

**McConaghy Julianne**

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**From:**

**Sent:** 16 May 2019 14:23

**To:** licensingservice

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**From:**

**Sent:** 16 May 2019 21:53

**To:** licensingservice

**Subject:** Spearmint Rhino support letter

Hi my name is ~~xxxxxx~~ and I am an entertainer in Spearmint Rhino. I am writing this email to let you know that I really enjoy working as a dancer. It allows me to afford to be able to learn more and do courses to further my knowledge. It has given me the opportunity to progress as a person outside of the club. I also enjoy dancing and for me it is my exercise. The management here always support me in everything I do, which is one of the reasons I enjoy working here and have stayed here for so long.

I wish for my data to be protected and my details to be confidential.

Yours sincerely.

**McConaghy Julianne**

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**Subject:** FW: Spearmint rhino support letter

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

From:

Sent: 16 May 2019 22:18

To: licensingservice

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Subject: Spearmint rhino support letter

This is a letter to confirm I am happy working for spearmint rhino I have been here many years and enjoy coming into work I like the flexibility of the hours which enables me to spend time with my children, I get on with all the management and feel safe working in this environment.

I would like my data to stay confidential

Regards

Sent from my iPhone



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**Subject:** FW: In Defence of My Friend xxxxxxx

**From:**

**Sent:** 17 May 2019 10:53

**To:** licensingservice

**Subject:** In Defence of My Friend xxxxxxx

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing regarding the licensing of Sheffield's only strip club. As a student of the University of Sheffield and someone who's whole family comes from the city I am in favour of the SEV license renewal. To illustrate why I am so strongly in favour I would like to tell you about my friend xxxxxxx:

I had the pleasure of meeting xxxxxxx while we were studying together at the University of Sheffield and would consider her to be a close friend. Upon graduating, both xxxxxxx and I have decided to pursue further study, xxxxxxx is currently studying for a master's degree while I am studying for a PhD. I have been lucky in that my PhD comes with funding but for xxxxxxx, like several thousands of young people pursuing Masters degrees in the UK she has very little funding and as such money is a constant worry. You can only imagine how delighted I was then, to hear that xxxxxxx had found a job which can fit around the hours of her study, pays remarkably well for part-time work and makes her feel both happy and confident. Since working at the club there has been notable positive changes in xxxxxxx personality, having had the constant burden worrying about money lifted slightly she has been able to enjoy a more full social life and can afford to live by herself, a factor that for someone who undergoes bouts of illness is incredibly important. Her outward confidence has also increased, and she carries herself with a new-found pride I previously hadn't seen. Also she has a group of work colleagues that she feels real connection with and sees as a close-knit family.

How utterly and deeply saddening then it is to hear then that after finally finding a job which seemed so perfect for her, that xxxxxxx may have all of this pulled from under her feet in the name of liberation. In a place where due to her friends, and security staff xxxxxxx used to feel safe she now faces the prospect that she and her colleagues have been filmed without her consent. How anyone could possibly think that by ending my friend's job, causing her an unprecedented amount of stress and damaging the safety of her workplace, that they are helping her, is beyond me. It is not an act of equality to make someone jobless, moneyless and potentially given the financial burden for some members of staff, homeless. xxxxxxx chooses to have the career that she has, she chooses to use that money to study a subject that she loves and to live in a place where she feels happy and safe. Trying to take this from her can only be described as cruel.

If only the people 'rescuing' my friend could see the pain which they are putting her through so that they could change their minds.

Best Regards

**McConaghy Julianne**

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**Subject:** FW: Spearmint rhino

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

From: Sent: 17 May 2019 11:32

To: licensingservice

Subject: Spearmint rhino

I'm really struggling with the vigor being put into this attempt to close this club,when there are numerous saunas selling sex minutes away from this venue,I go in the rhino a couple of times a year with my wife,nice venue nice people professionally run. Go to the paradise venue and look at the line of taxis waiting outside,until the early hours .. Offering discounts on a Sunday... Respect the women's choice to work in a nice venue like the rhino and sort the brothels.

