

Objection.  
I have also given a copy to John Ellis.

Kind Regards  
Lisa Burton  
Planning Admin  
West team

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 January 2013 13:43  
**To:** Planning Online  
**Subject:** SHAYLERS - EXTENDED LICENCE OBJECTION

To whom it may concern,

I wish to raise an objection to the request for extended licence hours at shaylers in Ampthill. I have genuine concerns for how extended opening hours could encourage unlawful and menacing behaviour within Ampthill.

I already strongly object to the club being there at all, having two young children, we regularly walk through Ampthill and I am extremely worried about the safety of our family around the area of shaylers. I hate that I have had to explain to my 5 year old that there are people who think they can put a price on another person for the sake of making money. Please don't give this company any more licence.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Licensing Team  
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23rd January 2012

Dear Sirs

Re: Application for extension of sex entertainment licence in respect of 4 Church Street, Amphill

I write with regard to the application to extend the sex entertainment license at the above venue. Please treat this letter as a letter of objection.

I live [REDACTED] Dunstable Street which according to Google Maps is 100 metres from the venue. At weekends taxis queue outside our house to take people home from the pubs and crowds of people congregate outside our house. Our house is built on the pavement and we are often disturbed by loud late night behaviour. We have to call the police several times a year for example during an incident when a very drunk man was hitting his girlfriend. There is also the noise factor. We have two children and are often woken in the early hours by rowdy behaviour. When you are roused from your sleep by people being flung into your railings or any loud noise, you do wake up with your heart pounding!

We love being part of a vibrant community, but are saddened by the way in which Amphill is being stripped of its character and reputation as a family friendly place. If the SEV licence is extended to 4am crime and disorder will increase and have a direct impact on the quality of our life. We *will* be woken in the early hours and it *will* seriously disrupt our night's sleep.

Increase of the SEV hours into the early hours will encourage people to stay in town longer and drink longer. This puts us as residents at risk. To return to an earlier example, after I called the police to stop a drunken man pummelling his girlfriend further outside my house, I returned to my house shortly after midnight to find my husband had bolted our front door afraid of repercussions from the man and his family who had turned up and abused the police. It took me a while to get in and in the meantime the same man came up to me in the street. I naturally felt menaced.

Research carried out by Julie Bindell for Glasgow Council links the objectifying of women in sex entertainment venues with an increase in violence towards women. As a woman, and as a mother of a 13 year old girl, I find this threatening. Men will be coming out of the lap dancing club at 5am or later, drunk and sexually frustrated. This threatens not only those out late, but children and residents out early the next morning such as my 13 year old daughter and 10 year old son. I regularly go for a run at 6.40am. Paper boys and girls and others are out by 6 am and they could encounter drunk, sexually frustrated men and



be assaulted by them. Imagine the damage that would be done not only to that child, but to Ampthill locally and nationally.

A report by PC Carey, Licencing Officer for Bedfordshire Police dated 24th February 2011 reported that there had 46 reported incidents of public disorder, criminal damage, violence and anti social behaviour. 18 took place between the hours of 10 p.m. and Midnight and 28 incidents took place between the hours of Midnight and 3 a.m. Most of the incidents took place at the weekends especially those in the latter time period. The incidents I encountered personally as just one local resident will not have been included in these statistics as I did not ask for a crime reference. They suffice to show however that crime and disorder and risk to public safety increase when late night entertainment is available. If the hours for the lap dancing club are extended it will increase the period of time that people can continue to drink and extend drunken behaviour further into the early hours.

The number of taxis that operate outside our house shows just how many people come into Ampthill to be entertained. Surely it is to the detriment of the town to attract people by offering a late night sex industry to mid Bedfordshire.

When considering this application to extend the SEV hours, please consider the nature and locality of the Club. It is in the centre of a Georgian market town at the hub of a small community with a high concentration of local residents. It is the place where teenagers gather to meet their friends. It is the place where we gather to sing carols round the Christmas tree. It is the place the local churches meet for their Easter parade or Remembrance Sunday parade. The bench outside is where I used to sit with my children when they were little watching the world go by. Daily I and my children walk past it to go to school, or to pop to Waitrose. The importance of the square to our community which the sex club now dominates cannot be over emphasised. To extend the licence is to adversely impact on the nature and character of the centre of Ampthill.

Please also consider the fact that the Club has only been open since 30 November. My understanding is that it is only open Friday and Saturday nights which means that it has only been open 16 times. At the time of opening Councillor Spurr was unable to confirm that the conditions attached to the SEV had been met and could only say that a visit a few days earlier showed some progress towards meeting the conditions. For this, read conditions were not met. It has proved impossible for us as resident to get information for the Council over

- what conditions have and have not been met
- what enforcement notices have been served if any
- the progress if any in enforcing compliance with the conditions
- the outcome of the visits to the Club that was planned for the first 8 weeks of its opening
- what monitoring is currently in place
- statistics from the police of incidents of crime and disorder since the opening of the Club.

