

## Sevenoaks District Council

### Feedback from the Policy in respect of the Licensing of Sex Shops, Sex Cinemas and Sexual Entertainment Venues

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Annie Sargent - EH	<p><b>From:</b> Annie Sargent  <b>Sent:</b> 16 May 2012 19:57  <b>To:</b> Jessica Bolton  <b>Subject:</b> FW: Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues Consultation</p> <p>Jessica            I have read this and it all seems fair and reasonable. No comment to make.            Regards            Annie</p>	No comment			
Revd Anne Clements West Kingsdown Baptist	<p><b>From:</b> Anne Clements  <b>Sent:</b> 28 May 2012 10:19  <b>To:</b> Licensing  <b>Subject:</b> Sexual Encounter Venues</p> <p>Dear Sevenoaks District Council,</p> <p>Re. Sexual Encounter Venues</p> <p>I and my congregation would like to support the adoption of the new provisions by the Council.            Yours,</p> <p>Revd Anne Clements            West Kingsdown Baptist</p>	No comment			
James Oakley The Vicarage, High Street, Kemsing	<p><b>From:</b> James Oakley  <b>Sent:</b> 06 June 2012 17:37  <b>To:</b> Licensing  <b>Subject:</b> Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues Consultation</p> <p>I have read the consultation document regarding the possibility of Sevenoaks District Council adopting the provisions under the Policing and Crime Act (2009). I understand that, if the Council were to adopt these powers, venues wishing to be used as "sexual entertainment venues" would need to obtain a specific license for this purpose, and that this allows the Authority to consider additional factors. Those factors would not be able to be considered under the Licensing Act (2003).</p>	Whilst Officers understand the desire to set a nil number on establishments within the District, it is felt that it is more advisable to treat each application on its individual merits at the time of the application. The Council is less likely to be subject to legal challenge by having this approach.			

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	<p>My comment would be that this would be an excellent decision for the Council to take. It seems to me that the nature of venues providing sexual entertainment are too specialised for the Licensing Act of 2003. It is absolutely essential that the Council is able to take into consideration the proximity of local schools, the density of such venues in any smaller locality so as to avoid creating neighbourhoods renowned for such venues, and the impact that any venue would have on the character of its immediate vicinity. <b>Furthermore, the Council should be able to set a ceiling on the number of sexual entertainment venues for the District as a whole, so that the character of the Sevenoaks area can remain what the local residents would wish it to be.</b></p> <p><b>I would therefore urge the District Council, as it considers adopting these powers, to do so.</b></p> <p>Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like any clarification or further information.</p> <p>With best wishes James Oakley The Vicarage, High Street, Kemsing,</p>				
<p>Helen Gilder Assistant Clerk to the Council Hartley Parish Council</p>	<p><b>From:</b> Hartley Parish Council <b>Sent:</b> 14 June 2012 09:42 <b>To:</b> Licensing <b>Subject:</b> Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues Consultation</p> <p>Hartley Parish Council would like to comment on the above consultation as follows:</p> <p>Hartley Parish Council supports the District Council's adoption of the new provisions relating to the licensing of sexual entertainment venues.</p> <p>Regards Helen Gilder Assistant Clerk to the Council Hartley Parish Council The Parish Council Office</p>	No comment			

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Barbara Morris Clerk, Crockenhill Parish Council	<p><b>From:</b> crockenhill parish council  <b>Sent:</b> 21 June 2012 11:31  <b>To:</b> Jessica Bolton  <b>Subject:</b> Re: Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues Consultation</p> <p>Dear Jessica  Councillors have asked me to reply by saying they support the new proposals and believe they are an improvement and will give more control to their regulation.  Barbara Morris  Clerk, Crockenhill Parish Council</p>	No comment			
Holly Ivaldi Clerk Eynsford Parish Council	<p><b>From:</b> Eynsford Parish Council  <b>Sent:</b> 29 June 2012 09:36  <b>To:</b> Licensing  <b>Subject:</b> Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues Consultation</p> <p>In response to the above consultation, Eynsford Parish Council supports the changes proposed to the legislation.</p> <p>Yours  Holly Ivaldi  Clerk</p>	No comment			
Yolanda Tredoux (Mrs.) Clerk to Kemsing Parish Council	<p><b>From:</b> Yolanda Tredoux  <b>Sent:</b> 10 July 2012 09:58  <b>To:</b> Licensing  <b>Subject:</b> Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues Consultation</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above application.</p> <p>KEMSING PARISH COUNCIL supports Sevenoaks District Council's proposal to adopt the new powers under the Policing and Crime Act 2009 in order to regulate sexual entertainment venues.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,  Yolanda Tredoux (Mrs.)</p>	No comment			