Sent from my iPad

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**Subject:** FW: Spearmint rhino licensing

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

From:

Sent: 17 May 2019 12:31

To: licensingservice

Subject: Spearmint rhino licensing

My name is xxxxxx I am married to the DJ at spearmint rhinos Sheffield, I met my husband there around 8 years ago and was a dancer there for around 2 years... while working there it funded my first ever house and helped me pay my bills.. whilst working at spearmint rhinos I felt in a very safe environment, I met some great girls there who have come to be great friends, if we had any concerns or needed to talk to someone the managers/ girls were always there to help and support me. My husband has worked for spearmint rhinos from the day it opened and it's funded our family for 8 years we have 2 Children now and if spearmint rhinos was to close financially we would be broken as my job wouldn't even pay our rent, we would really struggle to meet the basic needs without spearmint rhinos, whilst I no longer work for spearmint rhinos as I look after my children at night from my personal experience, it's a safe, well managed place where girls can work safely and earn their living.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** FW: support letter for spearmint rhino Sheffield

**From:**

**Sent:** 17 May 2019 14:12

**To:** licensingservice

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I have worked at Spearmint for a number of years on and off. this is a place where I have always felt happy to work and comfortable. It works well around my personal commitments and has funded me through courses to be able to set up my own business.

I owe alot to the club and the support I get there to keep me going to do the things I want in life.

This places helps keep a roof over peoples heads and after working at a number of different clubs I can honestly say it's the top one where the girls are safe and well cared for. They have a top management structure and bringing in a female manager was a great thing to do. She supports us in and out or work with whatever we may need. I can think of a better place to be.

Please take in to account how the club helps keep so many people off the bread line and in a safe working environment.

Thank you

**McConaghy Julianne**

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**Subject:** FW: Spearmint Rhino

**From:**  
**Sent:** 17 May 2019 17:02  
**To:** licensingservice  
**Subject:** Spearmint Rhino

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in defence of Spearmint Rhino Club. I think to close this establishment on the basis of exploitation or mistreatment of the female workers is a huge error. I personally know one of the workers and know from them on a personal level that the club provides safe, flexible working within a job that could easily be less safe were it in a different space. The community that exists between the women, as well as the administration from the club itself means they can feel safe and secure in their job, a job they have chosen on their own terms. Many of the women rely on the job for their livelihood, I'm sure without this job many would be unable to earn money in a way that suits them/at all.

For the accusing group to claim their stance comes from a place of concern and of feminism is to make a mockery of what feminism and concern for the workers is. Illegally filming workers in a job role that could easily threaten their financial security and social life is not in their best interests. And to claim their actions are on the behalf of the workers without having actually considered discussing the issue with the workers is completely irresponsible and suggests this group believes they know better than the women with actual experience at Spearmint Rhino, which is ludicrous.

Overall, what needs to happen is for this group to stop using a wilful ignorance of the situation and industry to justify closing an establishment which has been vital for many women, and for them to be punished for the illegal and completely inappropriate filming that has occurred. As a feminist and human being, the actions of this group against Spearmint Rhino and its workers has disgusted me. I feel I must emphasise my negative feelings around this and stand in solidarity with the women working at Spearmint Rhino who simply want to do their job without feeling under the threat of filming or unemployment due to the actions of a so-called "feminist" group.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** FW: Support letter for Spearmint Rhinos**From:****Sent:** 17 May 2019 19:06**To:** licensingservice**Subject:** Support letter for Spearmint Rhinos

To Whom it may concern,

I have worked at Spearmint Rhinos for nearly 11 years now I started here behind the bar to get me out of a relationship that wasn't good for me or my children, This wasn't meant to be a permanent job at all it was just to get me out of a bad patch without claiming benefits, It worked well for me whilst my children slept I worked so I didn't miss the first day at school and all the school trips and nursery visits, at that point I was a young newly single parent to 2 young boys aged 1 and 5.