When I have asked for information the head of legal services John Atkinson wrote:

"You also asked how the public could be kept apprised of the inspections of the club and what is being done to rectify any breached identified. Naturally, we are keen to keep local people informed of any material developments, but we need to observe our normal enforcement processes. Inspections may give rise to potential prosecutions and we need to ensure that any enforcement action is not compromised by publicity. In so far as is practical, we will keep local Members informed of the steps we are taking, but I hope you understand that to go much beyond this risks compromising any potential prosecutions."

Unfortunately, in reality it means that we know nothing. To extend the hours without appraising those whose lives are directly affected by the Club, will further undermine local residents' belief that the Council is being self-serving in justifying the licencing committee's silly decision to grant the licence in the first interest and is only interested in covering its own back, rather than being accountable to its electorate.

It is too early to extend the licence. The Club must show that it is meeting the conditions imposed on it and will continue to do so. Data from other SEV Clubs shows that boundaries lapse as time goes on. The licence is up for review in August. At that point the ability and willingness of the Club to meet its conditions and the ability of the Council to enforce those conditions can be scrutinised then. After 16 nights it is too early to make a decision.

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Please confirm that this letter will be put before the Licensing Committee who will hear Mr Shayler's application and confirm when and where the application will take place.

Yours sincerely





The Cloisters  
Amphill  
Bedford

26th January 2013

Licensing Team  
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Dear Sirs,

**Application for Licence Extension by Shaylers Sex Entertainment Venue  
4 Church Street, Amphill**

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January indicating that you cannot accept our objection.

We are aware that the close proximity of housing was taken into account when the original application was considered. However, this was on the basis of the hours that the Club would be open, as stated on the original application. The proposed extension, however, would take the opening hours more than half way through the night and we believe that this is unacceptable for the town and particularly for those living in the immediate area of the premises. Amphill is a small residential town, little more than a village, and cannot be regarded in the same way as a large town or city with an active night life.

As you will be aware, Amphill has recent history involving premises with a late licence where action was taken by the Licencing Authority to withdraw the extended licence. Residents should not be subjected to this risk again. If granted it could open the way for a complete change to the culture of the town which would not be appropriate and, be totally against the wishes of the local residents whose interests and views you must surely take into consideration.

We therefore request that you accept our objection on the basis of the terms set out in this letter.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED] HOLLAND ROAD

30<sup>th</sup> January 2013

AMPHILL

Bedford

[REDACTED]



To whom it may concern

I would like to say that my husband and I strongly object to 'Shaylers' in Ampthill getting an extension to their existing licence until 4 am in the morning.

We cannot understand how they got their licence in the first place. A lap dancing club is not wanted or desirable in our delightful Georgian Market Town. The sooner their licence is withdrawn, the better.

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[REDACTED] Dunstable Street  
Amphill  
Bedfordshire  
[REDACTED]

23rd January 2013

Dear Sirs

Re: Application for extension of Sex Establishment license in respect of Sex Entertainment Venue at 4 Church Street, Amphill.

I write with regard to the application to extend the sex establishment license hours at the above venue. Please treat this letter as a letter of objection.

I live [REDACTED] Dunstable Street, which according to Google Maps is 100 metres from the venue, and which is very much in the heart of this beautiful Georgian market town. My house is built on the pavement and we are often disturbed by drunken behaviour, which is invariably related to drinkers leaving Amphill's licensed establishments, such as Shaylers. My two children - that is my ten year old son and my thirteen year old daughter - share our house.

If the SEV licence is extended to 4am, crime and disorder will increase and have a direct impact on the quality of our life. We *will* be subject to more anti-social, unruly and violent behaviour. Such a decision would put us at greater risk.

Research carried out by Julie Bindell for Glasgow Council links the objectifying of women in sex entertainment venues with an increase in violence towards women. Men will be coming out of the lap dancing club at 4.30 am or later, drunk and, in all probability, sexually frustrated. This threatens any woman or girl who happens to be out in the early hours - for example a teenage girl coming home from an all night party would not be safe. This is a residential area. It frankly isn't a suitable location for a striptease club at all. Allowing the club to ply its trade until 4.00 a.m. three nights a week is totally unfair on the residents of the town.

The SEV in question is in the heart of the quaint, historic market town in which I live. It is very much in a gateway area that is also a residential area (I speak as a resident living within 100 metres of the establishment). The SEV at 4 Church street already dramatically degrades the character of our Georgian market town. Allowing it to remain open for longer into the early hours would increase its deleterious affect on the character of Amphill.

In the House of Commons in October last year, responding to a question about the SEV at 4 Church Street, Amphill asked by Nadine Dorries MP, the Prime Minister David Cameron said, "we have changed the licensing laws to give the planners greater power to alter licences, and I believe that that can apply to the sorts of premises to which she refers."



Please use this opportunity to reject Shaylers' request to vary his SEV license. The residents of Ampthill don't want the sex trade in our town, and it is up to you, as our democratically elected representatives, to stand up for us, using whatever means are available to you within the law. Do not make Ampthill a worse place to live and to bring up children by allowing Shaylers to remain open longer.