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Veronica Todd PCC Secretary St Mary's Church, Riverhead	<p>The Sevenoaks District Council Consultation Document re Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues has been sent to me from the Churches Together in Sevenoaks group.</p> <p>The document was discussed at our PCC meeting in May and it was agreed that I should write to inform you that St Mary's Riverhead PCC believe it to be preferable for sexual entertainment venues to require a sex establishment licence in addition to a licence under the 2003 Act. The PCC of St Mary's Church, Riverhead, therefore agree that Sevenoaks District Council should adopt powers relating to sexual entertainment venues, following changes to legislation.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Veronica Todd PCC Secretary St Mary's Church, Riverhead</p>	No comment			
Kaye Bill Senior Customer Service Advisor Sevenoaks District Council	<p><b>From: Kaye Bill</b> <b>Sent: 21 November 2012 11:10</b> <b>To: Jessica Bolton</b> <b>Subject: RE: Consultation on the Policy in respect of the Licensing of Sex Shops, Sex Cinemas and Sexual Entertainment Venues</b></p> <p>I strongly object to the Consultation Policy in respect of the above, please see my objections below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> People can access all of the above on the internet.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> These venues will become a magnet for sexual predators.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How will these premises be Policed?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Girls can make themselves look much older than they really are and could potentially be high risk and vulnerable.</li> </ul> <p>Regards Kaye Bill</p>	The premises, should a licence be granted, will be visited on a risk assessed basis in line with the Enforcement Policy and the other enforcement visits carried out by this authority.			

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Hugh D'Alton Planning Committee Clerk Sevenoaks Town Council	<p>From: Sevenoaks Town Council Planning Sent: 05 December 2012 15:07 To: Licensing Subject: Consultation on policy in respect of the licensing of Sex Shops, Sex cinemas, and sexual entertainment venues</p> <p>Please could it be noted that following a Planning Committee on the 26th November Sevenoaks Town Council wishes to formally support the District Council's intention to adopt the new powers in relation to the licensing of sexual entertainment venues granted in the policing and crime act 2009</p> <p>Kind regards Hugh D'Alton</p>	No comment			
Mrs J A Shelley Fox and Hounds Knatts Valley	<b>We do not want this anywhere!</b>	No comment			
Ken Grist	Ok	No comment			
Jill Davison SDC	<b>Reasons for refusal 12.10, 12.11 and 12.12 will not leave many places where these activities will be welcome in the District!</b>	Each application will still be looked at on its merits.			
Gillian Kingscott Clerk to Halstead Parish Council	Council has no comments or observations to make.	No comment			
Ben Thomas Penshurst Place Estate	I have no comment to make.	No comment			
Cllr Brian Ramsay	Agreed. Proposed age limit increase to 25 unnecessary and pointless in view of existing legislation relating to sexual relations, marriage etc.	No comment			
Cllr Mark Fittock	<p><b>9.1 Notices</b> As the coverage of local newspapers is extremely patchy and sales are ever decreasing, some minimum standards should be set below which alternative methods of advertising should be used e.g. the web. The same limitation applies to "free papers" which are not universally delivered and often do not cover local news.</p>	There is a proposal being considered by the Home Office to remove the requirement for the advertisement of notices in local newspapers for the Licensing Act 2003. Officers would prefer not to be more prescriptive at the present time pending the outcome of the Home Office's deliberations.			

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Cllr J Scholey	The definitions section does not appear to exclude premises and articles used for medical or public health purposes e.g. text books, medical journals, sexually transmitted disease clinics. Are they excluded somewhere else?	Under definitions 5.1 of the policy a sex article is anything made for use in connection with or for the purposes of stimulating or encouraging sexual activity or acts or force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity. Texts books, medical journals and clinics are for educational purposes rather than encouraging/stimulating sexual activity. Officers would not expect articles or premises used for medical or public health purposes to fall within this definition.			
Probus Sevenoaks	We do not have a policy on this question and it is not feasible to manage the differing views of our 220 members.	Consultation was open to all businesses, clubs and members of the public so members who wished to comment would have had the opportunity to do so.			
Edenbridge Town Council	Edenbridge Town Council supports the policy approach taken by SDC and accepts the grounds for refusal, particularly the restriction on location and the wide range of conditions that can be applied.	No comment			