

Subject: FW: Objection to the re-licensing of Spearmint Rhino

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From:

Sent: 26 May 2019 13:39

To: licensingservice

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In this day and age and in a forward thinking city like Sheffield there is no place for such a club which degrades women and perpetuates outdated, misogynistic oppressive ideals. Particularly as it's in the cultural quarter - a backstreet in attercliffe would be more suitable next to a massage parlour and the swingers club la chambre! Which incidentally turns my stomach. Although I think they should not be allowed a licence anywhere in Sheffield. We should be moving forwards not backwards.

 Sent from my iPhone

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If you license this club you are knowingly licensing a venue which will breach its licensing conditions and you are knowingly putting women at risk. As a Trustee of Women's Centre where we see 5,000 women a year, the majority dealing with domestic abuse and sexual violence we see the effects of the perceived availability and passivity of the women in these clubs .

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Given the amount of evidence now gathered to show these clubs, including the branch in my home city of Sheffield, are persistently flouting their own rules and any regulations, I am alarmed that Sheffield's licensing committee has continually renewed the licence. If this continues, Sheffield city council and the responsible officers are condoning the abuse and exploitation of women.

Rhodes-Evans Emma (CEX)

From: licensingservice
Subject: FW: Spearmint Rhino Objection 2019
Attachments: Licensing Service My Objection.docx

O249 P1

From:
Sent: 26 May 2019 15:23
To: licensingservice
Subject: RE: Spearmint Rhino Objection 2019

To Sheffield's Licensing Service,

Enclosed in this email is my objection to Spearmint Rhino.

Kind regards,

Licensing Service
Block C, Staniforth Road Depot
Staniforth Road
Surrey Street
S9 3HD
By email to: licensing@sheffield.gov.uk

26/05/19

Dear Licensing

Objection to Spearmint Rhino licence renewal

I refer to the application for a sex establishment licence by Spearmint Rhino (“the club”), 60 Brown Street, Sheffield, S1 2BS.

I believe that the Council should refuse the licence application under the Discretionary Grounds for Refusal of the current Sheffield City Council’s 2018 Sex Establishment Policy (“the Policy”) on the following grounds:

Discretionary Ground d)

i) Character of the relevant locality

(a) the fact that the premises are sited in a residential area;

The club backs onto student accommodation and the area is increasingly becoming more residential for students and non-students alike.

The city centre's residential population had risen from 6,000 to 30,000 over the last 10 yearsⁱ with further plans for more residential accommodation within the Cultural Industries Quarter (CIQ) and Knowledge Gateway. Furthermore, “the Alsop Fields development is a mix of residential apartments, studios, offices for the high-tech and creative sectors and places to eat and drink” and “. . . designed to be a destination in itself – a regeneration of part of the Cultural Industries Quarter that will be similar to the trendy parts of Manchester and London”ⁱⁱ for which Brown Street and Paternoster Row are the main thoroughfares.

(d) the premises are sited near premises or areas which are sensitive because they are frequented by children, young persons or families, including but not limited to educational establishments, leisure facilities such as parks, libraries or swimming pools, markets and covered markets;

The Showroom and adjacent Work Station are frequented by families and both host events specifically for children including the world renown Children’s Media Conference.

(e) the premises are sited near places and or buildings of historical/cultural interest and other tourist attractions.

It is directly opposite the Showroom cinema, which is “one of Europe’s largest independent cinemas paired with the longest-running creative business centre in the city, housed in a converted 1930s car showroom.”

It is also opposite the Site Gallery which has just undergone a huge expansion. Spearmint Rhino is not only centrally located in terms of proximity to a number of national and international events locations but it is also a direct access route, for example: Doc Fest; the aforementioned Children's Media Conference; Off the Shelf etc all of which are tourist attractions.

The club is next to Sheffield Hallam Students Union (iconic and a city landmark building).

ii) Use of other premises in the vicinity

The Licensing Authority will have regard to, but not limited to, the following:

(a) schools, nurseries or other premises substantially used by or for children under 18 years of age,

There are many educational establishments in the vicinity and Brown Street is also an access route to the Sheffield College Granville Road campus and UTC which provides education for children from the age of 14. It is in close proximity to Freeman College which provides education for students (16 – 25) who have a range of complex learning, mental health and behavioural needs.

