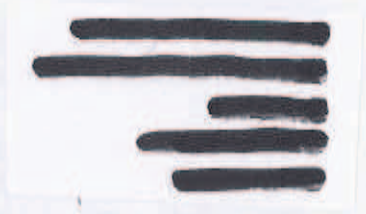
It seems inappropriate to licence such an establishment in Ampthill where there is no support for these people. We have such support in Luton.

Yours faithfully

Dr Chris Nixon
GP Specialist Substance misuse

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3 July 2012

Lord John Shayler - Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill

This representation submits objections to the applicant being granted a Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) licence on the following grounds:

(a) Proximity to a residential area

"Shaylers" position on Market Square is located in very close proximity to residential accommodation adjacent and opposite the proposed strip club.

It is clear that a strip club sited in such close proximity to a residential area is neither acceptable nor appropriate, because of the potential fear of crime, anti-social behaviour, noise pollution and disturbance to residents and is incongruent with current Central Beds policy.

Such reasons reflect concerns raised by key stakeholders in consultations which led to the subsequent reform of licensing law governing the sex industry vis-à-vis strip clubs. Other reasons included the heightened statistical link to physical, verbal and sexual assaults against women who live or work in the vicinity of strip clubs.

Many of the towns 5,000 residents will be reluctant to walk through the centre of their own community for fear of suffering such abuse, as this application is made for premises at its heart in its small Market Square.

The premises are located in the centre of Ampthill on the Market Square, there is seating provided for residents, both young and old, and these are directly outside the premises.

(b) Character of the relevant locality

Central Beds policy also provides that SEV licences shall be considered with respect to the character of the relevant locality.

Amphill is a market town with a long history, but it is struggling in the current economic climate with several local businesses closing down. The opening of a local strip club will counteract the efforts of hardworking local business people by tarnishing the area with a sleazy image, explicitly associated with prostitution, violent/sexual crime and anti-social behaviour.

The negative economic impact of operators such as the applicant will be acutely experienced by other local businesses who are struggling to survive in the recession as the sex industry devastates efforts to regenerate the area by driving away the couple, professional and family trade. Very few members of the public want to dine or shop in the vicinity of a strip club, especially those with infant children – irrespective of the operational hours of the applicant in question.

It is therefore submitted that efforts to maintain the area as a safe, welcoming and respectable area that attracts a broader segment of the retail market will be severely inhibited by the presence of the applicant operating as a strip club. In order to achieve the economic and social prosperity which the local area needs, the public image of the region would be improved by refusing the applicant an SEV licence.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]



CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE
02 JUL 2012
Public Protection

Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
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27th June 2012

Re: Licence Application – Shaylers Ampthill

Dear Sir,

I wish to strongly object to the application for a Sex Establishment License for Shaylers at 4 Church Street Ampthill.

The grounds for the objection are that the location is totally unsuitable.

The location of Shaylers is on Ampthill's small market square. The market square is the very heart of the town and was refurbished at considerable council expense (£50,000?) only a few years ago to ensure it is an amenity to the people who live in Ampthill. The square contains seating in front of Shaylers entrance that is used by the residents, especially teenage boys and girls in the evenings. The square hosts the Christmas tree, Christmas carol service and fair. Many local people including myself enjoy a walk through Ampthill (in a continental way) in the evenings passing the Shayler establishment.

A sex establishment in this location will increase the risk of crime and anti-social behaviour in the town centre and destroy the pleasant ambiance and utility of the town centre.

The town centre is a prime residential area and late night dancing, drinking and sex related activities will inconvenience the residents and have a negative impact on the town.

The town car park is adjacent to the rear Shaylers. The car park which would be used by customers of Shaylers is used by families who shop or eat out in Ampthill of an evening.

A permanent police presence would be essential in Ampthill centre until 2am to minimise anti social activities should this licence be granted.

For these reasons, and many more, the council should reject the application.

Yours sincerely,

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 02 July 2012 08:39
To: [REDACTED].com'
Subject: RE: Proposals concerning Shaylors, 4 Church Street, Ampthill
[REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: [REDACTED].com [mailto:[REDACTED].com]
Sent: 30 June 2012 11:30
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Proposals concerning Shaylors, 4 Church Street, Ampthill

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my opposition to the granting of a licence for a Sex Establishment at the above premises.

My objections are for the following reasons:

Ampthill is a genteel and historic Georgian market town and an establishment of this kind is completely inappropriate for the area.

The premises concerned are right in the centre of the town where many community events are held.

It is an area where young people congregate. Clientele of such an establishment could present

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a danger.

It is right opposite the town's post office, and a bus stop, and would be very intrusive into the townspeople's everyday activities.

I sincerely hope therefore that this application will be rejected.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir/Madam

I have read with interest the notice in the window of 4 Church Street, Ampthill concerning the application to the licensing authority for a Sex Entertainment venue.

I would like to formally lodge my objection against the application for this license to be granted.

I understand when a Sexual Venue permit was issued for a similar establishment the Police figures quoted showed there were 69 reported sex crimes within a mile radius of the club between the dates Jan 2010 - Feb 2012. These attacks included 15 cases of indecent exposure and six "other" sexual offences. Five of the rapes and 16 sexual assaults were committed within half a mile.

I certainly would not feel safe or welcome in the vicinity of this venue. It would certainly exclude me from socialising at night in this location, which I currently do on a regular basis to support the local businesses in the town.

The location of this venue would, in my opinion, also fuel anti-social behaviour and unacceptable levels of noise.

The venue is also near to homes, nurseries, schools, playgrounds, parks and places of worship. More specifically it is close to St Andrews church in addition to the Methodist and Baptist churches.

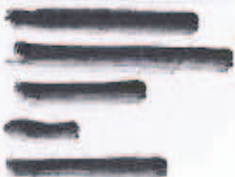
Alameda Middle School and The Firs Lower School are also close by as is Russell Lower School, and, Ampthill Park, used by children of all ages, is also very close to the proposed venue. In addition, there is a children's toy shop - 'Fairies and Frogs', which has recently opened directly opposite the proposed venue

There are a number of other licensed premises, including those with late night opening, serving alcohol in the immediate vicinity. Therefore on these ground I object to the application for 4 Church Street to be issued with a licence to become a sex entertainment venue.

Ampthill is a quiet market town with a 'huge community' feeling and a venue of this kind promotes a one-dimensional view of women's sexuality and will therefore encourage the view that women are sex objects whose bodies can be bought and sold.

As a teacher in a local Upper School I have serious concerns on the effect this type of venue may have on my students and the type of messages it would be sending out to them.

Yours Faithfully

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 27 June 2012 08:07
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Licencing Application: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence

Dear [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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Sent: 26 June 2012 22:38
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Licencing Application: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence

Hi,

I have just heard about the above application and would like to lodge a formal objection. The location of the premises related to this application is in a very noticeable and identifiable part of the town, being on a major thoroughfare through the center, and close to many community buildings. Ampthill is a very quiet town, there are currently no late night clubs or bars in the town centre that I know of, and to introduce something like this which is a step beyond either of those I think is a

bridge to far for this particular town. It's a credit to the town at the moment when driving through at night that you don't see any drinkers or anti social behaviour on the streets as you do in so many other towns in Bedfordshire. There are plenty of other uses for this premises which would be more in keeping with the atmosphere of Ampthill which would not involve encouraging late night drinking and anti social behaviour which I feel this type of venue would.

Many thanks,

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27th June 2012



Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: Shaylers - Application for Sex establishment in Ampthill.

1. I would like to formally register my objections on the following grounds
1. The location in our small market town is one of the more significant frontages in the centre. A sex establishment runs contrary to the ethos of Ampthill, which is very much a small family-centric community
2. A sex establishment in this location will deter locals and visitors, from spending time in Ampthill, putting already established other businesses at risk.
3. The Club will be open at times when children will be transiting the area. This business is ^{at the} very heart of Ampthill amongst a centre for Dance Classes for young children and toy shop situated directly opposite.
4. It will further exacerbate problems with unruly behaviour in central Ampthill late at night, already a problem due to alcohol / late licensing at local pubs.
5. It will create an environment in central Ampthill that makes it uncomfortable for women and girls of all ages to go about their normal business, also will create a no-go area as they will feel threatened. This is completely unacceptable.
6. The Saleability and value of properties in Central Ampthill will certainly be somewhat reduced.
7. If consent is granted it will set a precedent for similar applications further diminishing the profile of ~~the~~ town.
8. I know the council does not recognise moral issues, but I am concerned as a mother that allowing this to go ahead will send a message throughout our youngsters that sexual exploitation is something which is acceptable and the council condones, and promotes.

I trust these objections will be given my area paper consideration
I also understand that my identity will not be passed to the
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Yours sincerely

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Elizabeth Layton-Scott

From: Customer Services
Sent: 29 June 2012 14:06
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: FW: Sex Establishment Licence - Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill

Hi,

Please find an email (below) sent for the attention of the licensing team.

Regards

Steve Bellamy

Steven Bellamy
Customer Services Advisor
Customer Services
Central Bedfordshire Council Technology House, 239 Ampthill Road, Bedford, MK42 9BD

customer.services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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From: Donna Searle [mailto:d.searle@ampthilltowncouncil.org.uk]
Sent: 29 June 2012 12:00
To: Customer Services
Cc: Paul Duckett; Cllr Mike Blair; Mark Smith
Subject: Sex Establishment Licence - Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill

Dear Licensing Team at Central Bedfordshire Council

Ampthill Town Council has considered the notice of application for a sex entertainment venue at 4 Church Street, Ampthill and is strongly opposed to the granting of the licence as follows:

The granting of the licence would be inappropriate having regard to:

- *The character of the area;*
- *The premises are situated in a prominent position in an historic market town and therefore unsuitable for the granting of this licence;*
- *The market square, immediately in front of the premises, is a community space used for fund raising events, cake sales etc, Remembrance Sunday, Carols around the Tree and the Christmas Lights Switch-On;*
- *The Town Council, Police and Ampthill Community Safety Group have worked hard over the last few years to reduce anti-social behaviour in the town centre and the granting of this licence could lead to an escalation of this behaviour.*

We would be grateful for our views to be made known to the Licensing Committee when

29/06/2012

they are determining this application.

Kind regards, Donna

Donna Searle, Deputy Town Clerk. Direct Dial: 01525 844171.
Amphill Town Council, 66 Dunstable Street, Amphill, MK45 2JS. Switchboard: 01525
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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries

Sent: 26 June 2012 13:01

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Central Beds Council Licencing Application: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012.

Dear [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

Pat Davies MIOL, MCMI
Licensing Co-Ordinator
Public Protection

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From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED].co.uk]

Sent: 26 June 2012 13:49

To: Licensing Enquiries

Subject: FW: Central Beds Council Licencing Application: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012.

(This version has my address on as required)

Dear Sirs/Madam,

I am writing in objection to the above change of useage for Shaylers in Ampthill for the following reasons:

Location:

The location for such an establishment would not be suitable as it is the centre of the town, the market place and the main focus, such establishments should be on the outskirts of towns.

The Market Place is the main focus for community events, some involving children for eg turning the christmas tree lights, the fair etc with such an establishment in the background would not be suitable.

Premises used by children under 16:

Ampthill is a family oriented town, a childrens toy shop (Frogs & Fairies) are due to take over premises adjacent to the proposed establishment in Church St.

There is a childrens dance studio in Kings Arms Yard opposite the proposed establishment.

Children regularly use the public seating area outside the proposed establishment.

Nearby schools, nurseries, parks and other areas of use by children.

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Community benefit?

In a recent article in The Beds on Sunday newspaper, the owner of Shayler's commented that 'he is opening the establishment for himself, not for the people of Amphill'. He clearly only has profiteering on his agenda with a disregard for the local community which object to the scheme.

Effect on the community, businesses and tourism in the area?

who in the community is going to benefit from such an establishment? it will draw in sex tourists from outside the town, it may bring in other sidelines to this sort of business, with ladies providing extra's?

How do waitrose feel about providing a car park for Mr Shayler's clientele in the evening?

With the opportunity for tourism in the area with Centre Parcs opening soon, wouldn't retail outlets for outdoor, sports shops, bike hire and a tourist information centre be more in keeping with the centre of town? adjacent shops may be put off trading nearby and empty shops may appear. Visitors first experience of bedfordshire when visiting centre parcs and visiting local Amphill will be met with the strip club in the market square.

House prices locally could suffer.

Police:

What do the local police think of extra time, resources that will be needed to be pooled in to supervise the area leaving other areas vulnerable? will local council rates go up accordingly? Will drunk or aroused customers threaten the safety of women in the area?

Areas away from town centres and communities are more suitable for such establishments.

Kind regards



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21 June 2012

Licensing Department
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
High Street North
Dunstable
Beds
LU6 1LF

Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Shaylers – application for sex establishment Ampthill

We would like to formally register our objection to the above application.

Ampthill is a small historical market town. The centre of which is a conservation area comprising narrow streets flanked by historical buildings and contains a substantial amount of residential properties populated by young families and elderly people.

The proposed premises for this sex establishment is set in the heart of Ampthill and it would have a significant detrimental effect on the town and would completely undermine its historical and cultural heritage and its family based community spirit and values. For example, many community events such as the Christmas Lights Switch On and the Christmas Carols event take place right in front of the proposed premises.

We find it impossible to believe that such an establishment would serve the needs of the community within which it is set. The opposite would be the case. It would attract undesirable people into the heart of the town, making life extremely intimidating for the people who actually live here. In turn, this would have a seriously detrimental effect on other businesses in Ampthill already struggling in hard economic times as people avoid the area.

It will further exacerbate problems with unruly behaviour in central Ampthill late at night. This is already a problem due to alcohol / late licensing at local pubs. Furthermore, there is no designated taxi rank in the centre of Ampthill and the narrow streets of the town are already clogged up with taxis parking illegally on Friday and Saturday nights. This establishment would intensify the problem.

We note that a similar license was recently turned down in Bedford and Bedford is a much bigger town. Accordingly, it would be incredulous for such a license to be granted for a premises in a much smaller, quieter town such as Ampthill.

Finally, many other successful businesses, which would serve the community of Ampthill, could easily operate from the proposed premises. Indeed, we are aware that other local businesses have been interested in the premises. Accordingly, refusing this license would not inhibit the applicant running an alternative business.

We trust these objections will be given full and proper consideration. We also understand that our identity will not be passed to the applicant unless our permission is given.

Yours sincerely

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[Redacted address]

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 25 June 2012 08:18
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: licensing application for Shayler 4 Church Street Ampthill

Dear I

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

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-----Original Message-----

From: tmcg48@o2.co.uk [mailto:tmcg48@o2.co.uk]
Sent: 24 June 2012 16:56
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: licensing application for Shayler 4 Church Street Ampthill

Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident of Ampthill for over 40 years I strongly object to the application for a licence for a sex establishment, made by Lord John Shayler, for 4 Church Street Ampthill.

Ampthill is a historic Georgian market town, in a rural area, which offers a wealth of conservation areas and listed buildings. In Church street alone (which is one of the

conservation areas) there are 29 listed buildings including no 6, being the property next door to the property for which the application is made. No 4 Church Street is a focal point in the town being that it stands in a central position on our small town square. The square is also a place where the youngsters congregate, without trouble, especially on a summers evening. There are already seven licensed premises in the immediate area as well as two licensed retailers and there are three churches within a short walking distance.

The area around Church Street is residential as most of the shops have living accommodation. The lives of the residents are already affected by the current social environment surrounding them and the opening of a club in their midst, would only be additional pressure. Plus, should they wish to sell, the likelihood is that their property would be devalued with a club on the doorstep.

Finally I fear that the club would attract an unsavoury element and unseemly behaviour to the centre of the town. It would be totally inappropriate in the centre of any small, rural, historic town.

