

# APPENDIX B

Stage One Comments

(Objectors 50 to 99)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@sheffield.gov.uk](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 03 July 2019 17:47:32

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Introduce a policy for ZERO strip clubs in Sheffield

1. On the basis of locality - as there is no location where it is appropriate for a strip club to operate.
2. Under health and safety legislation, equality law and laws against brothel keeping/inciting prostitution or profiteering from the prostitution of others (aka pimping).

It has recently been made clear that it is impossible for any Council to regulate a strip club and ensure compliance under any of this legislation. Undercover investigations in clubs across the UK have exposed that strip clubs CANNOT be regulated whatever regulatory measures are put in place.

Even clubs with 63 CCTV cameras, extensive 'secret Council spot checks', codes of conduct and testimonies from all staff suggesting strict compliance to licensing conditions, are actually operating as a form of brothel where sexual contact and sex acts are standard.

3. Stop licensing 'swingers club' (such as Villa Mercedes, where there has already been a rape conviction) in the same way as strip clubs (this might entail removing 'viewing galleries' from your 'swingers club').
4. It is concerning that you are consulting on this policy when an investigation into extreme levels of sexual contact into your one current strip club has not yet been concluded. Why have calls for an extension to this consultation on your entire policy on strip club licensing not been listened to?
5. Equally concerning, the draft policy we have been asked to consult on is one that the Council had had to concede in the High Court as non compliant with equality law. Why has this same draft been put out again for consultation?

Regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 23 August 2019 13:38:25

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I am emailing regarding your consultation on your strip club policy. I am extremely concerned about the proposal that there be no limits on the number that will operate - and this despite your own report on Spearmint Rhino operating as some form of brothel.

I would call on you to introduce a policy for ZERO strip clubs given that no location could be deemed appropriate. It the nature, and not the location, of strip clubs that should be of primary concern.

Undercover investigations UK wide shows it is impossible to regulate strip clubs or comply with this legislation. Even clubs with huge numbers of CCTV cameras, secret Council spot checks, extensive codes of conduct and sworn testimonies of compliance from all staff, operate with sexual contact and sex acts as standard. In Sheffield's club men buy women to have sex with each other.

Also I would call on you to stop licensing swingers clubs (eg La Chambre, where there has been a rape conviction) as strip clubs (this might entail removing 'viewing galleries' from Swingers Clubs).

It would be beneficial for there to be training and regular refreshers for Councillors and staff on the harm of the strip trade, how it evades regulation, SEV and Equality law must be written into policy.

Women can, and do, speak out against the industry - the ONLY reliable source of information. The fact that at times they only feel safe and able to do so after they have left the industry speaks volumes about the coercive and abusive nature of many of these operations. They need proper exit support.

Regulation must be written into policy including genuine secret checks by trained undercover operatives and extensive, high quality CCTV with Council officers checking CCTV from several random time frames each month.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 24 September 2019 14:05:41

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 01 October 2019 17:52:21

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Introduce a policy for ZERO SEVs (Sexual 'Entertainment' Venues):

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 23 August 2019 15:28:58

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5. Enable WHISTLE BLOWING and take STRIDENT ACTION on testimonies of women who speak out against the industry - the ONLY reliable source of information.
6. REGULATION must be written into policy including genuine secret checks by trained undercover operatives and extensive, high quality CCTV with Council officers checking CCTV from several random time frames each month.
7. EXIT SUPPORT must be written into policy ie meaningful support for all lap dancers for strip clubs that are shut.

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [licensing@london.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@london.gov.uk)  
Date: 23 August 2019 15:52:18

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing-service](#)  
**Date:** 23 August 2019 16:28:33

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I am against any strip clubs opening anywhere.  
It is bad for women, it is bad for society.  
We are better than this.

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 26 August 2019 20:57:44

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Sheffield's SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 27 August 2019 14:45:35

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I am a specialist in the prevention of violence against women and girls.

I write to recommend that you introduce a 'nil cap' policy for sexual entertainment venues. Such a policy in my view will be effective at curbing the 'licensed sexism' reproduced daily in SEVS. The core activity sold in SEVs - women taking their clothes off for men's money - demonstrates and encourages the development of attitudes that are known to be supportive of violence against women as well as sexism more generally. I am sure that an evidence-based impact assessment conducted by specialists in understanding the causes and the prevention of violence against women in the context of inequality between the sexes will confirm this. Short-term impact upon individual women who currently work in the trade may result, however the positive impact for all women in your area will be far-reaching and long-lasting. Your offer as a 21st-century University city will also be enhanced. Please ensure that a short term funded programme to assist current performers to exit the industry is implemented alongside the nil cap.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@sevla.org.uk](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 08 September 2019 15:41:23