The club is also at the epicentre of the designated "Knowledge Gateway" and located on Sheffield Hallam University's city campus whose masterplan is to further develop the area, which includes "new buildings for the Business School and social sciences, refurbishing the Students' Union building known as The HUBS, creating a University Green [Festival/CIQ Square] and improving our current estate."ⁱⁱⁱ

(b) parks or other recreational areas designed for use by or for children under 18 years of age;

The recreational space (formerly known as Festival Square but now named as Cultural Industries Quarter Square on the map of the area which can be found on Sheaf Square) is directly adjacent to the club and the club's presence is holding back further use and development of this space into its full potential.

(c) hospitals, mental health or disability centres, substance misuse treatment centres, sexual exploitation services, sexual abuse centres or similar premises;

There are a number of charities and organisations in the area which support vulnerable children, young people and adults, one of which is situated directly behind the club. Charles Street is a direct access route from the bus stop on Arundel Gate and the car park on Arundel Street; direct access from both means that service users pass directly past the club through the unused and desolate Festival/CIQ Square.

(d) any central gateway to the city or other city landmark, historic building or tourist attraction;

See (e) under (i).

(f) predominately residential areas;

See (a) under (i)

(g) The Cultural Hub (Millennium Galleries, Tudor Square, theatres and library).

The location of the club is a de facto “cultural hub” given it is named the Cultural Industries Quarter. It is also on the direct access route to the 24/7 Addsetts learning centre from numerous student accommodation blocks in the immediate vicinity, which many will be accessing during the club’s opening hours.

(iii) the layout, character or condition of the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in respect of which the application is made.

The building, despite the removal of signage during its closed hours, is a blacked out sinister presence incongruous with its surroundings and clearly marked buildings. Removal of the signage is “a sticking plaster to a gaping wound” approach by Licensing. Regardless of whether the club’s signage is visible in the day, it is widely known what the building is. Those who are not familiar with the building’s use visiting SHU on open days and viewing properties in the vicinity during the day will be unable to make an informed decision about moving into an area with a sex establishment on the doorstep.

Furthermore, the building could be put to a different use serving a far more diverse and greater number of people thereby enriching the CIQ in a more inclusive and compatible way.

Further grounds for refusal

The Public Sector Equality Duty and Gender Equality

The Policy states under the heading “The Equality Act 2010”:

“This Act legally protects people from discrimination in the workplace and wider society. This includes the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED), which means that the Council must thoroughly consider, in the discharge of its licensing functions, the need to:

- promote equality of opportunity;
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
- promote good relations”.

This applies for this policy and to the consideration and determination of applications for sex establishments. (p.5)

I believe that sex establishments such as Spearmint Rhino directly discriminate against women by normalising the sexualisation and objectification of women, and that this contributes to their sexualisation and objectification in other areas of society. A 2016 review highlights how these venues undermine women’s equality:

“Thus, in objectifying media women’s role as a source of male sexual pleasure is emphasized and their humanity is deemphasized. After having internalized the messages of male sexual privilege and female dehumanization, it should be easier for men to envision imposing themselves sexually on women and reacting punitively to women who frustrate their sexual goals.”^{iv}

The Council has a fundamental and non-delegable role to give due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty, including tackling gender inequality. This applies notwithstanding the fact that Parliament has legislated to allow the possibility for sex establishments to be licensed in specific areas – subject to the choices of the local communities.

The Policy further states that:

"Licences will be refused if the Licensing Authority perceives a venue will have negative impacts on members of the public or vulnerable persons living, working or engaged in normal activity in the area".

Many women have voiced their concerns and fears about the presence of Spearmint Rhino in previous objections, including LGBT women and disabled women. In 2017, many examples of the negative impact of this club were given in objections, for example: one woman giving up her studio at Yorkshire Artspace and a contributory factor was the presence of the club and "running the gauntlet of men hanging around outside the club and harassing women." (objection 12) and others have stated how the club impacts on their business at hearings and in writing.^v

As Philip Kolvin (2010) cites the Royal Town Planning Institute's Gender and Spatial Planning Good Practice Note:

"In relation to the 24-hour economy policy, ensure that the views of women are considered. Evidence shows that in certain locations, lap-dancing and exotic dancing club make women feel threatened or uncomfortable"^{vi}

Kolvin continues with:

"If a woman, whether objectively justified or not, fears to use part of the town centre characterised by sex establishments, this may be argued to amount to discrimination, in that her access to the public infrastructure of the town is impaired in comparison to that of men. Where relevant these considerations ought properly to be taken into account by authorities at the decision-making stage, and possibly at the policy-making stage"^{vii}.