If Lord John Shayler, who as quoted in the paper does not want to open the club for the people of Ampthill but for himself, then perhaps he would be better served opening it nearer to where he lives in Woburn

[Redacted]

Tel [Redacted]

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I believe that there is a genuine concern for the safety of females to be unaccompanied in the town, particularly during the proposed opening hours and subsequent closing hours of the sex club. For example, the rear car parking area to the club, National Westminster's car park, The Oxlip, Kings Arms Path and other secluded alley ways around the town are potential areas for victims to be attacked. As a retired police officer having served in Luton and Ampthill, I am fully aware of the devastating effect of violent and sexual crime on victims and their families and the fear it causes within the community.

If the licence were granted, then there will of course be the novelty factor from younger members of the community hanging around the market square 'to see what's going on and who's going in'. I anticipate that this will increase the anti-social behaviour, noise pollution and other disturbance in the area for residents in the immediate area.

Schools, nurseries or any other premise substantially used by or for children under 16 years of age.

The market square where the proposed sex club may be located is in the heart of Ampthill. It is a beautiful square which is the focal point for the town. Its picturesque scenes can be seen on calendars, Christmas cards and promotions for Ampthill. Do the residents really want a sex club to become the focal point in future pictures? Not to mention that the annual 'Ampthill Christmas Lights Switch On' would have the back drop of a sex establishment!

The establishment would be located directly opposite a children's toy shop, 'Frogs 'n Fairies', the chemist, the post office and a café. All of these premises are frequented by children under the age of sixteen years. This age group also visit other businesses in close proximity to the square, such as the bakers, hairdressers, the dance studio, the music studio, the card and wool shop, opticians, cafes and the local markets.

Finally, the applicant, John Shaylor, has been quoted as saying,

"The purpose of me doing this is not to upset the people of Ampthill. The purpose of me doing this to have a commercial building that we own, to be put back to use. It costs me money by being closed. I'm not doing it for the Ampthill people, I'm doing it for me. I need to make that building earn money".

It has upset people and Mr Shaylor certainly has no consideration for the people of Ampthill. If he cannot find a reasonable use for his property then he should rent it out to someone who can.

Yours Faithfully

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From: The residents of [REDACTED]

To: Licensing Team,
Central Bedfordshire Council,
Watling House,
High Street North,
Dunstable,
Beds LU6 1LF



Date: 26 June 2012

Dear Sirs

Re the following:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Please note that an application has been received on 15/06/2012 for a Licence Sex Establishment Premises Licence. Details as follows:

Name of applicant/Club

Lord John Shayler - Shaylers

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

Shaylers
4 Church Street
Amphill

Town Amphill Post code MK45 2EH

Licensable activities applied for/times.

Mon to Weds – 1900 – 0030 / Thurs to Sat – 1900 – 0130 / Closed Sunday

Description of the Application.

Sex Entertainment Venue

The full application can be viewed at the address below. The application will be advertised on a notice outside the premises and also in a local publication of the applicant's choice. If you wish to make a representation, please do so in writing by 14th July 2012. Any such representation must reach the Council by the date given above.

We would like it noted that we strongly object to the above 'note of application' and find it completely inappropriate that any such establishment would be set up in our family orientated community.

Our specific objections:

- 1. The intended location is indiscreetly placed on the pedestrian area used by young families at the very heart of Amphill, a busy shopping and market town. The area has public seating and is often used as a meeting place for people of all ages.**
- 2. The location is close to residential areas: - Church Street, Park Street, Woburn Street and Dunstable Street.**
- 3. Schools for children under 16 are nearby and pupils walk past these premises when going to and from their studies.**

4. There are at least 3 churches/ places of worship within a short walk of the premises; namely the Parish Church, the Methodist Church and the Baptist Church.
5. Centre Parcs is shortly to open very close to Ampthill. One of their main customer profiles is that of young families. Ampthill would hope to attract that customer base into the town and benefit all businesses there. The proposed premises would not be in keeping with that vision and would be detrimental to it.
6. The premises is located at the entrance to Waitrose where many families with children under 16 shop.
7. Ampthill is 'an identifiable location' of significant character which could be built upon. The proposed lap dancing establishment does not reflect this character.

Yours faithfully

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27th June 2012

Licencing Team,
Central Bedfordshire Council,
Watling House,
High Street North,
Dunstable, LU6 1LF



To whom it may concern,

RE:- Application for a Sex Entertainment Venue licence at Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill.

Having noted the above application, and your Statement of Licensing Policy effective from 13th April 2011, I make the following representations in respect of the implications of the application for certain key matters of policy. For the avoidance of doubt, this is an objection to the granting of such a licence to what I believe to be wholly inappropriate premises for the reasons stated, and is made not as a consequence of 'NIMBYism'.

Residential areas

The applicant premises are directly opposite flats above Church Street, and are within a 100 metre radius of a large number of residential properties (both flats and houses) along Church Street, Bedford Street, Park Street, Woburn Street, and Dunstable Street. Residents of those properties would be unable to evade the public presence of such a venue; its advertising; and its patrons.

Premises used substantially by or for children under 16 years of age

The applicant premises are directly opposite a retail store which is shortly to be occupied by the popular "Fairies and Frogs" toy shop which is relocating from Dunstable Street. It would be deeply invidious for families and children to have to face such an establishment upon exiting a toy shop.

Churches of other places of religious worship

The applicant premises are within 250 meters of both St. Andrew's Church and Ampthill Methodist Church. It is likely that the overwhelming majority of members of those worshipping communities would find the proximity of commercial sexual entertainments disturbing, and would object on moral grounds to the objectification of the human form for the purpose of patrons' sexual gratification.

Community buildings

The applicant premises are within 50 metres of the public toilets owned and operated by Ampthill Town Council. Even if those toilets are locked at night, the potential implications and alarm which might be caused to users of those toilets by a sex establishment in such exceptionally close proximity speaks for itself.

"Gateway" location

The premises are at a crossroads through which virtually all traffic (both vehicular and pedestrian) must pass in order to access locations on the opposite side of the town. Many people have no viable alternative route, and this would include, by way of an example, women returning late at night to properties on the eastern side of the town from Flitwick Rail Station. Such people may well be distressed at having no choice but to pass such a venue in these circumstances.

For these reasons, I submit to the Council that the application should be refused.

Yours faithfully,

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Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
High Street North
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25 June 2012

Lord John Shayler - Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill

This representation submits objections to the applicant being granted a Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) licence on the following grounds:

(a) Proximity to a residential area

"Shaylers" position on Market Square is located in very close proximity to residential accommodation adjacent and opposite the proposed strip club.

It is clear that a strip club sited in such close proximity to a residential area is neither acceptable nor appropriate, because of the potential fear of crime, anti-social behaviour, noise pollution and disturbance to residents and is incongruent with current Central Beds policy.

Such reasons reflect concerns raised by key stakeholders in consultations which led to the subsequent reform of licensing law governing the sex industry vis-à-vis strip clubs. Other reasons included the heightened statistical link to physical, verbal and sexual assaults against women who live or work in the vicinity of strip clubs.

Many of the towns 5,000 residents will be reluctant to walk through the centre of their own community for fear of suffering such abuse, as this application is made for premises at its heart in its small Market Square.

(b) Character of the relevant locality


Central Beds policy also provides that SEV licences shall be considered with respect to the character of the relevant locality.

Amphill is a market town with a long history, but it is struggling in the current economic climate with several local businesses closing down. The opening of a local strip club will counteract the efforts of hardworking local business people by tarnishing the area with a sleazy image, explicitly associated with prostitution, violent/sexual crime and anti-social behaviour.

The negative economic impact of operators such as the applicant will be acutely experienced by other local businesses who are struggling to survive in the recession as the sex industry devastates efforts to regenerate the area by driving away the couple, professional and family trade. Very few members of the public want to dine or shop in the vicinity of a strip club, especially those with infant children – irrespective of the operational hours of the applicant in question.

It is therefore submitted that efforts to maintain the area as a safe, welcoming and respectable area that attracts a broader segment of the retail market will be severely inhibited by the presence of the applicant operating as a strip club. In order to achieve the economic and social prosperity which the local area needs, the public image of the region would be improved by refusing the applicant an SEV licence.

Yours sincerely





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25th June 2012

Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
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Dear Sir or Madam

Reference: Shaylers – Application for sex establishment Ampthill

I am sending you this letter, so that I can formally register my objection to the above application. I do so for the following reasons:

1. Ampthill's town centre is one of the most iconic and significant areas of the town. It is often used in tourism literature to advertise the town as an interesting and historic place to visit. It is the most visible part of Ampthill where roads intersect, meaning that those passing the town see it as the 'shop window' of the town's character. The presence a sex establishment is very much at odds with the ethos of Ampthill which is a family-centric community with a rich history and cultural heritage.
2. Such an establishment would deter not only locals but certainly visitors from spending time (and money) in the town. Centre Parcs will be opening close to Ampthill and could potentially be a great boost to local business. Staples Garden Centre and the local Tesco in Flitwick have already begun refurbishments to prepare for the expected increase in visitors. A sex establishment in Ampthill could seriously affect the towns potential to attract the many thousands of holidaymakers that will visit Center Parcs each year.
3. Ampthill business is struggling as it is. Various shops are having to close down through lack of visitors. Again, the Centre Parcs venture may do a great deal to help revive that. However, there are still other businesses that are doing well, particularly the local coffee shops. The presence of a sex establishment might make visitors think twice about visiting, especially as many who use these places are with young families. Another vital feature of Ampthill is it's many restaurants. These are used most often in the evening when the Sex Establishment would be open. So visitors and locals may choose to shop and eat elsewhere, particularly if they are with children. It's

also worth pointing out that 'Faerie's & Frogs' a traditional children's toy shop is directly opposite the proposed site.

4. The town centre has long been used by the local churches and other community groups for events. Such as the annual Easter service, town carol singing and switching on of lights. Should the application go ahead, these events would be taking place on the very doorstep of a sex club.
5. This area of the town is used regularly by children. (Young families make up a sizeable amount of the footfall each day). This sex establishment would be at the very the focal point of the community. The club would be open at times when children would be using the area.
6. There has already been problems with anti-social behaviour in central Ampthill late at night. The presence of this club could potentially make matters worse.
7. Ampthill is known as a friendly and safe community. The presence of a sex establishment in the very centre of town will create an uncomfortable and possibly threatening environment. **This is perhaps the most important objection of all.** In particular, women and young girls may find the town centre to be a no-go area at certain times of the day, though men also might feel concerned too. Also, workers in these establishments are often vulnerable and exploited. Recent newspaper articles about rape and indecent assault increasing in the vicinity of sex clubs must be taken into account.*¹

"Every woman in our society feels the fear of rape - no woman is allowed to ignore it...The threat of violence is a total intrusion into women's personal space and transforms a routine and/or potential pleasurable activity (for example, a walk or journey)... into a potentially upsetting, disturbing and often threatening experience."
*Rape Crisis, England & Wales*²

8. Such a club will effect the value and future saleability of the surrounding properties.
9. Granting consent for this establishment to go ahead will set a precedent for similar applications, which could further damage the towns reputation and attractiveness to vistors, house buyers and businesses.
10. Advertising for this establishment, including signage and frontages of premises and leaflet distribution in the area, will create an intimidating atmosphere and a real threat to the safety of women.
11. It is understood that moral issues are not recognised in these cases. However, from a purely practical point of view, if this application is approved it rather suggests to men, women, children and teenagers, that the town council

¹ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/9284609/Lapdancing-clubs-encourage-rape-and-sexual-assaults-claims-police-chief.html>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/mar/19/sex-industry-lap-dancing>

² <http://www.rapecrisis.org.uk/rapeampsexualviolence2.php>

condones and promotes the sexual objectification of young women. Particularly when it is in such a high profile part of the town.

The Equalities Act 2010 states that

"A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to ... eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act."³

I hope that these objections will be given full and proper consideration. I also understand that my identity will not be passed to the applicant unless my permission is given.

Yours sincerely



³ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/149>

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 June 2012 15:22
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Shaylers

CENTRAL DERBYSHIRE
25 JUN 2012
Public Protection

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to formally oppose the application for Shaylers establishment, 4 Church Street, Ampthill to be run as a sex entertainment venue.

Living and working locally, I frequent Ampthill town center for family meals, in its many family friendly restaurants. The town itself is a hive of activity already, with this parking problems in the evenings occur, blocking roads, filling the car park. Adding to this congestion, with this very large venue being opened, is not going to help businesses already fighting over limited parking.

I certainly would not feel comfortable or welcome in the vicinity of this venue after 7pm, at which a family meal is a suitable time. It would certainly excluded me and my family from socialising at night in this location.

The location of this venue would also fuel anti-social behaviour and unacceptable levels of noise as the venue is also near to homes, nurseries, schools, playgrounds, parks and places of worship, therefore located in a totally inappropriate area.

Ampthill is lively evening jaunt and a quiet market town by day, But I feel a venue of this kind promotes a one-dimensional view of those that use it, I don't feel it will fit in with the general Ampthill clientele. It will bring people from miles arond into Ampthill and this is when problems arise.

[REDACTED]

Patricia Davies

From: Patricia Davies
Sent: 26 June 2012 10:30
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FAO Enforcement Department
[REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

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From: [REDACTED]@hotmail.co.uk]
Sent: 26 June 2012 10:21
To: Patricia Davies
Subject: RE: FAO Enforcement Department

Dear Mrs Davies

Please note that I object to the granting of a licence to Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill, MK45 2EH for a Sex Entertainment Licence on the following grounds:

- 1) Close to residences – Ampthill, by its very nature, has homes very close to the town centre. There is no distinction between residential, commercial and retail zones in fact. The proposed location is within just a few yards of homes with families, and small children will have no option but to be faced with the premises. Parents consequently will have to explain their use.
- 2) Identifiable locality - This location for this type of establishment is completely inappropriate, right in the middle of town where it will dominate the street scene in the paved area around Richardson's. The seating area outside Shaylers will become a magnet for 'clients' to linger after they have left the club, possibly intoxicated if alcohol is permitted to be served under the licence. This area is an iconic part of the market town and the proposed premises will detract from this.
- 3) The type of premises that this licence refers to will not be sustainable by attracting local residents alone. Clients will inevitably be drawn from outside, with consequent journeys either

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by taxi or by private car. There is previous little parking space already in this area, and potentially, street parking which is already under pressure will become even more congested. Taxi drop offs and collection will create more traffic and noise as clients wait to be collected.

The council should not grant this application from Lord Shayler. It is totally inappropriate for the centre of this attractive market town. I am a frequent visitor to Ampthill and allowing these premises will most certainly deter me.

Many thanks,

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to Ampthill as we liked the area and the fact that it's quiet and family orientated. Please don't ruin our town with this venue, there really is no need. If the empty building is costing Mr Shayler money then he should sell up!

Yours faithfully

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 25 June 2012 08:19
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: OBJECTION / Sex license application

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

Pat Davies MIOL, MCM
Licensing Co-Ordinator
Public Protection

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From: [REDACTED] com]
Sent: 23 June 2012 16:24
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: OBJECTION / Sex license application

Shaylers
4 Church Street Ampthill MK45 2EH

To whom it may concern,

Please take this email as my formal objection to the application by John Shayler of Shaylers for a sex license.

The location of the premises is completely unsuitable as this property is right in the heart of the village. Residents of all ages many of which certainly being elderly and vulnerable live within an immediate vicinity, to which this would be of grave concern as to the undesirable effect on the community which I would certainly echo.