After time working here I realised what a great place it was to work how nice it was to work with a group of women that didn't bitch about each other but we actually friends and there for each other. I found my manager at the time very accommodating to my situation, I had to take time off due do a domestic violence issue which they allowed and didn't question. After being here for around 3 years ( this was only meant to be a 6month job) I became bar supervisor which I enjoyed I have run a bar before having children so it was something I knew I could do. I also moved down to work on the reception given more responsibility and been the first person to greet new and old customers. I loved my job.

I then met my now husband who wanted me to try and get a day job so we could have our weekends together, I got a day job full time as my kids were both now in full time education, but unfortunately the wage I was given wasn't near enough for me to pay my full rent and look after 2 children on my own, so I had to keep my weekend job on here at Rhinos. It was much easier to do because I loved the job I was doing I loved the girls the door staff management the Dj even down to our regular customers that had been attending as long as I had been working here which had been around 6 years. The important part of this is that Rhino helped keep a roof over my head and food on the table for my children.

And now to the present day, I was in my full time day job for 5 years I was promoted to do the recruitment for them however I hated it, I hated the way I was treated the unrealistic expectations, how I was spoken to and it made me really quite ill I ended up on medication. At this point I knew I had to leave and I couldn't remain in the job as it was affecting my home life and me mental health. I was then offered the assistant manager's position here and it was a shock but it was also something that I knew I could do but also something that I needed to do, it came at the best time for me. I have never been happier in this job, which has made home life better and my mental health is evidently better, yeah I might be a little tired at times but hey aren't we all after a days work?

I am now working full time with a bunch of amazing people that make me happy to come to work. The girls that we have working for us come and go as they choose but it's always nice to see an old girl come

back, I have got really good customer relationships with regular customers that comment on how much they enjoy coming to this club some of which have travelled all over the world to different clubs like this and comment at how nice the girl/ doorstaff / barstaff and management are. I know you the council know that the girls choose to work here and no one holds them against their will. I am really appalled at how the girls here are been portrayed and how people are pushing for them to lose working in a club where they feel safe and well looked after all because some women don't agree with the job they do.

It would be a crying shame to have this club which is up there with one of the friendliest clubs in the industry where customers and girls alike feel safe, We have people such as myself and the dj who have families that we support and without this job it would send us in to financial poverty and in turn could lead us to lose our homes not be able to feed our children, The girls could very well end up working somewhere underground far less safe forced to work in god awful conditions and possibly be abused.

In the time I have worked here I have seen girls become nurses solicitors social workers, I have seen girls buy their first property and move on to buying a second at a young age, I have seen weddings paid for, nice holidays, Children having a fantastic upbringing holidays of a lifetime from their mums working here to pay for their children, The girls learn about how to do their own taxes and learn how to manage their money, it really does teach them life skills most other jobs don't.

This is our home we are a great big family unit we aren't perfect but we are perfect in working together. It really would ruin so many people's lives this club not been here. Including customers, we have regular customers that come here as they struggle to speak with women in a cafe or a bar down town it gives them confidence and makes them feel 100 times better about themselves and these customers don't even pay for dances they just come in for a chat and to have a bit of female company. The girls here have helped save marriages whether its husbands needing to talk to someone or coming here instead of cheating on their wives, or even couples coming in here together to try and spice up their relationship.

We aren't the god awful place that people think we are. I look after the girls here like they are my friends my phone in on for them 24 hours a day home life or work life I am here for them. I'm not a 'pimp in a suit' I'd like to think of myself as a person that any of the staff could come and talk to but also to ensure the girls here that I will always have their back and make sure they are safe.