This is further corroborated by 2012 research published in Criminal Justice Matters which states that:

". . . the women describe feeling frightened, disempowered, violated, embarrassed, unsafe (particularly if men are around) and avoid certain streets at night where they know there is a lap dancing club."^{viii}

In addition an Australian article about women and girls' perceptions of safety in urban spaces highlights how they restrict their freedom of movement to avoid zones where there are strip clubs.^{ix}

Lap dancing clubs also reinforce negative gender stereotypes of male insatiable sexuality and female sexual availability which are hugely damaging to both sexes and to non-binary people. The stereotypes upon which they are founded do not foster good relations between the sexes, as evidenced in 2016 by Zero Option at the Villa Mercedes hearing representation and its 2017 oral representation at the hearing^x.

In their UK study published in 2011 Sanders and Hardy^{xi} reported that 30% of the women performers interviewed said that as a result of doing the job they had lost respect for men; a finding echoed many testimonies of former performers.

The Policy states that “The Licensing Authority will also consider the following factors when deciding if an application is appropriate”:

(b) proximity to areas with high levels of crime;

On 22nd February 2018, it was reported in the Star that Arundel Gate which runs in parallel to Paternoster Row and is approximately 1-2 minutes on foot away depending on walking pace, is 10th in the top 10 areas of crime in the city and that “These offences, including assaults, robberies and sex attacks on women, were recorded between January and November 2017.”^{xii}

This image of a high-end establishment portrayed by this club goes in some way to normalising this type of venue in a very active part of the city, and as such giving the impression that Sheffield as a city condones both the sexualisation and objectification of women, which is in complete contradiction to the Council’s Equality policies. The fact that its location within Sheffield Hallam University buildings and the CIQ also conveys the message that this SEV is culturally embedded within the two and indeed integral to a higher education experience and Sheffield’s local heritage.

The Committee is asked to note that in the last few years Leeds City Council successfully defended a refusal to renew two SEV licenses at judicial review:

R (Bean Trading A Ltd) v Leeds City Council (2014)

It was held that a council can “take a fresh look” despite no changes to the character of locality. The Council is also asked to note the following from Philip Kolvin regarding licence renewal:

“Given that there is potential for the discretion to be exercised afresh, the renewal should not just be a rubber stamping exercise, but an opportunity, if needed, to review the principle and content of the license.”^{xiii}

The case of Thompson v Oxford City Council (2014) was also supported at Court of Appeal, and the Council told they could “take a fresh look” at any application for renewal.

According to the BBC, the number of lap dancing clubs has fallen by a third in England^{xiv}. The same report states that “a survey conducted by YouGov in 2015 found 64% of people in Great Britain said strip clubs were a negative part of British culture.” I ask that the Committee refuse to grant the club a licence for all the reasons outlined and because Spearmint Rhino is anachronistic, it gives Sheffield and our much vaunted CIQ a negative image and may deter investors and developers. At a time when we are hoping to attract large investors and are bidding for Channel 4 to relocate in the vicinity, the Committee needs to turn down this licence application, which it is empowered to do.

I look forward to hearing from you.

ⁱ Sheffield Star 16th January 2018 *Dramatic rise in the number of people living in Sheffield city centre* Available from: <https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/dramatic-rise-in-the-number-of-people-living-in-sheffield-city-centre-1-8960059>

ⁱⁱ Sheffield Chamber of Commerce *Sheffield's Cultural Industries Quarter expansion in £10m City Estates project* Available from: <https://www.scci.org.uk/2017/03/sheffields-cultural-industries-quarter-expansion-in-10m-city-estates-project/>

ⁱⁱⁱ Sheffield Hallam University 22nd February 2018 *New campus masterplan places Hallam at the heart of the city* Available from: <http://www4.shu.ac.uk/mediacentre/new-campus-masterplan-places-hallam-heart-city>

^{iv} Wright, P.J & Tokunaga, R.S (2016) Men's Objectifying Media Consumption, Objectification of Women, and Attitudes Supportive of Violence Against Women in *Archives of Sexual Behavior*

^v *Zero Option oral representation at the Spearmint Rhino hearing April 2017* Available from: <https://zerooptionblog.wordpress.com/2017/04/14/zero-options-representation-at-the-spearmint-rhino-licence-renewal-hearing-11th-april-2017/#more-524>

^{vi} Kolvin, P (2010) *Sex Licensing*, The Institute of Licensing p.87

^{vii} Kolvin, P (2010) *Sex Licensing*, The Institute of Licensing p.87

^{viii} Patiniotis, J. & Standing, K. (2012) 'License to cause harm? Sex entertainment venues and women's sense of safety in inner city centres' in *Criminal Justice Matters*, 88:1, 10-12.