Furthermore, as this is located right on the main concourse/centre of Ampthill, even in the daytime this would be intimidating for local residents and to the numerous visitors to the area who come to take in its history, heritage and architecture. Market stalls and community activities for the area are regularly based on the pavement immediately outside of this property along with a bench where local residents young and old regularly like to spend time which would be no longer desirable. Also to note, the location is also immediately adjacent to many local shops which families, children and the elderly would have to walk past everyday not to mention a childrens toy shop which is opening right opposite this location. All

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of which I firmly believe would put people off bringing their custom into Ampthill and its retail businesses which as everyone already knows is extremely difficult. Local businesses need as much support as possible and this would be a disaster for them.

I have seen what John Shaylers other properties of this nature look like via news footage and even when closed they are distastefully designed and are a constant blot on the landscape both day and night.

I do not believe this business will have in anyway a positive impact on Ampthill and firmly believe it would attract extremely undesirable people from beyond Ampthill, anti-social behaviour and ultimately crime to the area not to mention regular disturbances to the local residents. All of which would without doubt result in the area becoming tainted and would cause an adverse affect on house prices and cease to continue as the desirable friendly place to live as it is currently.

Ampthill has a long standing series of complaints and concerns due to the late license given to The White Hart of Ampthill which has furthermore recently hit the headlines as allowing under-age drinking as well as allowing it's customers to smoke dope on site which is reported to have been a contributory factor in the murder that occurred 2 weeks ago. Given that these issues have been left and not dealt with over a substantial period of time which is recognised with the police, I along with other residents fear the worst with regards to the direct impact of such a business in Ampthill.

My opinion is this application for Shaylers is completely inappropriate for the area on many levels and as a fairly new resident to Ampthill I would certainly feel hugely aggrieved to see this license considered in anyway not to mention granted.

Please contact me if there is anything else you would like to know regarding my objection.

Yours Faithfully

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 22 June 2012 11:23
To: [redacted]@net.com
Subject: RE: Application for Sex Entertainment Licence, Shaylers, Ampthill
Dear [redacted]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

The Council approved the policy for Sex Establishments following a lengthy consultation with public, businesses, Councillors and other stakeholders and responsible authorities. Following the consultation it was decided that the council would not impose restrictions on the number of licences to be issued, but would consider each application on its merits, and this now forms part of the policy. The policy is published on our website <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/local-business/licences/default.aspx> under the Licensing - Sex Establishment page.

Regards

Pat Davies

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From: [redacted]@net.com]
Sent: 22 June 2012 10:56
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Application for Sex Entertainment Licence, Shaylers, Ampthill

Dear Sir

The application for a license for 'sex entertainment' at the former Shaylers restaurant site in the middle of Ampthill has come to our attention as local residents.

We would like to strongly lodge our objections on the following grounds:

- the proximity to the venue of other late-license venues which already necessitates a high police presence in Ampthill at the weekends
- the density of residential accommodation in central Ampthill - the majority of which are family residences

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- the proximity to the venue of parks, community halls and churches which are well used, not just in the day-time, by local residents

In your consideration of this application, I would also draw your attention to the following points which are clearly of grave concern to local residents and which are substantiated by research:

- the introduction of lap dancing clubs creates a dangerous environment for women. Research has shown an increase of sexual assaults on women of up to 50% following the introduction of lap dancing clubs in an area (Eden, I. 2003)

- lap dancing clubs are linked to a wider system of prostitution. The presence of strip clubs in a locality has been shown to increase demand for nearby prostitution services. (Coy, M, Horvarth, M & Kelly L 2007)

Ed Milliband has lent his support to the belief that lap dancing clubs are linked to crime in his September 2010 response to the 'End Violence Against Women Coalition'.

Given these points, I am interested in the reasons why you are not setting a 'nil limit' on how many sexual entertainment venues can be licensed in areas such as Ampthill, as is your prerogative as a council under the Policing and Crime Act 2009?

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 22 June 2012 08:31
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Central Beds Council Licencing Application: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012.

Dear [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.
A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend.
We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.
regards
Pat Davies

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 June 2012 20:17
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Central Beds Council Licencing Application: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012.

Dear sir/madam,

I am writing to express my objection to the application for a sex entertainment venue on the market square in Amptill - address 4 Church Street, applicant John Shayler.

Whilst I appreciate that there is a requirement for such establishments, I would prefer that they be sited away from main thoroughfares and residential areas.

I object to the location of this type of business in the centre of a small market town. The Georgian market square is not only a historic location, but is also reflects the town and is, in and of itself an advert for the town. To many visitors, a sex establishment would not be a reason to visit the town and would not encourage return visits. With the opening of Centre Parcs nearby, it is hoped that people will visit the town during their stay, perhaps by using the new cycle path and I believe that discovering the centre of Amptill has a sex establishment in it would cause negative reviews of Amptill to be posted on websites that potential visitors to both the town and Centre Parcs would read. I imagine this would discourage a large number of visitors, especially those with children.

Amptill has a large number of families and a lot of children in the town would be walking past the club

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many times each week. I believe that this would affect their perception of "entertainment" and, in the case of younger children, expose them to concepts best left until older.

Amphill already has a lively late night venue in the Cellar Bar behind the White Hart. To allow a late night sex club to open over the road from it will create an unpleasant atmosphere within the town late at night. I believe people will be less inclined to frequent the many restaurants in town due to the desire to avoid e.g. stag parties.

Please can you acknowledge receipt of this email?

Yours faithfully,



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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 22 June 2012 08:33
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Objection re Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012.

Dear [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend.

We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

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From: [REDACTED] co.uk]
Sent: 21 June 2012 21:52
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Objection re Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012.

Objection to Sex Entertainment Premises Licence

Central Beds Council Licencing Application: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012.

I would like to register my objection to the above application . I object to this application primarily due to the location of these premises. There are already numerous licensed premises within the Market Square area and these often result in antisocial behaviour at weekends. I blleieve that, were this license to be granted ,this club would attract numerous groups of males attending on stag nights. Such groups invariably become extemely inebriated leading to further anti social behaviousr and the potential for fighting and increased crime. Under-age drinking is aready rife in the town as highlighted in the

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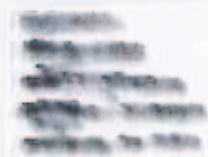
tragic circumstances of the murder of Megan Leigh Peat recently.

The premises is located right in the town centre and so will hardly be discreet. Anyone attending the town will be faced with these premises and this will be unavoidable. Obviously this will have a detrimental effect on the local economy as I am sure it would deter people from visiting the town. With Centre Parcs opening in the near future, the town could be expecting to attract a large volume of incoming trade. I feel that visitors to a family resort such as Centre Parcs will not want to come to Ampthill and expose their children to such a business.

From a personal perspective I do not work locally and so do not contribute much to the local economy on a daily basis. However I enjoy nothing more than walking round the shops of Ampthill on a Saturday afternoon spending my money in the clothes shops and cafes and buying my son his weekly treat from the sweet shop. Obviously I would not feel it appropriate to spend my time in the town centre should this license be granted.

I also believe that this club would cause major disturbance to local residents, I have already mentioned the potential for anti social behaviour and crime in the form of fighting. However I believe this club could attract unsavoury characters to the town and so increase the potential for sex crimes and prostitution. In addition increased traffic would also cause disruption.

The centre of Ampthill is a conservation area which means it is to be preserved for future generations. I hardly think such premises are in keeping with this conservation order. The premises are next to the main car park and opposite the Kings Arms Path which is a main area of access to the town and an area where children walk through while visiting the Kings Arms Gardens. There are shops aimed particularly at children in the Kings Arms yard in the form of the bear shop and also a dancing school which children attend. Access to these would mean passing close to these premises. There are several churches in the locality and I am sure local churchgoers would find passing these premises extremely offensive.



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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 21 June 2012 09:17
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Enforcement Dept. Notice of Application for Shaylers, MK45 2EH

Dear Mr [redacted]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend.

We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]@ntlworld.com]
Sent: 21 June 2012 09:17
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: FAO: Enforcement Dept. Notice of Application for Shaylers, MK45 2EH

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to strongly object to the Notice of Application that you received on 15/06/2012 for a Sex Establishment Licence from John Shayler - Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill, MK45 2EH.

I live at [redacted] metres from Shaylers. I have a ten year-old son and a thirteen year-old daughter, both of whom live with me. My immediate neighbours have four young children, and several other neighbours also have children. Our children walk past Shaylers regularly,

including in the evenings when the Sex Establishment will be open. Shaylers is also very close to three churches - Ampthill Methodist Church on Dunstable Street (MK45 2JS), Ampthill Baptist Church on Dunstable Street (MK45 2JS), and Ampthill Anglican Church on Church Street (MK45 2EL). I would urge you to turn down the application for a sex establishment licence in this residential area where people bring up children and attend churches.

Kind Regards,

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 21 June 2012 08:31
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ampthill licensing request

Dear [REDACTED]

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We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 June 2012 17:11
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Ampthill licensing request

Dear Sir or Madam

Reference: Shaylers – application for sex establishment Ampthill

I would like to formally register my objection to the above application on the following grounds:

- It will have a detrimental effect on other businesses in Ampthill already struggling in hard economic times as people avoid the area
- It is in close proximity to many residential properties where many young children reside
- It is located in close proximity to areas used continuously by children e.g. on the way to school and to use local amenities
- It will exacerbate problems with unruly behaviour in central Ampthill late at night, already a problem due to alcohol / late licensing at local pubs
- It will create an environment in central Ampthill that makes it uncomfortable and threatening for women and girls of all ages in the town
- Whilst the council does not recognise moral issues in these cases, allowing this application to be approved will indicate that sexual exploitation of women is something that the town council condones and

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promotes

- It is at odds with the town's historical and cultural heritage and its family based community spirit

I trust these objections will be given full and proper consideration. I also understand that my identity will not be passed to the applicant unless my permission is given. Thank you in advance for considering these points.

Yours sincerely

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 20 June 2012 15:59
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:
Dear Mrs [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend.

We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: [REDACTED]@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
Sent: 20 June 2012 15:53
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject:

Dear Colleagues

I note the recent application for the premises in the centre of Ampthill, Shaylers, to be licensed as a sex establishment.

I would like to register my very strong objection to such an application. Ampthill is an historic Georgian market town and these premises are right in the heart of the old town, opposite the Georgian coaching inn. To have such an establishment in this position would I feel be most inappropriate for the ambiance of the town.

In the last few years, a great deal of money and effort has been spent in tidying up the town centre, installing new street furniture including benches, so that is is a pleasant and safe meeting place for all Ampthill residents. I believe that parents with young children would no longer wish to meet there.

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In addition, I would like to highlight the fact that the centre of Ampthill is a residential area, with flats over the retail premises opposite the proposed site and also, just round the corner above the new retail premises. I suspect that the noise of people entering and leaving the premises late at night, particularly at weekends, would be most disruptive.

Finally, I would like to question the car parking arrangements for users of the sex establishment if the licence is granted. The only car park nearby is the one attached to the Waitrose supermarket. Although I accept that it is usual for Waitrose to close before the proposed establishment is open, this is not the case at festival times such as Christmas and New Year, when Waitrose have extended opening hours. As this time of year is likely to coincide with increased activity in the establishment for Christmas parties and the like, the result is likely to be somewhat chaotic. Parking elsewhere in the centre of Ampthill is not an option.

I reiterate my strong objection to this application.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature block]

Tel: [Redacted]
Mob: [Redacted]

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 20 June 2012 09:08
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 4 Church Street, Ampthill
Dear [redacted]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend.

We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: [redacted]@connect.com]
Sent: 20 June 2012 09:07
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: 4 Church Street, Ampthill

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to object to the application made for a license to operate a sex entertainment venue at 4 Church Street, Ampthill. I am not against venues of this type but this location is wholly inappropriate in my view. Given that Ampthill town centre falls within a conservation area as set out in the current Central Beds Local Plan the proposed use of 4 Church Street would be out of character in a Georgian Market Square. I have lived in and around Ampthill all my life and would be very disappointed to see the character of the town altered by the introduction of a SEV business. I hope that common sense will prevail and this license is not granted.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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Licensing Team,
Central Bedfordshire Council,
Watling House,
High Street North,
Dunstable, Beds LU6 1LF

Ref: Application for licence to open a sex establishment by:
Shaylers
4 Church Street
Amphill
MK45 2EH



Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to object most strongly to the possible granting of a licence to open a sex establishment by Shaylers, as detailed on your website.

We feel that to allow this would be a grave error. It would surely be to the detriment of the family ethos and atmosphere that make Amphill such a desirable place for families to live that this application, referring to a **prime, central location** in this small town should be allowed. On the contrary, it would be a strong reason for caring parents to move their families elsewhere.

The sort of merchandise one presumes would be offered by a 'sex establishment' - DVDs, sex toys, costumes etc. - are **already very freely available out of sight and on-line.**

We believe that it wouldn't help in any way at all to attract business to the town. Moreover, we are certain, looking at evidence from other towns and observing the effect of the granting of a late-licence to The White Hart in Amphill, the granting of this licence will have the effect of turning Amphill Town Centre into a **10pm curfew town for sober residents over the age of 25, unaccompanied girls and women, or families,** and therefore a disincentive for visitors to Amphill from the new "Centre Parcs" family holiday attraction.

Yours faithfully,

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 20 June 2012 11:32
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Objection to Shaylers Lounge (4 Church Street) application for Sex Establishment Premises Licence

Dear [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend.

We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: [REDACTED]@otmail.com]
Sent: 20 June 2012 11:31
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Objection to Shaylers Lounge (4 Church Street) application for Sex Establishment Premises Licence

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to voice my objection and concerns to an application raised for a Sex Establishment Premises Licence, by Shaylers Lounge (4 Church Street, Ampthill). As a local and mother of two young children, I strongly hope that this application is denied, as it is my hope that Ampthill maintains its pleasant atmosphere.

Shaylers Lounge is located right in the heart of Ampthill, in an extremely prominent position, surrounded by family orientated businesses and residential properties. The street front is also the gathering point for many seasonal events (some occurring after dark, such as switching on the Christmas lights) involving families with young children. It is my belief that such an establishment would bring patrons with unwanted and inappropriate behaviour, lowering the tone of the town or driving away true locals.

Whilst there is a place for the sex industry in society, I really don't believe the heart of a beautiful town like Ampthill is the correct place for such an establishment.

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Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
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Dear Sir or Madam

Reference: Shaylers – Application for sex establishment Ampthill

I would like to formally register my objection to the above application on the following grounds:

1. The location is one of the more significant frontages in the town centre, turning it into a sex establishment runs contrary to the ethos of Ampthill which is a family-centric community.
2. A sex establishment in this location is at odds with the town's historical and cultural heritage and will deter locals and visitors (particularly Centre Parcs) from spending time and money in Ampthill.
3. Ampthill business is already in crisis. If visitors stay away and locals choose to shop elsewhere the negative consequences to neighbouring business's will be significant: 'Farie's & Frogs' a traditional children's toy shop is directly opposite.
4. This sex establishment would be at the very the focal point of the community and in close proximity to areas used continuously by children. The club would be open at times when children would be transiting the area.
5. It will further exacerbate problems with unruly behaviour in central Ampthill late at night already a problem due to alcohol / late licensing at local pubs
6. It will create an environment in central Ampthill that makes it uncomfortable and threatening for women and girls of all ages to go about their normal business, effectively creating a no-go area which is completely unacceptable
7. The value and saleability of surrounding properties will be diminished
8. If consent is granted, it will set a precedent for similar applications, further diminishing the profile of the town.
9. Whilst the council does not recognise moral issues in these cases, allowing this application to be approved will send a clear message to the young women and girls of Ampthill that sexual exploitation of women is something that the town council condones and promotes.

