

McConaghy Julianne

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From:

Sent: 23 May 2019 09:58

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Workers at Sheffield's only licensed strip club love their jobs. They offer flexible hours which work around health/family/academic/other career commitments, good pay on average, a fun working environment and supportive atmosphere made up of a tight knit community of colleagues, management, door and bar staff and performers, increased body confidence, financial means to support families, academic and creative pursuits and travel, and the chance to meet people from a wide range of backgrounds.

Closure of the club will push performers further afield to look for work which will break up a close and supportive community and force them to spend more on travel, completely take away the incomes of waged workers at the club (door, bar, management), many of whom are the main earner/support families, have children or are carers. Closing Spearmint Rhino Sheffield will lead to fewer licensed clubs in the UK, creating a more competitive working environments in the remaining clubs, push workers into more dangerous and higher contact forms of stripping or sex work, which is unregulated and will involve more risky activities and negatively economically impact Sheffield. The proposed closure ignores the fact that workers within the industry are already unionising for better working conditions (through United Voices of the World trade union), not to mention it will adversely impact the mental health of those affected and take away worker's independence and ability to support themselves and their families.

I hope you will consider all of the above points when making your decision.

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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.

Yours sincerely,

McConaghy Julianne

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Sent: 23 May 2019 13:44
To: licensingservice
Subject: Re: Spearmint Rhino

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While the dancers at spearmint rhino 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.

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McConaghy Julianne

Subject: FW: Spearmint Rhino Club

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From:

Sent: 23 May 2019 14:19

To: licensingservice

Subject: Spearmint Rhino Club

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

Two of my daughters work at the club and have done for many years. They love their jobs, the club and all the staff they work with. They are both extremely hard working and are very proud of what they do, as am I.

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

I have personally visited the club whilst my daughters were at work and can assure anyone that I was treated exceptionally. All staff in the club are friendly and very well looked after. The atmosphere in the club is lovely and it makes a very enjoyable experience.