Kind regards



**McConaghy Julianne**

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**From:**

**Sent:** 17 May 2019 22:56

**To:** licensingservice

**Subject:** Spearmint rhino

To whom it may concern.

I would like to show my support for the licence being granted for spearmint rhino in Sheffield. I, myself, worked there for several years and I must, hand on heart, say that I always felt safe, looked after and most of all, happy. I, and all my colleagues were all there out of choice and were by no means degraded or there by force.

The club offers many people a safe and secure place to work which fits around parenting, studying and other careers while being fun, flexible and with a wonderfully supportive "work family". I feel it would be a tragedy for Sheffield to lose such a welcoming, judgement free and social business.

I hope that you consider the views of the people who actually know the club and access all the things that it has to offer above those who just have an indirect abstract view of what they believe happens behind the doors.

Sincerely

**McConaghy Julianne**

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**Subject:** FW: Please support the striptease industry.

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**From:**

**Sent:** 18 May 2019 02:58

**To:** licensingservice

**Subject:** Please support the striptease industry.

To whom it may concern, please find attached my anonymous letter of support to spearmint rhino Sheffield and other clubs in the striptease industry.

I would appreciate it if you would take the time to read this letter. As a fairly new dancer i feel i provide a fresh insight into the every-growing industry.

thanks again!

To whom it may concern.

I am a dancer at Spearmint Rhino Leicester. I have worked in spearmint rhino Leicester and other clubs all over the country for over a year, predominantly 6 days a week.

As a young dancer, fairly new to the industry I can say with confidence that i never feel exploited or forced to work as a dancer. I do this job because I like to entertain and create a fantasy for customers that require this service.

I left my full time job to dance at spearmint rhino Leicester. This job gives me freedom to travel, and flexibility to work the hours I wish. Many of the girls here are business owners and feminists alike.

Please treat this short letter as a token of my support for other entertainers and other venues in the striptease industry.

Please appreciate I do wish to remain anonymous.

xxxxxxx, dancer at spearmint rhino Leicester.

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Finally, I would like to express my condemnation of tactics used by self described feminist groups. Filming women in the nude without their consent or knowledge is not acceptable, nor is it acceptable to pay others to do so, and those concerned with women's rights more generally must also respect the rights of the women upon whom their actions and campaigns have the most impact. I urge the council to publicly condemn and reject such activities, and for action to be taken against those commissioning such footage.

Kind Regards,

**McConaghy Julianne**

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**Subject:** FW: My support

**From:**

**Sent:** 18 May 2019 15:32

**To:** licensingservice

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing regarding the licensing of Sheffield's only strip club. As a regular visitor of Sheffield I am in favour of the SEV license renewal: the club is unobtrusive in it's area, and closure of the club would have negative impacts in many ways. Closing the club will take away many waged positions (door, bar, management, cleaning staff) which provides for many families across Sheffield. It will also take away jobs for many women working as dancers at the club, many of whom are also parents or have caring responsibilities. Workers within the club consistently assert that they are there of their own free will, and that they enjoy their jobs, and the tight knit community there.

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**Subject:** FW: Spearmint rhinos license

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From:  
Sent: 18 May 2019 16:04  
To: licensingservice  
Subject: Spearmint rhinos license

Hi license department

Plus allow this anonymous letter as support to renew license for Spearmint rhino.

It's a very classy. No contact establishment.  
If this places loses its license I'd personally like to know how you allow all the following which are disgusting in Sheffield? Where you can actually have Sexual Intercourse with girls working at these places for less than £40 for 15mins.

- La Shambre
- OMG Massage Parlour
- Paradise
- City Sauna

Yes I've been in them all as I couldn't believe they existed and your trying to close Rhinos it's NUTS!!

Anyways back to Rhinos. All the girls working these are beautiful and Intelligent girls just trying to make a good living to better their life. There is a strict no touching policy and anyone who breaks that rule is asked to leave.