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 24 September 2019 06:33:11

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 29 October 2019 21:48:24

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: [licensing@service](#)  
Subject: Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
Date: 24 September 2019 09:54:48

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: [licensing@sheffield.gov.uk](#)  
Subject: Policy for number of SEVs in Sheffield  
Date: 24 September 2019 14:02:51

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Dear Licensing

I urge you to introduce a policy for ZERO strip clubs including the following:

1. There is NO LOCATION in a city that is appropriate.
2. Recent events have made it patently clear that you CANNOT license strip clubs without breaching HEALTH and SAFETY, SAFEGUARDING and EQUALITY law and obligations or Laws against PIMPING and BROTHEL KEEPING:

The Council's own report into your one currently operating strip club found over 200 breaches and suggested unfit management. This was in Spearmint Rhino – an industry leader.

These breaches were happening despite CCTV, council checks, security guards, 'house mums', years of sworn statements from countless club staff that it was highly regulated and a wealth of codes and policies. It is equally clear that there is nothing you can put in place to prevent such breaches:

More CCTV is meaningless – Spearmint Rhino Camden had 63 cameras and yet 'dancing' there also involved widespread sexual contact, women trying to prostitute themselves and pimps outside, as witnessed by undercover investigators.

Allowing clubs to employ in-house inspectors is equally meaningless, as is now being practised at Spearmint Rhino Sheffield. The head of the Rhino chain even knows when these so-called 'independent inspectors' make their visits!

More posters in the club with the codes, logs of breaches, more training of staff or management training is clearly equally meaningless. The entire industry operates BY breaching its licensing conditions and everyone in it knows this and has to allow this to happen in every club they work in.

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5. Please take action on testimonies from women from the industry who speak out against the industry.

6. Quality EXIT SUPPORT must be offered to all lap dancers for any strip club that is shut and this must be written in to this policy.



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@sew.gov.uk](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 24 September 2019 15:23:17

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- From Margaret Rosemary  
3 Strathtay Rd, Sheffield S11 7GU

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 30 October 2019 15:22:56

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [licensing@sheffield.gov.uk](#)  
Subject: Sheffield strip club policy  
Date: 24 September 2019 16:35:11

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**To:** [licensing@sew.gov.uk](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 24 September 2019 20:17:25

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In response to the your consultation, to put NO LIMITS on the number of clubs that may operate - despite its own report exposing its one current strip club, of the highly respectable Spearmint Rhino chain, operating as a form of brothel: lap dancers having to provide extensive sexual contact to make even £20 with a VIP being 2 women having sex with each other.

This is disgusting, misogynistic and harms ALL women. Stop treating us like we're objects and creating policies that encourage others to.

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Do the right thing by women.

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**To:** [licensing@sheffield.gov.uk](#)  
**Subject:** Consultation on licensing policy in strip clubs  
**Date:** 25 September 2019 08:25:32

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Dear Licensing Service

Sheffield is consulting on its strip club policy. Your proposed new policy puts NO LIMITS on the number of clubs that may operate.

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The Council's own report into your one currently operating strip club found over 200 breaches and suggested unfit management. This was in Spearmint Rhino – a 'highly respected' industry leader.

These breaches were happening despite CCTV, council checks, security guards, 'house mums', years of sworn statements from countless club staff that it was highly regulated and a wealth of codes and policies. It is equally clear that there is nothing you can put in place to prevent such breaches:

More CCTV is meaningless – Spearmint Rhino Camden had 63 cameras and yet 'dancing' there also involved widespread sexual contact, women trying to prostitute themselves and pimps outside, as witnessed by undercover investigators.

Allowing clubs to employ in-house inspectors is equally meaningless, as is now being practised at Spearmint Rhino Sheffield. The head of the Rhino chain even knows when these so-called 'independent inspectors' make their visits!

More posters in the club with the codes, logs of breaches, more training of staff or management training is clearly equally meaningless. The entire industry operates BY breaching its licensing conditions and everyone in it knows this and has to allow this to happen in every club they work in.

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5. Take ACTION on testimonies from women from the industry who speak out against the industry.
6. Quality EXIT SUPPORT must be offered to all lap dancers for any strip club that is shut and this must be written in to this policy.

I look forward to your response.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 25 September 2019 10:19:23

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All the best,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** SHEFFIELD: Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 30 September 2019 10:37:54

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We were sent this email below by a woman who worked in strip clubs and was a victim of abuse and trafficking linked to them.

Understandably she is unwilling to send in an objection herself due to the recent issue of leaked emails.

