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Yours sincerely,

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Sent: 23 May 2019 19:46
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Good evening,

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Losing spearmint rhino would be waste of business rates and well paid jobs. I doubt anyone would let the unit if it were vacated.

Don't let busy bodies tell people what to do or think. Will they create jobs for the employees to move to? Of course not.

Every major city has a lap dancing bar. If people are offended by it, then they just shouldn't go.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPhone

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Finch Shimla (CEX)

Subject: FW: Spearmint Rhino

From:

Sent: 24 May 2019 12:10

To: licensingservice

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