I trust these objections will be given full and proper consideration. I also understand that my identity will not be passed to the applicant unless my permission is given.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Sir,

We are writing to submit an objection to the "Shaylers" premises in Ampthill being turned into a sex entertainment venue. As a historic market town it has long attracted tourists to the area to walk around admiring what the town has to offer in good taste. Also with the resent problems the town has had in terms of violence with young people, maybe a Youth club/ meeting area would be more appropriate at this venue. Should this proposal be passed, I would seriously worry about the young ladies of the town and what the young children may be subjected to. We are not "nimbys" in any way shape or form, just feel that it is not appropriate for Ampthill.

Yours truly,

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 19 June 2012 14:37
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Central Beds Council Licencing Application: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012

Dear Mr [redacted]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend.

We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

Pat Davies MIOL, MCM
Licensing Co-Ordinator
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 June 2012 14:33
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Central Beds Council Licencing Application: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012

Dear sir/madam,

I am writing to express my utmost objection to the application for a sex entertainment venue on the market square in Ampthill - address 4 Church Street, applicant John Shayler. I am not against these establishments per se but am of the opinion that they should be discretely sited away from residential areas. In this case, it is clearly an entirely inappropriate use of these premises.

My objection has three key facets.

This is a highly-visible and central location in a small market town. Whilst acknowledging that there is demand for sex entertainment and it would be unreasonable to ban such venues across the UK, it must be accepted that it is unreasonable to site one in the centre of a small town. The well-preserved Georgian market square is an historic location and an asset to Ampthill and Central Bedfordshire. To place a sex establishment in its midst would fundamentally and permanently change its character to the detriment of all residents and visitors alike.

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Amphill has a very high density of families with the result that every child in the town would be walking past the club many times each week. I believe that this would deeply affect their perception of women as little more than objects whose prime purpose is the entertainment of men.

Amphill already has a very lively late night venue in the Cellar Bar behind the White Hart. I believe that to allow a late night sex club to open over the road from it will in total create an untenable level of disruption to residents.

Please can you acknowledge receipt of this email so I can be confident that my views have been appropriately registered?

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

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Patricia Davies

From: Patricia Davies
Sent: 19 June 2012 13:27
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Enforcement Department - Re. Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill

Dear Mrs [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend.

We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

Regards

Pat Davies

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From: [REDACTED]@boglemail.com]
Sent: 19 June 2012 13:19
To: Patricia Davies
Subject: Fwd: Enforcement Department - Re. Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill

To Whom it May Concern,

Regarding the application for a "Sex Entertainment Venue" at the above address in Ampthill, I would like to raise a strong objection to it.

This just isn't suitable for a small historic town like Ampthill and I cannot believe that any council can condone this sort of establishment by giving permission for such a venue to be opened.

There are 3 churches in walking distance from the above address.
Children's sweet and toy shops.

My son who is now 8 would have to pass this venue each morning and afternoon on his way to catch his bus to school.

I would have to walk past this venue every time I went to Waitrose, the hairdresser, post office or bank.

Please reply to this email to let me know my objection has been logged.

Many thanks,

[Redacted signature] at
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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 19 June 2012 08:47
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Dave McBain
Subject: RE: OBJECTION to Sex Trade License 4 Church Street Ampthill

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Your objection is noted, and a meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend.

We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 18 June 2012 17:52
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: OBJECTION to Sex Trade License 4 Church Street Ampthill

Dear Sir

I understand there is an application for a Sex Trade Licence to run a Lap Dancing Club at the above address.

I WOULD LIKE TO OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION.

While I encourage all types of business, each business has the correct location, in fact a famous hotelier once said it was all about "Location, Location, Location". Ampthill high street next to the December xmas tree is not the correct location for such a business. This is right in the centre of the town, not really appropriate for a market town dating back to Henry the 8th and beyond.

Ampthill is full of up market restaurants, fine public houses and with the majority of the population either retired or families, not the target market for such a business.

Normally these business are are located in City centres where there are major offices of industry / finance and where there is a booming night life of both young men and city

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professionals.

I have seen Sex Trade shops up and down roads like the A1 where I can see truckers will use them on long journeys and there is a Lap Dancing club on the A5 near a truck stop just near the M1 J9, so I believe the correct location for such business are in out of town location or major city centres, not in a market town centre.

Of course I am not saying ALL truckers, young men and city professionals use such venues!

I hope that you will consider that this licence should NOT be granted.

Regards

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Patricia Davies

From: Patricia Davies
Sent: 21 June 2012 11:54
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Objection to Sex Entertainment Venue - 4 Church Street Amphill

Dear Ms [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend.

We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: [REDACTED] 2@gmail.com]
Sent: 21 June 2012 11:55
To: Patricia Davies
Cc: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Objection to Sex Entertainment Venue - 4 Church Street Amphill

To Whom it May Concern,

The market square in Amphill is full of Georgian fronted buildings with significant history to them. Going even further back to 1219, King Henry III confirmed the right to hold a market in this square on Thursdays which still remains a fixture of life in Amphill to this day.

The proposed Sex Entertainment Venue is right on this market square, hardly in keeping with it's surroundings. The address itself of "4 Church Street" indicates it's proximity to the church (in fact there are 3 churches within walking distance). Along Church Street can be seen a fine selection of historic buildings with Avenue House dominating the street scene. In the 20th century Avenue House was the home of Sir Albert Richardson, an eminent architect, writer and past President of the Royal Academy.

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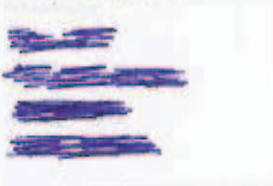
How possibly can a Sex Entertainment Venue be suitable in this location!? It's clearly on a path that takes pedestrians to many historic buildings. I regularly have to stop at the zebra crossing for ramblers and walkers, so people obviously come to Ampthill because of it's rich history. This zebra crossing is opposite the proposed Sex Entertainment Venue!!

History aside, the market square is often busy with children under the age of 16 walking to and from the bus stop to catch their school bus. Nearby there is also a toy shop and a sweet shop regularly frequented by the same children.

Based on all of the above, I would like to raise a strong objection to the application to open a Sex Entertainment Venue at 4 Church Street, Ampthill.

Please let me know that my objection has been logged.

Kind regards,



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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Objection to Shaylers - application for sex establishment licence

Dear Ms [REDACTED]

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We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

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From: [REDACTED]@aol.com
Sent: 19 June 2012 21:57
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Objection to Shaylers - application for sex establishment licence

To whom it may concern,

As an Ampthill town centre resident, I am writing to object to the Shaylers application for a sex establishment license in the strongest terms.

I object for the following two reasons. Firstly, the premises is located in the market square, the centre of the Ampthill community and a meeting place for adults and children alike in the day time and early evening.

Secondly, the premises is located close to a number of lively pubs, and it's change of use is likely to stimulate increased incidences of antisocial behaviour in the town centre and surrounding roads.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 20 June 2012 08:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Shaylers – application for sex establishment Ampthill
Dear Ms [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend.

We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2012 23:11
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Shaylers – application for sex establishment Ampthill

Dear Sir or Madam

Reference: Shaylers – application for sex establishment Ampthill

I would like to formally register my objection to the above application on the following grounds:

It is totally at odds with the town's historical and cultural heritage and its family based community spirit and values

It will have a seriously detrimental effect on other businesses in Ampthill already struggling in hard economic times as people avoid the area

It is in close proximity to many residential properties – including my own where

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many young children reside

It is located at the very the focal point of the community and in close proximity to areas used continuously by children e.g. on the way to school, to bus stops and churches, to use local amenities such as dancing schools, toy and sweet shops and cafes and to gather in communal areas in the centre of town

It will further exacerbate problems with unruly behaviour in central Ampthill late at night already a problem due to alcohol / late licensing at local pubs

It will create an environment in central Ampthill that makes it uncomfortable and threatening for women and girls of all ages to go about their normal business, effectively creating a no-go area for us which is completely unacceptable

Whilst the council does not recognise moral issues in these cases, allowing this application to be approved will send a clear message to the young women and girls of Ampthill that sexual exploitation of women is something that the town council condones and promotes.

I trust these objections will be given full and proper consideration. I also understand that my identity will not be passed to the applicant unless my permission is given.

Yours sincerely

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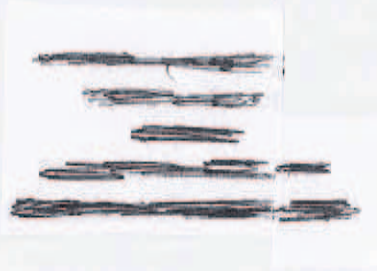
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The Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
High Street North,
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Dear Sir

I understand that a person describing himself as "Lord John Shayler" has applied for a licence to operate a sex establishment at 4 Church Street Ampthill. According to your notice, he wishes to open until after midnight 6 nights per week. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that I object to the application.

Ampthill is a small market town, not an entertainment centre. The centre of the town is full of residents, many of them families with young children (I myself have two children aged 9 and 10). I suggest that the patrons of a late night sex establishments are unlikely to be the sort of people who will take care to come and go quietly, without disturbing the residents (my house is about 100 yards from 4 Church St). I have no doubt that the patrons of the business envisaged would contribute noise and general nuisance to the town centre late at night, when people who work for a living, in my case frequently seven days a week, and children who have to get up for school, need to sleep. Nor is the nature of the business of a sex establishment suitable for the centre of a residential area. For example, my own two children walk past 4 Church St every morning on their way to the bus stop. Would you want your children walking past a sex club on their way to school every morning, or at weekends on their way to buy something from the shops with their pocket money?

No doubt there is a place for late-night sex establishments, but it would be difficult to imagine a less suitable one than the middle of Ampthill. If the applicant wants to open a late night sex establishment, he should do it in some place such as an industrial estate where the activities of his customers will not cause problems for others who just want to get on with their lives without being confronted by the sex industry every time they step outside the front door.

Yours

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Licensing Team,
Central Bedfordshire Council,
Watling House,
High Street North,
Dunstable,
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Dear Licensing Team,

I object to the establishment of the Sex Establishment Premises Licence proposed for 4 Church Street Ampthill. This would be totally out of character for Ampthill and would present dangers for local adults and children alike due to the unsavoury and potentially criminal element of society that would be attracted there. I would say that the council's own stated possible reasons for not allowing the proposed licence would all apply, namely:

"...the council will consider the characteristics of a locality and shall particularly take account of the density and proximity of;

- Residential areas
- Schools, nurseries or any other premise substantially used by or for children under 16 years of age
- Parks or other recreational areas used by or for children under 16 years of age
- Churches or other places of religious worship
- Community buildings
- Gateways to an identifiable locality
- Alcohol or entertainment licensed premises "

The centre of Ampthill consists of all these types of area. The Pump area is used by children under 16 in the evenings and at weekends, for sitting on the chairs and skateboarding. Families gather there for many different reasons.

I am a secondary school teacher and father of three. We have lived here since 1987. As such, I care about the children of Ampthill and their safety above all other considerations mentioned. I object to this crazy proposal in the strongest possible terms.

Yours sincerely,

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- Whilst the council have not imposed a limit on the number of premises that may be licensed in an area, and whilst treating each application upon its own merits, the council will consider the characteristics of a locality and shall particularly take account of the density, and proximity of;

- Residential areas - this building is at the very centre of the town through which everyone passes on their way to school, nursery, church, shops. It is hub and focal point of the town for all residents. There are shops and houses/flats adjacent and across the road, and the car park for everyone shopping is immediately behind. Ampthill is primarily a residential area.
- Schools, nurseries or any other premise substantially used by or for children under 16 years of age - it is less than 100yds from childrens' toy shop, childrens' clothes shop, childrens' dance centre, childrens' art and craft school, childrens' gift shop, and two toddler group venues. Because the market square is at the core of Ampthill with 4 roads running from it everybody passes the applicant's building continuously, toddlers, pre-teen ballet dancers, teenagers walking to and from school, children going to brownies, scouts, guides, everybody. Cars park in the Waitrose car park to the rear of the building and children cross the road right in front of the building to go to dance classes, or art classes. There are regular school walking geography and history trips to and through the market square because of the history and architecture.
- Parks or other recreational areas used by or for children under 16 years of age - as everything community based in Ampthill is within a 5 minute walk of the market place (where the building application is located) this means it is minutes away from Ampthill Park, 3 churches, 6 pubs, a night club, a social centre, elderly person sheltered housing, the Leonard Cheshire home, a community hall, 3 schools, 3 nurseries, 2 toddler group centres and the market square itself is a congregation/meeting area for many young teenagers between 12 - 16 before they go to the park, right outside the front door of the applicant's building. Many people meet on the square as it the natural centre and gateway to everywhere else in Ampthill.
- Churches or other places of religious worship - there are 3 churches within minutes walk and the market square is used throughout the year for Easter processions of church/schools, remembrance services, carol services, civic services, christmas tree light festival and fair. All these take place outside the front door of this building.
- Community buildings - within yards, apart from the above, there are 3 tea shops, the Rotary club, the Wingfield club, the dance studio, the music workshop, parkside hall community centre, the TA meeting centre, the football club, the rugby club and the cricket club, the citizens advice bureau, the police station, the council offices.
- Gateways to an identifiable locality - already mentioned. Ampthill is also on the Greensand Ridge walkway so many walkers use the market square as a gateway for this walk. The carpark that the whole community uses is accessed next to the building in question.
- Alcohol or entertainment licensed premises - apart from the number of pubs and restaurants minutes and yards away, there is considerable policing and patrolling of the White Heart night club, across the road, which brings its own challenges to the community, and makes it very awkward to walk through Ampthill in the late evening because of anti social and threatening behaviour, and as a woman I especially feel very vulnerable.

Ampthill is a small residential community and many families move here because of this. One of the great benefits and pleasures of this it that you feel you can let your children get out and about on their own, there is a strong sense that everything is within a 5 minute radius and there is a familiar face around. This is very reassuring for parents in this day and age and the children thrive. The first thing they want to do when they are old enough is to meet up with their friends in the market square, then go to the park, then back to Waitrose, then back to the market square to say goodbye to each other. It is their 'gateway' and almost a right of passage for them.

Whilst the council does not recognise moral issues in these cases, allowing this application to be approved will send a clear message to the young people of Ampthill that sexual exploitation of women is something that the town council condones and promotes.

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Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
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Dear Sir or Madam

Reference: Shaylers – application for Sex Entertainment Venue, Ampthill

I would like to formally register my objection to the above application on the following grounds:

- There are already a number of licensed premises in the immediate vicinity of these premises, notably The White Hart Hotel, with a regular late licence, and the latter causes significant disruption in the town centre as it is.
- An additional premises with a late licence will render the town centre a no-go zone to many Ampthill residents, in particular women and girls, and encourage more anti-social behaviour, increasing policing requirements.
- The area immediately outside the premises is used regularly for family based community events, for example carol singing around the Christmas tree, Aragon Day events, market stalls, Gala Day processions, etc. An SEV operating in the proposed premises will convey an entirely inappropriate message to all the families with children of all ages attending such events, if, indeed, they continue to be organised.
- It is located at the very the focal point of the community, in a prominent and attractive building, in close proximity to areas used continuously by children e.g. on the way to school, to bus stops and churches, to use local amenities such as dancing schools, toy and sweet shops and cafes and to gather in communal areas in the centre of town.
- It is in close proximity to many residential properties where young children reside.

- A sexual entertainment venue is totally inappropriate in the context of the town's historical and cultural heritage.
- It will have a negative effect on other businesses in Ampthill (already struggling in hard economic times) as people avoid the area.
- Finally, allowing this application to be approved will send a clear message to the young women and girls of Ampthill that sexual exploitation of women is something that the council condones and promotes. In addition, an equally clear message will be sent to the boys and men of Ampthill that sexual objectification of women is not only acceptable but desirable. As a parent trying to raise my children (3 girls) to have healthy and respectful relationships, an establishment of this type in a visible and 'approved' position will totally undermine my best efforts.