Please confirm that this letter will be read out before the Licensing Committee who will hear Mr Shayler's application and confirm when and where the Licensing hearing will take place.

Yours sincerely,

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2 Objectors  
made this  
statement.

[REDACTED] Dunstable Street  
Amphill  
Bedfordshire  
[REDACTED]

23rd January 2013

Dear Sirs

Re: Application for variation of a premises licence in respect of 4 Church Street, Amphill.

I write with regard to the application to vary the premises license hours at the above venue. Please treat this letter as a letter of objection.

I live [REDACTED] Dunstable Street [REDACTED]  
According to Google Maps my house is 100 metres from 4 Church Street. And both my house and the premises in question are very much in the heart of this beautiful Georgian market town. My house is built on the pavement and we are often disturbed by drunken behaviour, which is invariably related to drinkers leaving Amphill's pubs. The worst incidents tend to happen on Friday and Saturday nights, when the pubs stay open later, and we have had to call the police because of anti-social, threatening or violent behaviour on a number of occasions.

If the alcohol licence for the strip club at 4 Church Street is extended to 3.30 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, crime and disorder will increase and this will have a direct impact on both the quality of my family's life and our safety. We *will* be subject to more anti-social, unruly and violent behaviour and other public nuisances.

A report by PC Carey, Licencing Officer for Bedfordshire Police dated 24th February 2011 reported that there had 46 reported incidents of public disorder, criminal damage, violence and anti social behaviour. 18 took place between the hours of 10 p.m. and Midnight and 28 incidents took place between the hours of Midnight and 3 a.m. Most of the incidents took place at the weekends - especially those in the latter time period. They all involved alcohol.

I have personally witnessed a number of ugly incidents in the centre of Amphill in the early hours of the morning - including a man headbutting his girlfriend, several fights, and bottles being thrown at taxis. I have literally seen blood on the road on several occasions and I have also been woken many times from my sleep by noise outside my front door - often drunken shouting and chanting or inebriated and violent arguments. On the occasions when I reported these incidents to the police, they will not have been included in the official statistics as I did not ask for a crime reference.

My personal experience as a resident of Amphill town centre strongly confirms the statistics, which show that crime, disorder and the risk to public safety increase when alcohol is served into the early hours of the morning. If the drinking hours for Shayler's

premises are extended, this will obviously increase the amount of alcohol that the men who come to watch his strippers are able to consume. Drunken behaviour will extend further into the early hours.

I note that the White Hart Hotel in Ampthill has recently had its licensed hours reduced. I sincerely hope that you will apply this precedent to Shaylers' also. Indeed, if you don't, I would argue that the problem that you have rightly addressed by curtailing the White Hart's licensing hours will merely relocate itself to Shaylers, which would destroy the laudable progress that you have achieved.

Please confirm that this letter will be read out before the Licensing Committee who will hear Mr Shayler's application and confirm when and where the Licencing hearing will take place.

Yours sincerely,



**Dave McBain**

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**From:** Patricia Davies  
**Sent:** 05 February 2013 12:11  
**To:** Dave McBain  
**Subject:** FW: Shaylers Ampthill

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 February 2013 12:02  
**To:** Patricia Davies  
**Subject:** Shaylers Ampthill

Dear Ms Davies

I note from items in the local press that the proprietor of Shaylers in Ampthill has applied for an extension to his licence as a sexual entertainment venue to 3 a.m on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. When I tried to verify this by checking the notice in the front window of said establishment, I was unable to read the detail because of condensation covering the notice. As the licensing authority, I believe it is your duty to ensure that such notices are clearly displayed and I suggest that you are in breach of your duty in this case.

In terms of the application, I would like to register my strong objection to such an application. I can only assume that the motive is to increase the number of clients attending the establishment and consequentially, increase both the numbers of people leaving at different times during the late evening and during the night and the noise that will result. Even the quietest of cars inevitably make a noise when started and driven away, coupled with car doors being slammed and very probably, noise from shouting and laughing as people leave the premises. 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, overlooking the car park. I suspect that the noise of people entering and leaving the premises late at night, particularly at weekends, would be most disruptive.

I reiterate my strong objection to any change in the current licence for this establishment.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

06/02/2013

[REDACTED]  
Claydon Lane  
Amptwell  
[REDACTED]

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Public Protection  
Central Area Council  
Working Stn  
Dunstable



Dear Sir

I am writing to you in the strongest terms to ask you to reject Mr Shaylor's licence extension for his club in the Centre of Amptwell, when it is put before you.

Amptwell did not require or request a lapdancing club in its Centre, and it most certainly does not require an extension to 4 am. I object for all the following reasons:-

1. Prevention of crime or disorder in the Centre of Amptwell.
  2. Public Safety element, as well as the prevention of nuisance.
  3. Last but not least the protection of vulnerable children from this uncalled for nuisance. It is on the whole not patronised by the locals of Amptwell. Please reject out of hand that you
- Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]