^{ix} Safe in the City? Girls tell it like it is. March 26, 2017 <https://theconversation.com/safe-in-the-city-girls-tell-it-like-it-is-72975>.

^x Slideshare available from: <https://www.slideshare.net/ZerooptionSheffield/villa-mercedes-hearing-8th-september-2016>

^{xi} Sanders, T., & Hardy, K. (2011) *The Regulatory Dance: Sexual Consumption in the Night Time Economy – Initial Findings*. Leeds: University of Leeds

^{xii} Sheffield Star 22nd February 2018 Available from: <https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/listed-these-are-the-10-most-crime-ridden-streets-in-sheffield-1-9030246>

^{xiii} Kolvin, P (2010) *Sex Licensing*, The Institute of Licensing p.90

^{xiv} 23rd February 2018 Available from: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-43043842>

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O250 P1

From:

Sent: 26 May 2019 16:24

To: licensingservice

Subject: Objection: Sheffield Spearmint Rhino - Sonfield Developments Limited

I am writing to object to the renewal application of Sonfield Development for an SEV licence for their premises "Spearmint Rhino".

I ask members of the committee to ask themselves what they consider their duty is to pay "due regard" to equality between the sexes. I work advising local and national governments and other bodies on policy and practice to promote gender equality and to prevent violence against women and girls.

I am sure the Licensing Committee must agree that the premises have run out of 'second chances'.

The ground of unsuitability of the applicant must be applied given the flagrant, serious and unlawful acts that have been recorded in the independent investigation into the premises. Otherwise the ground is surely effectively meaningless?

Your other grounds for refusing this licence are numerous and include the obvious unsuitability of the locality under licensing law, at which you are entitled to 'take a fresh look' - as has been made clear in case law. I encourage you to do so, and to check how many of the grounds for unsuitability are directly engaged given the location of these premises which could so easily be repurposed to serve the local community and provide local jobs in a contribution that would be positive to the city and its economy. I understand that you have previously been misinformed by representatives that in other cities, centrally-located SEVs are not considered a problem. I believe Bristol was cited to you. Bristol is my home city and please be assured that centrally located SEVs are definitely considered a problem in Bristol - the local authority has refused applications for three city centre clubs in the last 10 years alone, and strong representations are being made for the two remaining clubs in city centre locations to be refused re-licencing, a move that police / the local Police and Crime Commissioner also support.

I hope that members of the committee will determine that awarding a licence would be an unacceptable failure to meet the duty to advance equality, eliminate unlawful conduct and foster good relations between men/boys and women/girls under the Equality Act 2010. The evidence from decades of research into the causes and consequences of gender inequality, sexism and violence towards women is clear.

These premises by their nature (promoting and selling sexual encounters) directly support and promote attitudes which constitute and foster discriminatory behaviour by men and boys towards women and girls, and which are the major causes of men's violence against women and girls.

The licensed availability of sex for sale on the high street encourages people with sexist views to think that their views are 'normal', acceptable and shared by others.

Spearmint Rhino is not simply an 'oasis of sexism' bad as that is, but it fosters the sexism and culture of violence and entitlement (from unequal pay to domestic abuse) present in the everyday lives of people who have developed harmful attitudes, that you as a public body with responsibility for the public health of your citizens are directly tasked with preventing and eliminating.

Please refuse this application.

Sincerely

Rhodes-Evans Emma (CEX)

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If you license this club you are knowingly licensing a venue which will breach its licensing conditions and you are knowingly putting women at risk. By licensing this club you are not only disregarding violence against women but promoting it.

You must not relicense this club.

(Please remove my personal contact details if you are providing this to the applicant because these places have a link to organised crime



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I can't believe that yet again we are having to fight this battle! Each year we object to the existence of this disgraceful and degrading club and the renewal of it's licence, as its location is entirely unsuitable even according to your own policy - it is even on a University campus. As you should know, a strip club CANNOT legally challenge a decision not to relicense on the grounds of unsuitable locality. Yet it is still there, flouting all the rules about contact between the clients and the girls, live sex shows enacted by the girls, the club apparently records making no profit but continues to flourish, due to the illicit activities paid for as extras and private shows and encounters. You know this goes on, yet the club is allowed to continue. Stop this shabby business and its shady operators! Who needs such a low life entertainment venue in a smart modern cultural quarter, opposite and in view of the stylish recently refurbished Showroom outside deck area?