I trust these objections will be given full and proper consideration. I also understand that my identity will not be passed to the applicant unless my permission is given.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have read the notice in the window of 4 Church Street, Ampthill concerning the application to the licensing authority for a Sex Entertainment venue.

I would like to formally lodge my objection against the application for this licence to be granted.

These are based on a number of concerns about the impact of a sex entertainment venue on Ampthill.

- **Commercial impact-** Many of the town's small businesses and shops are clustered in the centre of Ampthill and the sex establishment would be situated in the middle of these. This would make it even harder for some of those businesses to attract customers and visitors and likely to impact on their revenue. E.g. there is a children's toy shop; a quaint cafe opposite and a jeweller adjacent. It will also make it more challenging for other landlords to rent out the remaining empty shops of which Ampthill has quite a few, unless Ampthill becomes a centre for other sex entertainment venues/shops etc
- **Impact on Tourism-** The proposed establishment seems out of kilter with local and general plans for the area. Ampthill is marketed as a historic market town which is currently trying to increase its commercial success as a tourist and commercial destination. The future links, for example, with the local Centerparcs and BMK Waterway are two projects which are very much seen to be part of Ampthill's sustainability as a tourist destination town. In addition, the current work and focus on the environment and historical importance of Ampthill Great Park is at odds with such an establishment. At least five of the premises currently providing food and drink for tourists and locals alike are in a direct line of sight or close to the proposed sex establishment.
- **Impact on the conservation area-** The proposed venue, which I understand is leased, is a listed building, and at the heart of the Georgian centre of the town. Most of the buildings in the centre and the adjacent roads are listed or in designated conservation area. The visual impact of having blacked out windows (or similar) as part of the town environment would stand out and be difficult to accommodate under current listed building regulations which dictate the appearance of external features such as signage, colours etc
- **Impact on residents-** My young family and I live very close (within 500 yards) to this proposed venue, as do many others, and suffer on a regular basis from the noise, disturbance and vandalism caused by the customers of the many licenced premises already in the town. There has been a huge effort by the police and other agencies to work with the licence holders to ensure that the impact of alcohol related crime and poor behaviour in Ampthill is reduced. With an establishment of this nature there will be a potential for an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour, noise pollution and of course disturbance to residents. The proposed venue is right in the middle of a number of residential properties, Churches, youth groups, playschools and schools and

the seats next to it are often populated by residents, including local teenagers as a convenient and safe place to meet and chat with friends. My own children walk past it each day on their way to school and as a parent I really don't want to explain to my kids the activities that go on behind closed doors or blacked out windows; they can read signs and notices and it's not something a young child should be ideally concerned or curious about.


- **Impact on safety and crime figures** - As a parent, one of the many concerns about this type of establishment, is the safety of children when in the vicinity of this venue and the impact on them of knowing that the sexual objectification of men and women is tolerated and accepted by those living and working close to them. I believe that we all have a duty of care in this respect. Sex entertainment is not legitimate topic in the workplace or schools, and I would press Central Bedfordshire to explore all avenues to stop this establishment from opening anywhere where they have jurisdiction. Recent evidence from other towns of the impact of such establishments e.g. Henley-on-Thames indicates that such venues do lead to an increase in crime, and particularly sex crimes e.g. rape and prostitution. Ampthill already has a large number of drink-related crimes, including a recent murder, and I feel this would add to the burden of the local policing authorities in an unacceptable and totally avoidable way.

Finally, the proprietor of the proposed sex establishment has mentioned in the press that wants to bring Disney fantasy to Ampthill. I am unclear why he believes that a lap dancing club would deliver this fantasy or that his market research shows that the people living in and visiting Ampthill would use it on this basis. If that means, by implication, that he will be using images that are normally associated with children in his entertainment or promotional materials, then I am gravely worried.

I appreciate that the proprietor would like a commercially viable business and I understand he has previously run it as an antique shop and a coffee shop. There may be more money in operating sex establishments but both the former types of business are operating currently in Ampthill and appear to be doing well in a recession.

I believe that the risks of bringing lap dancing to Ampthill would indeed to be too high for the town and residents for all the reasons outlined above and I strongly object to this application.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature consisting of several dark, overlapping strokes, likely representing the name of the sender.

The United Benefice of Ampthill, Millbrook and Steppingley

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE
05 JUL 2014
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Dear Sir/Madam,

You will hardly be surprised to receive an objection from me concerning 'Lord' Shayler's intention to open a Sex Establishment in a premises adjoining Ampthill Market Square. Amongst the many misgivings that I have over such establishments I realise that the one that is relevant to your considerations is the position of the proposed venue. In a small town with a small market area, which also serves as a meeting place for all ages it is impossible to think of a more unsuitable place right in the very centre of the town. It is here that we meet for various worthy gatherings such as Remembrance Day, Christmas Carols, switching on of the lights etc. It is embarrassing enough to see Santa appear from next to a lingerie shop without him actually distributing children's gifts outside a sex establishment! Parents and children would continually pass this establishment all day long. It is the popular congregating place in the town.

I also understand that we are dealing with a Listed Building.

I write on behalf of my own congregation and the many young parents who have spoken to me. Most of us presumed that this idea was a joke but now we realise otherwise.

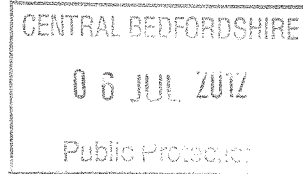
When you throw Shayler's absurd idea out as you must can I beg that you give him as little extra publicity as possible, he has had quite enough already.

Yours sincerely

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3 July 2012

Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
High Street North
Dunstable
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Dear Sirs,

**Licence Application dated 15/06/2012 for Sex Establishment at Shaylers,
4 Church Street, Ampthill - Applicant: Lord John Shayler**

We wish to state our objection to the above licence being granted for the following reasons:

1. Location – the proposed premises are in the centre of the town in a prominent position which is passed daily by families with young children and also school children returning home at the end of the school day. An establishment such as this would be better situated in a side street.
- 2 The proposed club would make no daytime contribution to the town which, together with several existing restaurants which only open in the evenings, would not support the other businesses in the town centre and would give the false impression that it is not a thriving community.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 05 July 2012 08:36
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Snaviers. Amrnill - application for lap dancing club
Dear Ms [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 July 2012 22:53
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Shaylers, Ampthill - application for lap dancing club

Dear Sirs

I would like to register my objection to Shaylers' application to become a lap dancing club. The premises occupy a unique and eye-catching setting in the very centre of Ampthill, which prides itself on being a Georgian market town. A lap dancing club would ridicule the town's heritage and its family based values. It also lies very close to the Anglian, Methodist and Baptist churches.

Ampthill's unique selling point is that it is a quaint market town. Retailers have been attracted to the town as a result and this would deter other retailers from setting up in Ampthill at a time when a number of retail premises lie empty.

The premises are in close proximity to family residential properties. Lap dancing clubs are demeaning to women and send the wrong message to teenagers of both sexes.

There is already a problem with drunkenness in Ampthill town centre late at night. I live on Dunstable Street and there are often fights outside my house and vomit outside it once or twice a month. Central Beds policing costs must be increased hugely by the need to have such a high police presence in the area on Friday and Saturday nights. A lapdancing club would attract more undesirable drunken behaviour and increase the burden on tax payers.

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Disturbance

The proposed venue is very close to residential properties, on Church St., Park St. and Woburn St. There are no other premises open at the times applied for and noise and potential anti-social behaviour that could ensue at the 'chucking out' time of 1:30am is not appropriate for a residential area.

Fear of crime

The majority of the residents of Ampthill are either young families or older people. This venue is not being marketed at them and so will be attracting customers from outside the area. There is no public transport in the evenings in Ampthill and no local taxi company. There is very real danger of drink driving or groups of people who have been drinking hanging round late at night waiting for taxis from Flitwick. I understand a venue of this sort opened in Henley, but was promptly closed due to the increase in crime.

Not in keeping with local area

Ampthill is a picturesque Georgian market town with many listed buildings. I don't think it is possible to design any signage for an establishment of this sort that would be discrete and tasteful enough to be in keeping with the town centre of Ampthill. Its location opposite a toy shop and close schools and nurseries makes it even less appropriate.

Thank you for your time. I'd be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email.

Kind regards,



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Dave Mc Bain
Licensing Enforcement
Officer

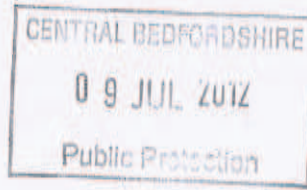
Dear Mr Mc Bain,

Thank you for your return letter of July 2nd which was very helpful.

We would like to object to the Sex Establishment proposed at Shaylers 4 Church St, Ampt Hill because of the following:

1. There are many residential areas in close vicinity with individuals and families living above shops close by.
2. The Methodist church is close by.
3. "Mind", a community building is very close to the proposed establishment.
4. The White Hart and Wingfield Club, licensed premises are in close proximity.

I hope you will take notice in a



Amphill
Bedford

1st July 2012

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the application of a sexual entertainment venue at 4 Church Street, Amphill.

I object on the following grounds:

1. The proposed venue is right in the centre of the town.
2. The proposed venue will become the focal point in what is a historic market town.
3. Amphill is too small a town for this type of business.
4. Unsuitable within a residential area.
5. Unsuitable within a main shopping area.
6. The venue is in close vicinity to Waitrose car park. Waitrose opens to 9.00 p.m.
7. Youngsters (under 16) gather in the market square in the early evening.
8. We already have the White Hart opening late in the centre of Amphill.
9. It will drive away families from using our restaurants, shops etc.
10. Possibility of other businesses of this nature wanting to open in the area.
11. It will devalue our town.
12. It will make groups of women or single women in the vicinity at best feel vulnerable and at worst become vulnerable.
13. It may encourage illegal behaviour in the town i.e. Prostitution. Waitrose car park would be an ideal pick up place!
14. With the opening of nearby Center Parcs, a family environment, surely we would not want the centre of Amphill represented by a lap dancing club!
15. The cost of extra policing and taking police resources away from more important local issues.

In conclusion I feel that Amphill is completely unsuitable for this type of business. There is currently a good, safe family spirit and community. Please let's keep it that way!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Miss [redacted]".

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The Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
High Street North
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the application for a sex entertainment venue on Church Street in Ampthill

As a resident of , I feel we already have enough publicly licensed premises available for people; The Whitfield Club, The White Hart, The Cellar Bar and The Old Magistrates Court. We already suffer from late night disturbances from the other clubs and pubs on Church Street and another one that is open until past midnight every night during the week will merely add to these disturbances and bring an unwanted element into the area. The venue is open so late at night that I feel it also heightens the possibility of crime in the centre of Ampthill.

There is a child's ballet school opposite the proposed location, a church on the same road and a child's toy shop over the road - do we want children to have to walk past this venue in order to get to their activities? It also opposite the main walkway to a local pre-school (Ladybirds) and a local Lower School (Russell Lower)

I would also like to add that Church Street is also a residential area. I have a 3 yr old daughter. I do not wish to have to walk her past such an establishment every day when we go to her Pre-school or to the shops, or to her ballet lessons and neither do we need further disruption in the evenings. People exiting The Magistrates Court after a party, or the Whitfield Club and The White Hart/Cellar Bar at closing time, already wake my child up late at night. We do not need the number of drunk people walking past our house increasing. On numerous occasions in the past I have already had to make reports to the local police about anti-social behavior, such as drinking in a non-drinking zone, flashing in front of my house, broken bottles, urination, and drunkards walking in the middle of the road causing traffic problems. Last time we had roadworks on Church Street there were several occasions where drunken people leaving the already established licensed properties on Church Street found it hilarious to completely block Church Street off with the traffic cones and barriers - it was us residents who went out and remedied the disturbance each time. We do not need more of this behavior.



Bedfordshire

10 July 2012

Licensing Team,
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Dear Sirs

Application for sex establishment – Shaylers Ampthill

We write to express our objections in relation to the above application. We are residents of Maulden and use Ampthill on a weekly basis to shop and frequent restaurants and other facilities.

It may be that the application is meant to drum up publicity and trade for Mr Shayler's other establishments rather than being entirely serious. Although we have no moral objections at all to 'sex establishments' such as lap dancing clubs in principle, we do not believe that the proposed site in Ampthill is the right place for many reasons.

Firstly, as a general point, Ampthill has a distinct identity as a Georgian market town and siting a lap dancing club right in the centre is plainly out of keeping with the character of the locality and could be damaging to its attempts to promote that Georgian heritage, for example in attracting greater footfall with the opening of the nearby Center Parcs.

More specifically, however, the site of the proposed premises is totally inappropriate for other reasons. The centre of Ampthill is, perhaps unusually, still a highly residential area occupied by a varied cross section of residents including families.

It already has many venues which are principally for drinking, including the White Hart which has a late licence and unfortunately already attracts many complaints about late night nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

Perhaps the most important point about the proposed site is that it could not be more central or conspicuous, right on the town square and opposite a toy shop and gift shop. This is an area which not only has a very high footfall of people of all kinds and ages passing by as

they shop and go about their daily business, but also has benches for people to sit and enjoy the town. The benches are, more often than not, occupied by small groups of younger people enjoying the company of their friends.

As the prime spot in the whole of Ampthill, which should be available for enjoyment by the community as a whole, it is clearly the wrong place for a business of this type.

Finally, we would make the point in passing that the application form states that the premises should not have adverts and notices visible to the exterior. These premises have a notice in the window advertising for lap dancers which already appears to be flouting the letter and spirit of the rules.

Yours sincerely

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Licencing Team,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to express my strong disapproval of the application made by "Lord" John Shayler to open a sex entertainment venue in Ampthill.

The property that "Lord" John Shayler occupies is central to the market square and as such is right at the heart of Ampthill. For this to become a sex entertainment venue, however discreet, would transform the feel of the town centre.

The area directly in front of the proposed club has benches at which teenagers and children commonly meet and they should not be exposed to the sort of imagery that is likely to be used.

The property is directly opposite a toyshop called "Fairies and Frogs". This award winning shop is one of the fastest growing and most thriving businesses in Ampthill. It would certainly not be in their interests to have a sex entertainment venue opposite.

I am not against the idea in principle of this sort of venue coming to Ampthill, since I am sure that it could be run successfully and bring employment to the town. However the location in this case is the issue and as such should be enough to make the idea a non-starter.

In my time in the town "Lord" John Shayler has run an antique shop and a restaurant/tapas/coffee shop in the premises, both seemingly without success. When his most recent venture closed down the property was left in chaos inside and with all the blinds fully open, blighting the appearance market square with little apparent thought for the residents of the town. I feel that this is clear evidence of his lack of concern for the residents of the town or his impact on the business community. This unwillingness to be part of the community would make him very unlikely to operate in a discreet or tasteful way that would benefit all traders.

If he is true to his word as printed on the front page Bedford Today then maybe he really should offer the building to any one of the many business owners who are thriving in Ampthill.

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And he (John Shayler) says he will give the building rent-free to anyone else who can come up with a viable business plan and can financially run the business themselves.

He added: "I want people to stand in my shoes, people don't know what it takes to run a business. If people want to club together and can financially run another successful business from my premises I will drop the application tomorrow.

<http://www.bedfordtoday.co.uk/news/local/plans-revealed-for-sex-venue-1-3973061>

To conclude, John Shayler has a reputation for not wishing to please local residents and I fear that this is a mischievous application for his own amusement. If it is a genuine application then I hope that the council will agree that this sort of venue has no place in one of the prime properties in this bustling market town.



Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council,
Watling House,
High Street North,
Dunstable, LU6 1LF



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Bedfordshire
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To whom it may concern

RE:- Application for a Sex Entertainment Venue licence at Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill

We would like to make the following representations regarding this application, having read Central Bedfordshire's Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments – particularly page 31 which gives grounds for refusal on 'the character of the relevant locality', or 'the use to which premises in the vicinity are put.'

The character of the relevant locality

Residential areas

- The applicant premises very near a large number of residential areas – most of the area within a 100 metre radius is residential.

In particular, many elderly residents have no choice but to use Cheeseman's pharmacy, and many of them would be extremely offended by having to walk by such an establishment.

Central Location

- The sex establishment would be in a place where people who needed to travel from one end of the town to the other would be forced to pass, whether they wanted to or not. How could we force people to pass by something which they might be distressed at seeing?

- Women returning home from Flitwick train station may be put under stress and suffer harassment by having to walk past a queue of people who are exiting, or queuing up to enter, this establishment. Patrons of sex establishments tend to be almost exclusively male and often under the influence of alcohol; this would make the likelihood of harassment even greater.

The use to which any premises in the vicinity are put;

Churches

- St. Andrew's Church and Ampthill Methodist Church are within 200 metres. A sex establishment so close to places of worship would be a gross affront to the sensibilities of religious members of our

community and their families.

Children's establishments

- The proposed sex establishment is directly opposite a retail store which is shortly to be occupied by the popular "Fairies and Frogs" toy shop which is relocating from Dunstable Street. It would be difficult to imagine a more inappropriate location in the vicinity.

Establishments used by families and the elderly

- The location is very close to coffee shops, a charity shop, restaurants, and a pharmacy, all of which are constantly frequented by elderly members of our community as well as families with small children.

In addition, the following is relevant:

Traffic and Parking

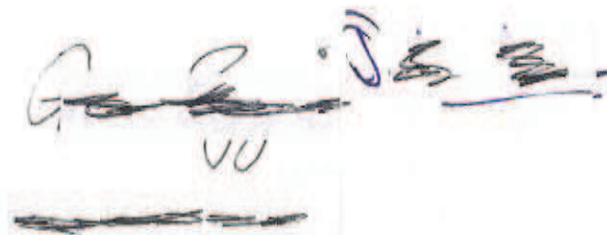
- The opening of another late opening / closing establishment in the centre of Ampt Hill would put yet more pressure on an already congested traffic system.
- Parking in the centre of Ampt Hill is already very crowded; this would add immeasurably to the problem.

Noise Pollution

- The late night noise from such an establishment, as well as from its patrons exiting and making their way home, would be to the significant detriment of Ampt Hill inhabitants' wellbeing.

For these reasons, we would like the application to be refused.

Yours faithfully,



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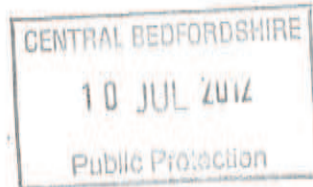


Ampthill & District Preservation Society

For the protection and conservation of our local architectural and environmental heritage

Chairman:

Ampthill,
Bedford,



Hon. Secretary:

Ampthill,
Bedford.

7th July 2012

Dear Chief Licensing Officer,

Application for Sex Establishment Licence –
4 Church Street, Ampthill.

This Society objects to the application for grant of a Sex Establishment Licence in respect of 4 Church Street, Ampthill, for the reasons set out below.

- 1 The location of 4 Church Street is on the small Market Square which is at the heart of Ampthill and its town centre shopping area. Seating is provided on the square and it is a social area where people, especially children and young people, gather.
- 2 The premises are about 80 yards from the Maurice Kachuk School of Dancing which is situated in Kings Arms Yard opposite the Market Square. The school's pupils are mostly young children. In addition to those who arrive on foot many pupils arrive and depart by parent-driven cars which use the nearby Waitrose town centre car park situated immediately behind 4 Church Street. The pedestrian route from the car park to the school is via the market square and a pedestrian crossing close to 4 Church Street.
- 3 The Market Square is the venue for community events including the annual Civic Christmas Carol Service, and the formal Switching on of Christmas Lights with attendance of "Santa Claus" and many children. These events are held in front of 4 Church Street.
- 4 A popular market stall is frequently erected on the Market Square in front of 4 Church Square as are fund-raising, table-top sales in support of various charities.
- 5 Ampthill already attracts large numbers of revellers at night especially at weekends. There is frequent late-night noise, rowdy behaviour, occasional criminal damage and assaults in the town centre. A sex establishment will attract even more late-night visitors thereby escalating these problems.
- 6 4 Church Street is in the centre of the Ampthill Conservation Area which is wholly inappropriate for premises of the type proposed.

- 7 The premises are close to private dwelling houses and residential apartments in Church Street and Bedford Street.
- 8 There are bus stops in Church Street near the Market Square.

We submit that all the above reasons make the location in question wholly unsuitable for the activities which are proposed by virtue of the grant of a Sex Establishment Licence and we urge the Council to refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,



(Chairman)



(Secretary)

The Chief Licensing Officer,
Central Bedfordshire Council,
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High Street North,
Dunstable,
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Dave McBain

From: [REDACTED] @googlemail.com]

Sent: 11 July 2012 13:49

To: Dave McBain

Subject: Clarity to my objection to licensing application for Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill

Dear Dave

Following your letter dated the 3 July 2012. I would like to further clarify my objection to the above application, as my application was not made solely on moral ground. To be clear I do not think that the location is suitable for a sex establishment due to the closeness to:

- My local church (St Andrew Church)
- My son's school (Russell Lower School) as if you granted the license we would need to walk directly past the 'sex establishment' on the school run
- Residential area. (as I live within close proximity to the establishment)
- Ampthill park and playground (again we would need to walk directly past the sex establishment to gain access to the community park and buildings)
- The location is in the main square, therefore is located in the gateway to an identifiable locality, ie this establishment could become what Ampthill is known for.
- The sex establishment is located very close to a number of alcohol premises, especially the White Hart (which has a late license), therefore increasing the risk of lewd behaviour.

Can you please confirm that you know accept my objection, based on the above grounds.

Kind regards,

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Dave Mc Bain
Licensing Enforcement
Officer

Dear Mr. Mc Bain,

Thank you for your return letter of July 2nd which was very helpful.

We would like to object to the Sex Establishment proposed at Shaglers 4 Church St, Ampt Hill because of the following:

1. There are many residential areas in close vicinity with individuals and families living above shops close by.
2. The Methodist Church is close by.
3. "Mind", a community building is very close to the proposed establishment.
4. The White Hart and Wingfield Club, licensed premises are in close proximity.

I hope you will take notice in a

very serious way these legitimate
objections.

Yours sincerely,

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Patricia Davies

From: Patricia Davies
Sent: 09 July 2012 08:36
To: ~~Patricia Davies~~
Subject: RE: Central Beds Council Licencing Application; Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012

Dear Mr ~~Patricia Davies~~

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: ~~Patricia Davies~~
Sent: 08 July 2012 00:52
To: Licensing Enquiries; Patricia Davies
Subject: Central Beds Council Licencing Application; Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012

To, Licensing Team, Central Bedfordshire Council, Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable, Beds LU6 1LF

I wish to object to the application for Sex Entertainment Premises Licence: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012

I feel that the license would be inappropriate because:

The premises is in a residential areas

The premises is located in an area frequented by children under 16 years of age travelling to & from schools, visiting local shops, etc.

The premises is located in an area used by or for children under 16 years of age as a route for parks & other recreational areas.

The premises is close to churches & chapels & community buildings.

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The premises are located in the interesting & picturesque centre of Ampthill. All the buildings in this area should present the town in a manner appropriate to the historic character of the town.

This area is already a hot-spot of unruly incidents & nuisances at night. Recently there has even been an alcohol/drugs related murder in the town. The addition of yet another late-night licensed premises would exacerbate these extant problems in the town.

The establishment would attract customers from closing pubs & clubs in surrounding areas; thus making Ampthill town-centre even more of a no-go area for residents than it has already become.

Although perhaps not relevant to this objection I feel that it is important for the future of Ampthill, it's inhabitants & businesses, that the conservation of our historic town centre should be given the highest priority in these difficult times. Great care should be taken to ensure that new enterprises coming to Ampthill help & support the town & it's struggling shops & businesses. I believe that a Licenced Sex Entertainment Premises would have the opposite effect.

Yours sincerely

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Patricia Davies

From: Patricia Davies
Sent: 09 July 2012 08:29
To: Mark Smith
Subject: RE: Objection to Central Beds Council Licensing Application: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012

Dear Cllr Smith

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises. A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: Mark Smith [mailto:mark.andrew.smith@hotmail.co.uk]
Sent: 07 July 2012 21:00
To: Patricia Davies
Subject: Objection to Central Beds Council Licensing Application: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012

Dear Patricia

I wish to register my objections to the Central Beds Council Licensing Application for Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises License registered on 15/06/2012.

The grounds of my objections are as follows:

Shaylers is situated in a Residential Area

Not only is the centre of Ampthill the retail centre of the town, but a great many of the shops have flats above them. Indeed a number of them are directly opposite Shaylers, namely above Bows & Cheesemans. In addition Church Street is largely residential for its length.

Shaylers is situated near to Schools, nurseries or any other premise substantially used by or for children under 16 years of age

4 Bedford Street is possibly the most focal shop unit in the town as it is situated on the Market Square & during term times is regularly passed (on foot & by car) by children making their way to the 4 schools in the town, namely the Firs Lower School, Russell Lower School, Alameda Middle School and Redborne

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Upper School. In addition parents will pass the premises with their under 5's as they make their way to Amptill Children's Centre in the nearby Methodist Church, as well as other nurseries at Merry Poppets (Amptill Football Club), Jack and Jill (Houghton Close) & Ladybird (Russell Lower School). Furthermore, the premises are opposite a toy shop (Fairy's n Frogs) and a children's dance studio in Kings Arms Yard (just off of Church Street).

Shaylers is situated near Parks or other recreational areas used by or for children under 16 years of age

Although not a designated recreational area the market square has been adopted as a place where youngsters meet & often stay late into the evening on the set of seats that are located on the square outside 4 Bedford Street. Indeed with no Skate Park in the town young skateboarders have also adopted the area as one that they use. In addition young people will also pass through the town centre and thus pass Shaylers to access facilities in Amptill Park.

Shaylers is situated near Churches or other places of religious worship

4 Bedford Street is also situated a short distance from St. Andrew's Church of England Church on Church Street and parishioners will pass the premises to go to church on a Sunday. Furthermore, along Dunstable Street nearby are Amptill Methodist Church & Amptill Baptist Church. Indeed some religious events take place on the Market Square during the year outside of Shaylers, namely Carols Around the Christmas Tree on the Monday evening before Christmas & the 2 Minutes Silence on Remembrance Day (both led by Rev. Trodden from St. Andrew's. Furthermore, the Remembrance Sunday parade will pass by Shaylers.

Shaylers is situated near Community buildings

The premises are close to a number of community buildings, namely the Masonic Rooms on Church Street (used for a variety of community functions), Parkside Hall (along Woburn Street) and the aforementioned Churches (that also serve as community venues for such events as evening concerts). As mentioned before the Market Square also serves as a venue for community events (2 minutes silence, Carols around the Christmas Tree etc)

Shaylers is situated at many Gateways to facilities in the town

As the premise's are at such a focal point in the town most residents will pass by them a number of times in the day whether going to work, going to the shops (in particular nearby Waitrose) or taking their children to school/pre-school. I'm sure no other community would have such an establishment in such a prominent position!

Shaylers would add to an excess of premises with Alcohol or entertainment licenses in the town centre

Residents have for many years raised concern over antisocial behavior that emanates from the existing licensed premises in the town centre. Indeed the nearby White Hart acts as a late night entertainment venue with it's Cellar Bar open to the early hours. There is a real possibility that antisocial behavior will only increase with another licensed entertainments venue in such close proximity. I'm sure the Police will have a view on this issue as this could lead to more police having to be deployed to the town over the weekend.

For the aforementioned reasons I object to a Sex Establishments License being granted for 4 Church Street.

In addition I presume that Mr Shayler will also have to apply to the Planning Department for 'change of use' with regards the premise's, which I would also object to.

I hope you take my concerns into account in determining this application.

Best Wishes

Mark Smith
Central Bedfordshire Councillor (Amptill Ward)

Patricia Davies

From: Patricia Davies
Sent: 10 July 2012 11:29
To:
Subject: RE: Objection: Sex Entertainment Premises Licence: Shaylers - 4 Church Street

Dear Ms

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

Pat Davies MIOL, MCM
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From: 1 [mailto:] On Behalf
Sent: 10 July 2012 10:46
To: Licensing Enquiries; Patricia Davies
Subject: Objection: Sex Entertainment Premises Licence: Shaylers - 4 Church Street

I wish to object to the application for Sex Entertainment Premises Licence: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012

My objection to this application is based on the fact that the premises will adversely affect particular parts of the local community, such as those listed in your criteria for objections, and would therefore be totally inappropriate for Amphill because:

The premises is in a residential area;

The premises is located in an area frequented by children under 16 years of age travelling to & from schools, visiting local shops, etc;

The premises is located in an area used by or for children under 16 years of age as a route for parks & other recreational areas;

The premises is close to churches & chapels & community buildings;

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The premises are located in the interesting & picturesque centre of Ampthill. All the buildings in this area should present the town in a manner appropriate to the historic character of the town.

This area is already a hot-spot of unruly incidents & nuisances at night. Recently there has even been an alcohol/drugs related murder in the town. The addition of yet another late-night licensed premises would exacerbate these extant problems in the town.

The establishment would attract customers from closing pubs & clubs in surrounding areas; thus making Ampthill town-centre even more of a no-go area for residents than it has already become.

Please consider the objections you receive and do not approve this application.

Yours sincerely

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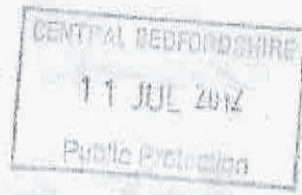
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Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Licencing Applications: Shaylers - 4 Church Street

- Sex Establishment Premises License
- registered 15/6/12

I object to the above application. The location of the premises is not only extremely close to the residential block in Bedford Street (next to Waitrose) above the Estates Agents and Opticians but is also in the market place used for community events such as the Christmas tree Carol Service, cake stalls for local Brownie/Guides and a place where Ampt Hill Town

Band play Christmas songs.

I feel the church parade from St Andrews that passes 4 Church Street and the Amptnill Festival parade that also passes so close by would feel the impact of such a business in operation in the centre of Amptnill.

I hope you reject

this application.

Yours faithfully

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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 10 July 2012 11:45
To: ~~Patricia Davies~~
Subject: RE: Proposal for a lapdancing club in Ampthill by John Shayler

Dear Ms ~~Patricia Davies~~

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises.

A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: ~~Patricia Davies~~ [mailto:~~Patricia.Davies@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk~~]
Sent: 10 July 2012 11:38
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Proposal for a lapdancing club in Ampthill by John Shayler

Dear Sirs

I would like to voice my concern about the above application. I have enjoyed living in Ampthill for the last 26 years and have found it to be a quiet, mainly law abiding, pleasant community. Residents enjoy the beautiful old buildings, especially those around the market square where many of the town's activities take place. The market square is also where people enjoy sitting on the benches and is a place where young people can congregate in the evenings.

The idea of a lap dancing club to be located in such a place is totally unacceptable and completely inappropriate for a small market town. Having spoken to a number of residents the main reason we all live here is because of its quiet nature and an establishment like this would change that completely.

