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**McConaghy Julianne**

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**Subject:**

FW: Closure

**From**

**Sent:** 22 May 2019 10:20

**To:** licensingservice

**Subject:** Closure

Dear Sheffield Council Licences,

I'm writing regarding the licensing of Spearmint Rhino Sheffield. It is a legitimate business that stimulates the local economy like any other and the government recommends that objections based on moral grounds should not be considered when licensing Sexual Entertainment Venues: sexuality is a natural part of the human experience.

Not everyone need visit or agree with such venues, but venues should not be closed on moral grounds objecting to sexual entertainment itself. Regarding alleged license breaches: the club has a record of legal and safe operation spanning over 15 years, and I believe the club should be given the chance to remedy any alleged misconduct and put in place measures to ensure such breaches are not allowed to take place.

Yours sincerely,

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**Subject:** FW: Listen!

**From:**

**Sent:** 22 May 2019 12:10

**To:** licensingservice

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Dear Sheffield Council Licences,

As a local resident 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. 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.

Whilst it should be taken into consideration that the stripclub industry as a whole is not perfect, it is also important to note that dancers across the UK and in Spearmint Rhino Sheffield are unionising and fighting for their workers rights. Removing a safe and regulated venue from workers who are engaged in this fight does nothing to support them and in fact detracts from this aim by dispersing dancers who are already unionising at work further afield and distracting their focus to finding alternative venues and avenues of work. It is hard to fight for workers rights when you have to fight for the right to work at all! While it is important to focus on exploitation in any industry, it is paramount to listen to the views, experiences and wishes of workers currently in the industry, as it is those people who know best the conditions that will help them.

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.

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**Subject:** FW: Spearmint Rhino license

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

From:

Sent: 22 May 2019 12:33

To: licensingservice

Subject: Spearmint Rhino license

To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding the licensing of Sheffield's only strip club. As a regular visitor to the city 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.

While the dancers at the venue come from a variety of backgrounds and careers, for some the closure of the club will inevitably mean a move towards riskier, unregulated or higher contact forms of erotic dancing and sex work that they would not otherwise choose. It would also mean breaking up a close and supportive community of colleagues and friends, which will undoubtedly have a negative impact on many workers, their mental health and their financial wellbeing.

This club is a venue that has a place in Sheffield City Centre. It is a legitimate business that stimulates the economy like any other and the government recommends that objections based on moral grounds should not be considered when licensing Sexual Entertainment Venues: sexuality is a natural part of the human experience. Not everyone need visit or agree with such venues, but venues should not be closed on moral grounds objecting to sexual entertainment itself. Regarding alleged license breaches: the club has a record of legal and safe operation spanning over 15 years, and I believe the club should be given the chance to remedy any alleged misconduct and put in place measures to ensure such breaches are not allowed to take place.

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Kind Regards,

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**Subject:** FW: Save spearmint rhino

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**Subject:**

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From:

Sent: 22 May 2019 13:32

To: licensingservice

Subject: Spearmint Rhino

I am writing to show support for Spearmint Rhino Club and all the staff who work hard to build careers at the club.

Both my younger sisters work at the club and have done for many years. They love their jobs, the club and all the staff they work with.

As a family we have never had any concerns or worries with the club and feel 110% happy that both girls will be looked after when at work.

Myself, my mum and friends have all visited the club over the years on various nights out in Sheffield and can assure anyone that we were treated exceptionally. All staff in the club are friendly and very well looked after. The atmosphere in the club each time is lovely and it makes a very enjoyable experience.

Kind Regards

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**Subject:** FW: Spearmint Rhino is the freedom Women should have to do the job they choose in a safe environment.

**From:****Sent:** 22 May 2019 13:49**To:** licensingservice**Subject:** Spearmint Rhino is the freedom Women should have to do the job they choose in a safe environment.

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**From:**  
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**From:**

**Sent:** 22 May 2019 13:58

**To:** licensingservice

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**From:**

**Sent:** 22 May 2019 18:19

**To:** licensingservice

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**Sent:** 22 May 2019 18:24

**To:** licensingservice

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**To:** licensingservice

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**Sent:** 23 May 2019 00:04

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**Sent:** 23 May 2019 09:44

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**Subject:** FW: Spearmint Rhino

**From:**

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