Must say I've been in there a number of times while around Sheffield area and never seen any trouble. Have seen many celebs in there tho. I won't say who to protect them

To conclude. Please renew Spearmint Rhino license in order to keep around 30 people in employment and to keep them safe from places I mentioned above.

Thanks  
Mr Anonymous  
(Sent on behalf of a friend who wants to remain fully anonymous)

**McConaghy Julianne**

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**Subject:** FW: Spearmint Rhino club

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

From:

Sent: 18 May 2019 19:59

To: licensingservice

Subject: Fwd: Spearmint Rhino club

> Dear Sir/madam

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> I am writing to support Spearmint Rhino Strip Club in Sheffield.

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> This establishment has been home at time for my self and my colleagues who have worked night shifts and wanted somewhere to go after work to wind down and have a relaxing drink in a lovely environment.

> The staff their are absolutely fantastic the bar staff the bouncers, management and more than anything the dancers.

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> These ladies work hard to earn a living it's certainly not easy money by any means.

> However this place is a safe very well managed establishment.

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> The rules are very clear and the management is very strict.

> Under no circumstances ever have i whitenessed any unlawful act go on under that roof or even heard talk of it from any of my friends which are both male and female.

> I personally have been going in the venue for over 10 years.

> This would be a terrible shame for the club to lose their licence to what i truly believe to be lies.

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> I can only imagine what anxiety this has caused to all who work their employed and self employed. Having your work place up at a risk of closing for no right reason must be absolutely heart breaking and having to live with the uncertainty of this is dreadful.

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> These people work hard to entertain others and to earn an honest living.

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> Some of these ladies have children, bills to pay university fees etc and have funded their way through life doing a job they love with passion and dedication.

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> This would cause more damage losing the licence than keeping it massively.

> Unemployment, cut backs uni fees unpaid, people falling behind on bills the list is endless.

> I am strongly asking you to take all this in to consideration and re new this clubs licence.

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> Thank you so much for reading my email.

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**McConaghy Julianne**

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**Subject:**

FW: Spearmint Rhino

**From:**

**Sent:** 19 May 2019 06:04

**To:** licensingservice

**Subject:** Spearmint Rhino

Dear Sirs/Madams

I am writing to express my support of Spearmint Rhino Sheffield and the renewal of its SEV license by Sheffield City Council Licensing Committee. I write as a Sheffield resident and as a father of one of its dancers / employees.

I believe that the failure to renew the license for Spearmint Rhino will first and foremost remove employment opportunities from Sheffield residents, valuable employment in a city hit hard by austerity. From management, security professionals, catering and bar staff, and the dancers. These are Sheffield people with Sheffield families to support, living in Sheffield homes paying Sheffield rents and mortgages. More specifically the dancers themselves, women of diverse backgrounds able to earn decent and stable wages in a secure and flexible environment who possibly would not have the same opportunities elsewhere.

The location of Spearmint Rhino is in a discreet and unobtrusive part of the city, and yet generates valuable income for the local economy. And money earned in the local economy is spent in the local economy. We must not fail to remember the wider impact and benefits of Spearmint Rhino.

I appreciate certain moral objections some people may have regarding venues such as SR, but that is a matter of debate only. The decision to renew the SEV or not should be influenced by these otherwise SEV s would not exist.

From a very personal point of view, my daughter's employment at SR has been nothing but positive. I have seen her confidence soar, and the



club and its management have helped her develop into a self assured and self reliant young woman.

On a less positive note, I would like to express my objections to the tactics used by the media to smear the reputation of the club and its staff. Under cover and covert filming in establishments with an SEV license is not acceptable at all. Any policing of such a venue should only be undertaken by the authorities to protect the privacy of the clubs staff and clients.

In summary, I urge the licensing committee to consider the positive contribution SR brings to Sheffield , especially the opportunities it provides to the women who work there. Opportunities which I believe are in short supply and would be missed.

With much thanks in anticipation

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