The area is residential as well as commercial having the main shops such as the post office, café, bakers, bank, toy shop and chemist all in close proximity to the premises for the proposed club. There is also a public house very close by and an establishment of this nature would cause disturbances for residents late at night with clientele coming out of the public house and then possibly going to the lapdancing club. Also vacating the club at 1.30am will cause disturbance to residents.

Historically, when premises have been granted late opening hours in Ampthill it has caused a lot of

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problems resulting in the premises being closed down because of the trouble caused. I hope that the Licensing Committee will see that this could happen again and decline permission for the lapdancing club to go ahead.

Yours faithfully

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Licensing Team

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Application for Sex Establishment Licence; John Shayler of Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Amphill, Beds, MK45 2EH

[Hard copy in post, but without bold type]

We wish to object to the above application for a sex establishment licence because in our view it will:

- **Adversely affect the character of the historic market town of Amphill;**
- **Further distort the balance of commercial interests and the preservation of the town's proud and longstanding local heritage;**
- **Not be in the interests of the majority of local residents;**
- **Give an inappropriate message both to visitors to the town and to the large numbers of families with children of school age who regularly use the town centre for commercial and entertainment purposes.**

We note that in your licensing policy statement that the Council will monitor the expansion of the leisure industry with a view to maintaining a balance between commercial interests and the interest of preserving local heritage as well as protecting the interests of local residents. You also state that you will consider the characteristics of the locality and shall particularly take account of the density and proximity of residential areas; schools; nurseries or any other premises substantially used by or for children under 16; as well as parks or other recreational areas used by

children; churches or other places of worship; alcohol or entertainment licensed premises.

Amphill, while relatively larger than many of its surrounding towns and villages, is still in essence a small market town with a significant number of schools and churches, and a relatively large number of pubs and other licensed premises. Its heart, where Church Street, Bedford Street, Dunstable Street and Woburn Street meet is a very concentrated town centre which is the focus for most of its commercial and entertainment activities, all of which are very well used by local residents, often with their young families. The historic Amphill park is nearby and is also a very popular area for residents and visitors of all ages. The four abovementioned main streets are all dense residential areas and are already overused by traffic during the day and, at night, all attract very lively (and often intrusively noisy) foot traffic well into the small hours.

While we regret that anyone feels the need for sex establishments, we are realistic enough to know that the sex industry in all its forms will always exist. **Our objection in this case is based primarily on the fact that such places are more appropriately sited in larger urban areas, away from residential streets and facilities used by local residents (and, particularly, young people) and where the inevitably intrusive outflow late at night is more easily absorbed than it would be in a small town like Amphill.**

Amphill residents are very proud of their town, its history and its attractive aspect and most of us welcome diversity in the local economy, especially in times of recession. However, this application, if approved, would strike a very discordant note and give off completely the wrong signals to visitors. **It would also run a serious risk of increasing to even more unacceptable levels the amount of noise we have to endure on our streets at night while most of us are trying to sleep.**

Please help us to protect our small and lively town from tackiness and reject this application.

We are happy for the applicant to be made aware of these views but would wish to retain our anonymity.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully




Amphill
Bedfordshire


12th July 2012

Licensing Co-Ordinator
Public Protection
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
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Ref: Application for Sex Entertainment Venue: Shaylers, Amphill

Dear Patricia Davies,

I would like to register my objection to the application proposed above for the following reasons:

- The proposed location is in the prime central location in Amphill. It is a focal point of the small town square and as such it is constantly used by families and children on their way to school, shopping or to access bus stops and other local amenities. Occupying such a central position, it is also in very close proximity to residential housing and a nearby church.
- A dance school, also catering for children is within 75 meters from the site. Many parents park in Waitrose car park to take their children to the dance school, and will walk almost immediately in front of the venue. This is particularly concerning as the venue's opening times are from 7pm meaning that children under 16 are directly exposed to the entertainment of the venue as they walk passed
- It could create a town centre atmosphere that would feel uncomfortable and threatening for women and girls of all ages. This may affect local businesses in the area, which are already struggling in these financially difficult times
- If the premises were to open as a bar/restaurant/cafe without the sex licence, it would be a venue for all genders to enjoy

Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge my objections. I hope that you will consider that this application is not in the best interests of the local community and urge you to reject it.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Sir/Madam

Ref. Application for a Sex Entertainment Venue at
N° 4 Church Street Amptwell

My Wife and Myself "Strongly Oppose" to the granting of
the licence as follows.

- a) The granting of the licence would be inappropriate having regard to the following.
The premises are situated on the Market Square in a Historic market town, therefore unsuitable for granting of this licence.
- b) The Market Square immediately in front of the premises is a "Community Area", and is used for Fund Raising for many events and Shows, Carols around the Xmas Tree, Remembrance Day, and many more by a veritable age group of People, some of the events take place in the evenings.
- c) This is a Residential area as most of the shops and business have Residents living above the premises, and there are also many houses within three hundred yards on each of the four roads, which meet at the Market Square.
- d) There are numerous shops within sight of the proposed premises, such as Childrens Toy Shop, Three Cafes, Tea Room, Bakers, Post Office, Gift Shop, Two Banks, Chemist, Electrical Goods Outlet, Estate Agent, plus several others.
- e) Over the past two or three years, the amount of Anti-Social Behaviour, Drink Related Problems, Vanderalism, Noise Problem in the area of the Town Centre, Market Square, has decreased dramatically due to the work done by the Police, Town Council, Amptwell Community Safety Group and members of Street Watch, There is a huge possibility that if the licence is granted for this Premise, it will draw in "Ghaptel" from a much wider area, than is drawn in, and attend the existing Amptwell late night premises.

Yours Faithfully
~~_____~~

Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 13 July 2012 08:47
To: ~~_____~~
Subject: RE: Notice of Application - sex establishment in Ampthill by Lord John Shayler - Shaylers
Attachments: SEV Hearing notice letter obj.doc

Dear Mrs ~~_____~~

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

Please find attached a letter to confirm the hearing details.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: ~~_____~~
Sent: 13 July 2012 07:51
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Re: Notice of Application - sex establishment in Ampthill by Lord John Shayler - Shaylers

Ms Davies

Many thanks for your email, I appreciate your comments.

I should be grateful if you would consider my request for the above application to be refused on the following grounds:

- It is in close proximity to many residential properties – including my own where many young children reside
- It is located at the very the focal point of the community and in close proximity to areas used continuously by children e.g. on the way to school, to bus stops and churches, to use local amenities such as dancing schools, toy and sweet shops and cafes and to gather in communal areas in the centre of town

Thank you

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries

Sent: 12 July 2012 08:24

To: ~~_____~~

Subject: RE: John Shaylar - License for sex entertainment premises 4 Church St

Dear ~~_____~~

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises. A meeting of the licensing sub committee will be arranged to decide the application, and you will be invited to attend. We will advise you of the details once the arrangements have been made.

regards
Pat Davies

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Sent: 11 July 2012 16:32

To: Licensing Enquiries

Cc: Cllr Mike Blair

Subject: John Shaylar - License for sex entertainment premises 4 Church St

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Re:Central Beds Council Licencing Application: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - Sex Establishment Premises Licence - registered 15/06/2012.

Dear Sirs,

I would like to formally register my objection to the above application on the following grounds:

1. It is in close proximity to many residential properties – including where families with young children live.

2. It is located in the centre of Amphill which is the 'hub' of the town and where children frequently pass through on the way to school or to the shops, bus stops, churches and local amenities and community buildings such as cafes, sweet shops, dance school and music school. It is right beside a communal area on the market square where many young residents including children gather.

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3. Amptill has a strong historical and cultural heritage and a family based community. This is totally out of keeping within that.
4. Many businesses in Amptill are struggling in this current economic climate and this will have a detrimental effect on those as people will avoid the area.
5. It will further increase problems with unruly behaviour already happening as a result of late night drinking.
6. I feel that the centre of Amptill will feel unsafe to women and girls especially with such a premises and people will avoid the centre of Amptill in the evening which will again affect local restaurants and pubs.

Please give these objections full consideration and unless I give permission I understand that my identity will not be passes on to the applicant.

Yours faithfully



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To: ' [redacted] om' [redacted] om>
Sent: [redacted] 2012 4.27 PM
Subject: RE: Sex Entertainment Venue, Ampthill

Dear Ms [redacted]

Please note that any objection to an application such as this cannot be on moral grounds, it needs to concern the suitability of the location with regard to:

- Residential areas
- Schools, nurseries or any other premise substantially used by or for children under 16 years of age
- Parks or other recreational areas used by or for children under 16 years of age
- Churches or other places of religious worship
- Community buildings
- Gateways to an identifiable locality
- Alcohol or entertainment licensed premises

If you could specifically refer to these subjects I will be happy to accept your objection, before close of business 13th July 2012..

Regards
Pat Davies

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From: Dave McBain
Sent: 11 July 2012 16:24
To: Patricia Davies
Subject: FW: Sex Entertainment Venue, Ampthill

From: [redacted]
Sent: 11 July 2012 15:50
To: Dave McBain
Subject: Sex Entertainment Venue, Ampthill

Dear Mr McBain

I am writing to you in connection with the application for a Sex Entertainment Venue in Church Street, Ampthill by John Shayler.

I feel that the sex industry has no place in Ampthill. It is not in keeping with the historic nature of the town and the community here is family based with 4 schools and more family housing, both being built, and due to be

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built in the near future.

The noise and behaviour of those attending such a venue will disturb residents in very nearby streets and possibly in other areas of Ampthill too.

The nature of the business may also be detrimental to other business in Ampthill as people may feel 'uncomfortable' being near such a place and may prefer not to come into town in the evening when the sex entertainment venue is open. As a woman, I would find it intimidating to be near and would be concerned about the possible behaviour of the clients that frequent such an establishment. As a teacher, I would express concern about under age youngsters being both admitted to such premises and drinking there. The recent, tragic death of a 15 year old girl in Ampthill was preceded by 'drinking in local pubs' although she was clearly under age to do so. It is difficult enough to enforce the law in this area with the establishments already opening late in Ampthill without another venue to have to check on.

Ampthill has a wonderful reputation and people move here for good schools and a good community. I do not believe that a sex entertainment venue will add anything to the town and, such an establishment, could in fact precipitate a decline in Ampthill as people move out to quieter areas which they feel are safer for their children and themselves.

I appreciate that you will only consider the nature of some of these objections but I trust that you will consider those you can with all due seriousness.

Yours Sincerely



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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to raise my objection to the application for a proposed sex entertainment venue on Church Street in Amphill

As a resident of Church Street, I must object on the basis that we already have enough publicly licensed premises available in Amphill within a small area. Within 100 yards or so, we have the Prince Of Wales, The White Hart (with its night club), a Mexican bar, the Wingfield Club, The Queens' Head, The Old Sun, the Albion, the Engine And Tender and numerous restaurants all of which are licensed to serve alcohol. In short, we are already well-served for any form of alcoholic refreshment within walking distance of the proposed venue in any direction.

As a resident of Church Street, I have had to put up with drunken patrons of these establishments banging on my windows, urinating in my garage and exposing themselves to my wife on one occasion, as well as putting up with the shouting and screaming into the small hours of the morning. We have had people moving roadworks signs to block the road at night, causing chaos with traffic and it has been the residents who had to put them back in the middle of the night.

Minicabs required to service the patrons of the existing venues already cause a traffic hazard by parking in the narrow roadways where the roundabouts are at the junction of Church Street and Bedford Street, seemingly with the blessing of the local police, who deem that asking them to use Waitrose's car park out of hours is too difficult.

On a commercial basis, I would suggest that despite the applicant saying that he wants to drive trade into Amphill, this venue is likely to do the opposite- it will not be open during normal shopping hours under the terms of the current license application and, this means a large commercial premises sitting closed at peak time in the middle of a historic market town. Better use would be something in the lines of the bistro it used to be before the owner shut it down for refurbishment and never re-opened it. This, I believe was done due to a drainage leak caused by Waitrose, so presumably the owner has received adequate recompense for any losses on that basis.

With the advent of Centre Parcs and the tourist trade it will bring, I cannot see a family holiday resort looking too kindly on its brochures advertising proximity to a historic place of interest and then finding it is driving customers to a high street where one of the biggest commercial properties is closed during the day and not family-suitable when it is open.

On a personal note, I have a 3 year old daughter and I do not wish to have her walked past such an establishment on her way to Pre-school or to the shops, or to her ballet lessons. There are lots of young children in the area during the day due to the number of pre-schools and activities on offer and I do not think any of them should be exposed to such an establishment and the questions it will raise.

I hope you will find that the location for this venture is ill advised and feel it would be better located somewhere which would not suffer from the impact of its presence in such a way. It would be preferable that it be somewhere that is not also a residential area with children living on it, due mainly to the type of clientele it will encourage and its very late and very regular opening times.

I would welcome the premises to be once again opened as a shop, or café, or restaurant, as it was in the past. That is something we could do with, as this would cater to the incoming tourist trade and be more in keeping with the values of this historic Market Town.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Patricia Davies

From: Patricia Davies
Sent: 13 July 2012 08:28
To: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX@XXXXXX.XXX~~
Subject: RE: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - sex establishment premises license- registered 15/06/2012

Attachments: SEV Hearing notice letter obj.doc

Dear Mr ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

Please find attached a letter to confirm the hearing details.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX@XXXXXX.XXX~~.uk]
Sent: 12 July 2012 17:26
To: Patricia Davies
Subject: Shaylers - 4 Church Street - sex establishment premises license- registered 15/06/2012
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Hi

I would like to object to application for - 4 Church Street - sex establishment premises license- registered 15/06/2012.

For following reasons:

Schools, nurseries or any other premise substantially used by or for children under 16 years of age -

Close proximity to many premises and amenities frequented by children under 16

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including toy shop, only post office, waitrose, chemist

Gateways to an identifiable locality - Inkeeping with Ampthill town centre clock tower and market place (1852)

Alcohol or entertainment licensed premises - within close proximity of White Hart which hold entertainment license.

Regards

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 13 July 2012 09:22
To: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ n'
Subject: RE: proposed licensing for Lord Shaylor -Church Street Ampthill
Attachments: SEV Hearing notice letter obj.doc

Dear Mrs ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

Please find attached a letter to confirm the hearing details.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ [mailto:~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~]
Sent: 13 July 2012 09:11
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: proposed licensing for Lord Shaylor -Church Street Ampthill

Good morning,

I would like to lodge an objection to the proposed licensing at the premises at Church Street, Ampthill for Lord Shaylor for an adult shop on the following grounds:

1. Church Street has residential properties from the town square to the top of Church Street going towards Maulden. Also there are residents who live above the shops not only in Church Street but also those in the town centre which go into Bedford Street, Woburn Street and Dunstable Street.
2. The town square itself is the 'hub of the town' a meeting place for many which includes children under 16 years of age.

Specific events take place in the town square during the year which are attended by children under 16 years of age

- a) The Christmas Lights switch on with Father Christmas
- b) The Carol Service
- c) The Palm Sunday Worship Service for St Andrews Church - the Town Church -

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starts from the town square - many children come to this as there is a donkey to lead the procession to church.


d) The Remembrance service and 2 minute silence.

e) Charity stalls and Church stalls are on the town square for specific events.

.....and as the premises in question is directly onto the Town Square this does make it **totally unsuitable** for such a proposed license.

I sincerely hope this proposed license is rejected.

 - Ampt Hill Resident


Ampt Hill

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 13 July 2012 13:34
To: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Subject: RE: SHAYLERS/4 CHURCH STREET AMPHILL
Attachments: SEV Hearing notice letter obj.doc

Dear Mrs ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

I acknowledge receipt of your objection.

