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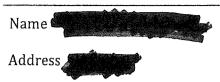
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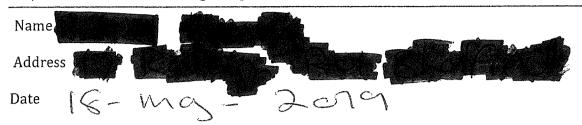
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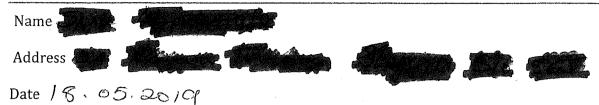
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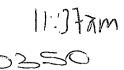
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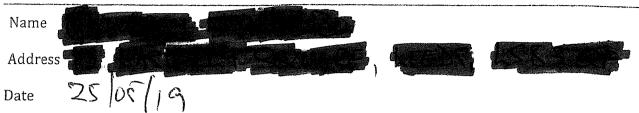
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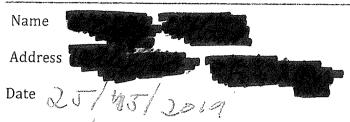
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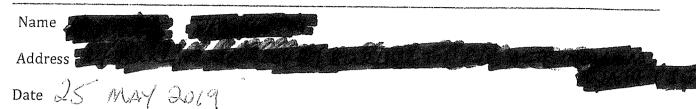
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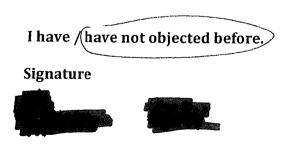
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This council has already been subject to two judicial reviews about its failure to comply with its Public Sector Equality Duty and consider the effects on all women of licensing strip clubs.

Strip clubs promote a message that is acceptable to buy women's bodies for sexual gratification thus treating women as objects. This at a time of increased awareness about the impact of such ideas on both women's sense of safety and their actual safety, and no evidence that violence against women/street harassment of women is decreasing. In licensing Spearmint Rhino SCC gives a very confusing message about its commitment to women's safety /equality.

Women have a right to employment which is safe, not exploitative nor psychologically harmful. There is information about the impact of working in such establishments, including from women who have exited. Information about sexual harassment of women in clubs by users and even staff suggests that it is rife. Working conditions for women are very different to those of male security and other staff.

I am also aware of information from local publicity/campaigns which seem to indicate that in a number of such establishments, including Spearmint Rhino Sheffield, there have been significant breaches of rules which have not been picked up by the councils own inspections. This suggests that regulation of an inherently unsafe and unfair working environment is an illusion.

In these circumstances I can see no reason for Spearmint Rhino to retain it's licence. As the law permits Councils to decides that there will be no strip and lap dancing clubs in the City, I would like the licensing hearing to refuse the licence, invest in support services for women who may be impacted and divert the cities assets more wisely.

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