Supplementary Papers for Licensing Sub-Committee

Date: Wednesday, 13 November 2024



6. Simply Pleasure.com, 333-335 Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth, BH8 8BT

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Please find enclosed additional evidence submitted by Sarah Rogers, Senior Licensing Officer, which forms part of the Licensing Officers report.

This matter is brought before the Licensing Sub Committee for determination.

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Simply Pleasure 333-335 Holdenhurst Road Bournemouth Renewal of Sex Establishment Licence

Letters Received

Letter #1

From:

Sent: 10 October 2024 15:45

To: Licensing Com < licensing@bcpcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Prowler Holdenhurst rd

I strongly object to 'prowler' on Holdenhurst Rd.

The people that it attracts, puts me and my daughters off of using local facilities due to being sexually harassed.

In this modern day and age why are places like this still on our high street.

11.10.24 07:22 Sarah Rogers wrote:

Dear

Thank you for your recent email setting out your objection to the renewal of the premises at 333 – 335 Holdenhurst Road known as "Simply Pleasure".

For me to accept your email as a valid objection could you please provide me with more detailed information, to corroborate your claims, such as –

- A description of the "people" you refer to who are attracted to the premises, when these "people" cause issues and details of the issues.
- Examples (including approximate dates and times) of when yourself and your daughter have been sexually harassed and the crime incident reference numbers obtained from the Police, if reported.
- Details of any complaints you have made about the premises either to them directly, the Police or the Licensing department (I am unable to find any on our system).

The last date for receipt of valid objections is the 15 October and you must get any objection to us by them.

Finally, copies of objections are sent to the applicant and a hearing is arranged. If your objection is accepted, could you please confirm that you consent to your name and email to be disclosed to the applicant and that you will be willing to attend the hearing (date to be confirmed) in support of your objection?

I shall be on leave after today so if you could send these details to me and copy licensing@bcpcouncil.gov.uk a colleague will be able to deal with it in my absence.

Kind regards

Sarah Rogers

Senior Licensing Officer

Letter #2

----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 10 October 2024 19:06

To: Licensing Com < licensing@bcpcouncil.gov.uk >

Subject: Sex Shop

To whom it may concern.

I really do object to Simply Pleasure' Prowler' sex shop re-new licence.

The open display of revealing clothing could be seen as 'Grooming' young people. We, they ought to be conscious that these are private matters for adults only..

I Do Object.

On 11 Oct 2024, at 07:43, Sarah Rogers - Licensing wrote:

Dear

Thank you for your recent email setting out your objection to the renewal of the premises at 333 – 335 Holdenhurst Road known as "Simply Pleasure".

The display window has been approved by the Licensing Committee and we have not received any complaints about it in the time that it has been there, approximately 7 months.

Objections to renewal applications must be relevant to one or more of the following grounds:-

Mandatory Grounds of Refusal

A licence shall not be granted:

- a) to a person under the age of 18;
- b) to a person who is disqualified by reason of prior revocation of a licence;
- c) to a person, other than a body corporate, who is not resident in an EEA state or was not so resident throughout the period of six months immediately preceding the 4 July 2011;
- d) to a body corporate which is not incorporated in an EEA state; or
- e) to a person who had, within a period of 12 months immediately preceding the date when the application was made, been refused the grant or renewal of a licence for the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in respect of which the application is made, unless the refusal has been reversed on appeal.

Having considered the information provided through the application process, none of the mandatory grounds for refusal appear to apply.

Discretionary Grounds for Refusal

- a) that the applicant is unsuitable to hold the licence by reason of having been convicted of an offence or for any other reason;
- b) that if the licence were to be granted, renewed or transferred the business to which it relates would be managed by or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the

applicant, who would be refused the grant, renewal or transfer of such a licence if he made the application himself.

- c) that the number of sex establishments, or of sex establishments of a particular kind, in the relevant locality at the time the application is determined is equal to or exceeds the number which the authority consider is appropriate for that locality;
- (d) that the grant or renewal of the licence would be inappropriate, having regard—
- (i) to the character of the relevant locality; or
- (ii) to the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put; or
- (iii) to the layout, character or condition of the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in respect of which the application is made..

BCP Council do not currently have a Policy which sets or limits the number or the locations or vicinities of sex establishments thought appropriate in the BCP area.

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Kind regards

Sarah

From:

Sent: 11 October 2024 11:32 To: Sarah Rogers - Licensing

Subject: Re: Sex Shop

Dear Sarah, thank you for your quick reply.

It might sound odd, nieve even, but I didn't know until recently that I could have a say about who gets a licence.. may it ought to publish more.. Eg; in the Echo.. not just a piece of paper outside the premises.. which I though was for planning permission..

Whether it's been approved in the past, I would very much appreciate the front window (s) being obscured. It is protecting young people from Adult stuff. As it states on the door "over 18yr only".

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sent from my iPhone

11.10.24 12:04 Sarah Rogers wrote:

A notice was published in the Echo – please see attached <u>Notice near BH8 8BT from Bournemouth Daily Echo (publicnoticeportal.uk)</u> and on our website <u>Simply Pleasure - Renewal - East Cliff & Springbourne (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)</u>

Do you wish to make an objection?

Regards

Sarah