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Rhodes-Evans Emma (CEX)

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From:

Sent: 26 May 2019 18:05

To: licensingservice

Subject: Objection to the re-licensing of Spearmint Rhino

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From:]
Sent: 26 May 2019 18:07
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From:

Sent: 26 May 2019 18:35

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Rhodes-Evans Emma (CEX)

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From:**Sent:** 26 May 2019 18:43**To:** licensingservice**Subject:** Objection to the re-licensing of Spearmint Rhino

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Sent from my Huawei phone

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Subject: FW: Objection to the re-licensing of Spearmint Rhino
Attachments: Screenshot_20190404-221730_Facebook.jpg; Screenshot_20190404-211120_Chrome.jpg; 20190526_184115.png

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From:
Sent: 26 May 2019 18:52
To: licensingservice
Subject: Re: Objection to the re-licensing of Spearmint Rhino

Further to our earlier email, please find attached 2 screencaps from Spearmint Rhino's website link which appears in the Twitter bio for UK clubs. Even though these are American promotions, they are easily arrived at via their link and the school girl one is listed on its events listings.

How this is even allowed in the States beggars belief. However, this is part of the global branding of this chain and in our view, speaks volumes in everything these images convey with the infamous logo.

The 3rd screencap is of a photo from Spearmint Rhino's Instageam site looks like an attempt to copy the American "School girls" advert.

We once argued vehemently that Lancome's promotion of skin whitening cream in Mexico and India was racist despite the different facial creams promoted in the UK. This is no different. In terms of value, ethos and optics, this is appalling.

Please could you include these in our objection.

Many thanks.

On Sun, 26 May 2019, 01:52

wrote:

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We hope that you turn down this licence.

Whether the women who work there love their job or not is not a consideration for licensing.



Alison Simona added a new photo.

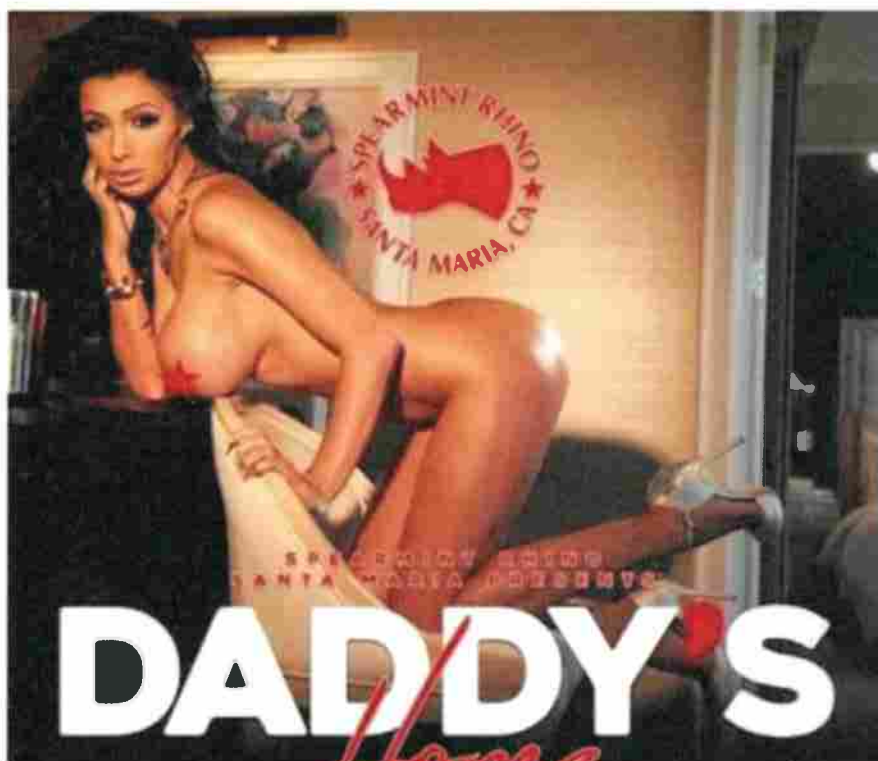


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NAUGHTY SCHOOL GIRL



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