Please accept this objection from her

Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I am objecting to the concept that womens bodys can be bought and sold as commodities. This concept is outdated and damages womens autonomy within society. The ideology increases violence against women, statistically this manifests within the parameters and surrounding areas of SEV's. It restricts women's freedom of movement in public, creating no go zones. It restricts women on an economic scale as the false belief that sex work is the only way to make good money for working class women is peddled before an informed choice can be made due to the recruited dancers typically being of very young age.

There are many reasons why SEV's overall are damaging for women and men who attend them one being that they are an offshoot of colonialism where BAME dancers are often treated far worse than white women, they are fetishized and dehumanised racially.

SEV's act as a gateway to prostitution because it normalises sexual servitude to men and the purchasing of sexual consent, pimps know this and use it to their advantage, often posing as customers, infiltrating clubs on a nationwide scale. With that being said, it is impossible to separate the criminal and the legal even in the cleanest of clubs by virtue of the very structure and power imbalance of the industry itself.

Please introduce a zero policy for ALL SEVs as outlined below

Yours sincerely a survivor of SEV's and human trafficking within them.

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**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
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Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [licensing@service](#)  
Subject: ZERO SEVs  
Date: 01 October 2019 19:15:56

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: [licensing@service](#)  
Subject: Licensing of Sexual "Entertainment" venues  
Date: 02 October 2019 09:40:45

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This is the C.21. Time to start acting like it.

Regards,

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**Date:** 02 October 2019 09:58:41

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Sexual Entertainment Venues  
**Date:** 02 October 2019 10:30:13

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**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** SEV Policy  
**Date:** 30 October 2019 08:40:30

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**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 02 October 2019 11:59:14

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From: [REDACTED]  
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Subject: spearmint rhino  
Date: 04 October 2019 09:34:17

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@sheffield.gov.uk](#)  
**Subject:** Introduce a policy for ZERO Sexual 'Entertainment' Venues in Sheffield  
**Date:** 06 October 2019 22:21:05

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: [licensing@sheffield.gov.uk](#)  
Subject: Strip club licensing  
Date: 26 October 2019 10:17:24

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This is urgently needed on safeguarding, the harm of the strip industry, the futility of regulatory measures and on SEV and Equality law. This must be carried out by those *harmed* by the industry or their advocates. Not only do they present the only reliable source of information but training provided to other councils by advocates of the strip industry has done nothing whatsoever to alleviate its harm.

### **5. Take strident action on WHISTLE BLOWING**



There must be an easy means for women from sexual 'entertainment' venues to whistle blow and strident action must be taken when they do.

**6. Provide Quality EXIT SUPPORT** for all lap dancers for any strip club that is shut.

**7. Take strident action against Sheffield's numerous BROTHELS**

These are illegal. Shut them down, prosecute those running them, ensure assets are seized and support every single woman out.

These measures would reduce crime and make women and girls in Sheffield safer

yours sincerely

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to Unlimited Strip Club Licensing Proposal  
**Date:** 27 October 2019 00:42:43

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Dear sir/madame

I am emailing to register my objection to the unlimited strip club licensing proposal.

I recently gave testimony at the Greater Manchester Citizens Go/Law Commission hearing on making misogyny a hate crime. There, I spoke about my experiences of being sexually harassed and stalked by men outside a brothel near where I live in Manchester. I have also witnessed harassment of women, including myself outside strip venues in Manchester where I, along with several others, recorded footage of this.

Strip clubs, like brothels, are sex encounter venues that attract men to the area who objectify and abuse women both inside and outside these venues. This makes the neighbourhood more dangerous for women and girls, and encourages discriminatory attitudes and behaviours towards females from men on the streets. The belief that women are inferior sex objects, which these clubs encourage, is carried through into these men's lives and actions in role as employers/ees, partners and parents. By licensing such venues the council is failing in its duty to uphold equal treatment and freedom from discrimination towards women, as a protected group under the Equality Act 2010.

Furthermore I would like to see the council take affirmative action to shut down the proliferation of illegal brothels in Sheffield, with supportive measures put in place to help the women being exploited in them to exit the sex trade.

Yours truly

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [licensing@service](#)  
**Subject:** Response to SEV Licensing Consultation  
**Date:** 27 October 2019 12:39:29

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Undercover investigations UK wide show it is impossible to regulate strip clubs to ensure they comply

Even clubs with extensive CCTV coverage (Spearmint Rhino Camden with 63 cameras), secret Council spot checks, extensive codes of conduct and sworn testimonies of compliance from all staff, operate with sexual contact and sex acts as standard. In Sheffield's club, men buy women to have sex with each other

Strip clubs are also inextricably linked to wider criminality - drugs and dealing, tax and credit card fraud, money laundering and are a feeder and grooming ground for local brothels

3. Stop licensing SWINGERS CLUBS like La Chambre, where there have already been TWO RAPES, including 1 conviction, and God knows how many unreported assaults.
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Regards,

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