Please find attached a letter to confirm the hearing details.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ [mailto:~~XXXXXXXXXX~~]
Sent: 13 July 2012 12:46
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: SHAYLERS/4 CHURCH STREET AMPHILL

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to register my strong objections and opposition to the application for a Sex Establishment Licence made by J Shayler in respect of the property known as 4 Church Street, Ampthill.

It is located in an area containing many private residences, and it is inappropriate to situate an establishment of this type in amongst homes in which children may reside.

The proposed opening hours of the establishment would result in those living in close proximity to be adversely affected by increased traffic (both pedestrian and vehicular) and noise.

Yours faithfully

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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Patricia Davies

From: Licensing Enquiries
Sent: 13 July 2012 13:32
To: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Subject: RE: Notice of Application - sex establishment in Ampthill by Lord John Shaler - Shalers
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From: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Sent: 13 July 2012 13:11
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject: Notice of Application - sex establishment in Ampthill by Lord John Shaler - Shalers

I should be grateful if you would consider my request for above application to be refused.

My objection is for following reasons:

1. It is in a mainly residential/retail area. a focal point for the whole community,
2. Within 1 minutes walk of a dance school aimed at under 16 year olds.
3. Within 3 minutes walk of the Parish Church, a vocal point for various events and community activities including children under 16 years old.
4. There is already a alcohol/entertainment licensed premise in the town centre. This has already caused noise/nuisance problems and criminal damage in the area.

Thank you.

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The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982
Licensing of Sex Establishments--Shaylers, 4, Church Street, Ampthill, Beds.

We should like to object to the granting of a license to the above property so that a Lap-Dancing Club can be opened.

The property stands in the middle of Ampthill with the market square directly in front of it. There are residencies just 4 doors away on one side and 5 on the other. More residencies are across the street and in the complex behind the said property.

Ampthill has 4 schools and a number of nurseries all less than a mile from the property.

Ampthill has a large park containing a play area for young children and a rugby pitch where youngsters train on a regular basis. These are both within half a mile of the property.

Ampthill has three well used churches within several yards of the property. The market square outside the property is used at Easter as part of the Good Friday "Walk of Worship" and carols are sung there a few days before Christmas. These activities involve families with young children.

During the Ampthill Christmas celebrations, that part of the market square is where Father Christmas helps a young child to switch on the Christmas lights and usually the whole community gather there for this happy occasion. The square is then full of young families.

We do not therefore think that the proposed locality for a Lap-Dancing club is a suitable one.

Yours faithfully,



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Sent: 13 July 2012 11:42
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ref Shaylers, 4 Church Street Ampthill.
Attachments: SEV Hearing notice letter obj.doc

Dear Mrs [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your objection, with regard to the suitability of the location of the premises.

Please find attached a letter to confirm the hearing details.

regards

Pat Davies

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From: [REDACTED].com]

Sent: 13 July 2012 11:21

To: Licensing Enquiries

Subject: Ref Shaylers, 4 Church Street Ampthill.

In reference to the above property I understand there is a licence application to use it as a sex entertainment venue.

Having been a resident of Ampthill and Maulden for 15 years I would question whether another licenced premises in the centre of Ampthill is really viable? There are many pubs in Ampthill, one of which is the White Hart Hotel which holds an extended licence and is almost opposite the proposed venue. In light of this one has to question the need for a further licenced establishment and particularly one of this kind. It will almost certainly cause disturbance to local residents and increase the chances of anti social behaviour in the town centre.

The property fronts onto a small paved area which is effectively our town square. It is the focal point at Christmas for the light switch on and Carol singing and also is used during the Aragon day celebrations. The positioning of the premises in my opinion makes it unsuitable for a sex entertainment venue due to the high volume of pedestrians passing the property many of whom are children with their families.

[REDACTED]

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~~_____~~
~~_____~~ Ampthill Bedfordshire ~~_____~~

The Licencing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
High Street North
Dunstable
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7th July 2012

Dear Sir,

**Re: Objection to Application for Sex Entertainment Licence
Shaylers 4 Church Street Ampthill MK 45 2EH**

We wish to lodge an objection to the above application on the following grounds:

It is inappropriate in that particular location being too close to:

- Residential property
- A church
- A toy shop which is frequented by young children is situated directly opposite
- A supermarket which trades until 9.00pm
- The Christmas tree is located directly outside the property each year, this is located on the town's main square and attracts many children
- The Christmas carol service is held around the Christmas tree

Yours faithfully

~~_____~~ ~~_____~~
~~_____~~ ~~_____~~

regards

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From: ]
Sent: 13 July 2012 11:47
To: Patricia Davies
Subject: Notice of application -sex establishment in Ampthill by Lord - Shaylers

Dear Ms Davies

Having read the article in the times and citizen re this proposed project I should be grateful if you would consider our request for the above application to be refused on the following grounds:

It is in close proximity of many residential properties (including my own) where many young children live.

It is located in a focus part of the community and in close proximity to areas and facilities used by children. For example on the way to school, to the bus stop, churches, dancing schools, toy and sweet shops and cafes. Young people also use this area to gather in the centre of town.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards



Patricia Davies

From: Patricia Davies
Sent: 13 July 2012 10:07
To: ~~_____~~
Subject: RE: Notice of Application - sex establishment in Ampthill by Lord John Shayler - Shaylers
Attachments: SEV Hearing notice letter obj.doc
Dear Mrs ~~_____~~

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regards

Pat Davies

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From: ~~_____~~ ilto ~~_____~~ k]
Sent: 13 July 2012 10:01
To: Patricia Davies
Subject: Notice of Application - sex establishment in Ampthill by Lord John Shayler - Shaylers

Dear Ms Davies

I should be grateful if you would consider my request for the above application to be refused on the following grounds:

- It is in close proximity to many residential properties – including my own where many young children reside
- It is located at the very the focal point of the community and in close proximity to areas used continuously by children e.g. on the way to school, to bus stops and churches, to use local amenities such as dancing schools, toy and sweet shops and cafes and to gather in communal areas in the centre of town

Yours sincerely,

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Patricia Davies

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Sent: 13 July 2012 11:45
To: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Subject: RE:
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Dear Mrs ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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From: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ com]
Sent: 13 July 2012 11:42
To: Licensing Enquiries
Subject:

Dear Mr McBain

Re: Sex Entertainment Licence - Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Amphill, MK45 2EH

We write to strongly object to the grant of a sex entertainment licence for these premises.

We do not feel that a sex establishment is appropriate for the locality for the reasons outlined below and with due regard to your Sex Entertainment Policy.

The whole of the proposed premises are situated in a prime location in the centre of the town. 4 Church Street is prominently situated fronting to the main town

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square and the area to the rear is also prominently situated fronting onto the main town car park and supermarket, the access to the car park and The Oxlet, all of which are busy pedestrian and vehicular routes in the very centre of Ampthill - i.e both are gateway routes through the town used by local people and visitors.

4 Church Street is also situated in the central part of the conservation area and we question if this type of use is appropriate for such a historic and important building. Its positioning between quality retailers and service offerings and immediately opposite a toy shop and cafe seem wholly out of character for the locality.

The area to the front of 4 Church Street is an area used for public gatherings and in constant use by children and the general public. It is inappropriate for a sex entertainment venue to front to such an area which is extremely well used for amongst others; carol concerts, Christmas celebrations, Remembrance events, charity collections, market stalls, public seating and cycle parking. It is one of the main routes through the town for children walking to school and very much at the hub of the other businesses in Ampthill.

In addition to this being an inappropriate location, the hours of business proposed means that the property will be closed during the daytime hours which whilst is Mr Shaylers prerogative as owner of the premises will do little to help the economic viability and vitality of the town.

There is already significant noise pollution and anti-social behaviour emanating from local pubs and bars in the immediate area of these premises and these premises will add to the potential fear of crime, noise pollution and other disturbance to residents and businesses. The premises are very close to neighbouring flats and dwellings.

There are a considerable number of residences in the locality that are not immediately obvious due to the nature of this area.

We note that Mr Shayler has obtained planning consent to change the use of the ground floor and basement into two retail units and that he has an existing planning use and premises licence for a wine bar. He will require planning consent for a sex establishment which we understand is a sui generis use and we will strongly object, on planning grounds for any amendment to the existing or A1 planning consents in place.

Your policy is very strict in terms of advertisements that can be placed in the window of a sex establishment and you require competent and respectful licensees to operate such businesses. We are therefore extremely disappointed with the nature of the current advertisement in the front window of the unit for staff of any sexual disposition. Due to the prominence of the notice and particular wording, we have now had to explain words and meanings to our daughters (aged 8 and 10) which we do not feel appropriate at their age. You may not be able to take this into account when determining the licence, but it does demonstrate a lack of tact and respect by the applicant.

This is a highly central, busy area of a historic market town. We feel it wholly inappropriate that there be a sex entertainment establishment in this location and implore you to reject the application.

Yours sincerely

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~~Amphill~~
BEDFORD. Bedfordshire
~~Amphill~~

The Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House, High Street North
DUNSTABLE, Bedfordshire, LU6 1LF

12 July 2012

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OBJECTION

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Request. Accordingly, and for the reasons outlined above, we request that the Licensing Team recommend refusal of the Application.

Yours faithfully,

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12th July 2012

Licensing Team
Central Bedfordshire Council
Watling House
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Dear Sir or Madam

Reference: Shaylers – application for sex establishment Ampthill

I would like to formally register my objection to the above application on the following grounds:

- Whilst other businesses in Ampthill are suffering due to the economic downturn, this establishment will do nothing to encourage business in the town, and in my opinion, will have a detrimental effect on the area
- It's location – on the market square, is directly where many local events are held; Christmas Lights Switch On, Carols around the Christmas Tree, Saturday market, and is also in close proximity to toy shops and other establishments that cater for families
- I am aware that Ampthill has increasing anti-social issues, in particular problems connected to late night licencing and alcohol. This will surely add to this.
- Ampthill being a historic Georgian town, would surely benefit more from a business that will compliment the generations of Ampthill residents, rather than an establishment that will no doubt encourage many people from the surrounding areas, who will not be coming to Ampthill to support any of the other local businesses
- I understand that the application cannot be dismissed on moral grounds, but to grant permission would be letting all residents know that this sort of establishment is condoned by the local authority

Mr Shayler gave an opportunity to local residents to suggest an alternative business, for which there are many; childrens clothes/shoe shop, an establishment where 'teenagers' can meet socially, to name a couple. However, how many people are in a position to be able to create a business plan and obtain financial backing at such short notice? I for one, would love to be in a position to step in and provide a much more beneficial business to the residents, and I wonder how much Mr Shayler actually wants to support the local community. We have a high percentage of eating and drinking establishments in Ampthill, and although his proposed club caters for 'other' needs, I cannot voice enough how strongly I feel that I do not want my children growing up in a community with such a venue. We have chosen to bring our family up in Ampthill because of the historic values, family values and close community. Although not an expert, I would expect that this will also have an effect on house values, and Mr Shaylers arrogant, selfish attitude, will have an effect on the community as a whole.

I would be more than happy to talk in person to those involved in this application, but trust that my identity will be treated in confidence, unless my permission is sought.

I trust that you will take my above points and views into consideration.

Yours sincerely

Mrs ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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Licensing Team,
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High Street North,
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12 July 2012

Dear Sirs

Representation regarding a Sex Entertainment Licence at Shaylers, 4 Church Street, Ampthill dated 15 June 2012

We hereby submit a representation against the granting of the above mentioned sex entertainment licence. We note in the Council's *Sex Establishment Policy* that the Council will... 'consider the characteristics of a locality and shall particularly take account of the density, and proximity of;

- Residential areas
- Schools, nurseries or any other premise substantially used by or for children under 16 years of age
- Parks or other recreational areas used by or for children under 16 years of age
- Churches or other places of religious worship
- Community buildings
- Gateways to an identifiable locality
- Alcohol or entertainment licensed premises'

1. Ampthill is a small Georgian market town and it's historic significance is noted through the Conservation Area designation. The location of the proposed sex entertainment venue is within the heart of this historic centre, in which are located numerous shops (many of which are independent shops), commercial enterprises and residential properties.
2. The market square on which the proposed venue is situated is the location for numerous community activities throughout the year such as a regular weekend market stall and annual celebrations including the Aragon Day parade, Christmas Lights Switch On and Christmas Carols with the Town Band. The market square therefore represents a 'gateway to an identifiable locality'. These events are well attended by many within the Ampthill and wider community including families and serve to add

cohesion to the community. These community events would be taking place in front of a sex entertainment venue which is wholly inappropriate.

3. The proposed venue is cited in close proximity to several establishments which sell alcohol. There are already problems for the local residents and businesses, particularly on weekend evenings, from noise, litter and anti-social behaviour including exuberant and offensive behaviour and minor vandalism. For example, we have experienced disturbance along Woburn Street, especially on Friday and Saturday evenings, including dumping of litter on our doorstep and incidents of petty vandalism such as liquid thrown over the front door and bare foot prints on the front door. The provision of another such establishment where the consumption of alcohol will continue after the existing public houses close will only serve to exacerbate the problem for local residents and businesses and hence has the potential to increase the anti-social behaviour that we have experienced to date.
4. There are preschools and nurseries, two lower schools and a middle and upper school within Ampthill. Ladybird preschool takes the children on outings throughout the academic year to visit the shops and other facilities in the town centre as part of their education and will therefore pass the proposed venue. This is wholly inappropriate for such young children. In addition, the proposed venue is cited opposite a toy shop which is frequented by and for children under 16 years of age.
5. Ampthill Park is a focus for a range of leisure pursuits for all ages, including children under 16 years of age, and is in close proximity to the proposed venue. In addition there is a green recreation space to the rear of the Kings Arms Path which is used by local children, and visits are made from Ladybird preschool for sporting activities.
6. A recent initiative 'Totally Locally' encourages Ampthill residents and visitors to shop locally to maintain the economic vibrancy of the town. Much work has been put into this initiative by the local community and businesses. We feel that the citing of a sex entertainment venue in the retail centre will change the character of the town centre and hence may deter visitors and locals alike, with a subsequent adverse affect on businesses and hence jeopardizing this initiative.
7. There are several places of religious worship in close proximity to the proposed venue. The nature of the proposed business is likely to be highly offensive to the people attending these places of worship.

8. The applicant has been quoted in the local media as wanting to bring 'Disney' to Ampthill. However, we feel that Ampthill, as an historic market town with a strong community spirit does not want and would not benefit positively from the importing of 'Disney'.

In summary we feel that the citing of a sex entertainment venue within the heart of the historic and community town of Ampthill will be detrimental to the historic setting of the Ampthill Conservation Area and adversely affect the amenity value, the reasonable enjoyment of local residents, including families, and the viability of local businesses. We therefore strongly object to the granting of this licence.

Yours faithfully

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Respectfully,

For the Board of Directors

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Reference: Shaylers – application for sex entertainment establishment, Ampthill

I would like to formally register my objection to the above application on the following grounds:

- It is located in the very centre of town, beside a seating area regularly used as a meeting place by families and groups of children. It is also a main thoroughfare used by schoolchildren en route to local schools.
- It is likely to exacerbate problems with unruly/inappropriate behaviour in central Ampthill late at night, already a problem with pubs in the immediate vicinity, and causing nuisance to local residents.

I trust these objections will be given full and proper consideration. I also understand that my identity will not be passed to the applicant unless my permission is given.

Yours faithfully



In order to consider your objection, I will need your full address for our records, as per our licensing policy.

regards

Pat Davies

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Subject: Shaylers License application

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would be grateful if you could consider my reasons for the License application to be refused.

Firstly, it is in close proximity to a number of local amenities regularly accessed by local children including a Dance Studio, a newsagents, a hairdressers and a toy shop.

Secondly, it is in area where children are taken on School visits and children would be able to view all the comings and goings from the venue during the day.

Yours Sincerely



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