

APPENDIX C

Comments received on proposed Sex Establishments Policy during consultation between 23 September 2013 and 15 December 2013

Received from	Comment	Action taken
Professor Phil Hubbard	<p>Advised as to research carried out into public attitudes towards Sexual Entertainment Venues (funded by the Economic & Social Research Council). Effectively the conclusion is that there is not a compelling case for overly restrictive licensing policies, such as a nil limit. Each licence application to be considered on its own merits.</p>	<p>Advice noted; no amendments appropriate.</p>
Mr Michael Wilkinson	<p>3.4 Granting a Waiver The Act contains provisions that permit the Council to grant a waiver from the requirement to hold a sexual entertainment licence. The Council does not, however, consider that it would be appropriate to grant such waivers, particularly as the legislation allows relevant entertainment on infrequent basis of no more than eleven occasions within a 12 month period.</p> <p>It would appear that while Government has made a provision, council considers it inappropriate and will ignore it. If council can ignore one part of the counties legislation/ guidelines what is to stop it ignoring all of them?</p> <p>I consider the term sex shops as totally inappropriate, they do not sell sex. They sell anything to do with sex, I accept that, but then supermarkets sell condoms and other sexual aids and they are not labelled as sex shops.</p> <p>Just an observation from someone interested in the democratic process which governs what we are permitted to do in our everyday life.</p>	<p>None necessary.</p>
Ms Lynda Hogger	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the Council's licensing policy in relation to "Sex Establishments". Firstly, I wish to express my disappointment that such "sex" establishments still exist in our society, which claims to espouse equality of the sexes. The sex industry (adult entertainment) does not fulfil a need - it has created one - and we should dispense with the notion that it is anything other than the use of female bodies for the pleasure and gratification of men.</p> <p>The increasing participation of women in mainstream society during the last 40 years, as well as being wives, mothers and carers, should entitle them to the same level of dignity and respect automatically accorded to men. The relentless sexualisation of our whole society (TV/Mag soft</p>	<p>None</p>

	<p>porn/Internet porn/proliferation of strip clubs, etc) from the conditioning of little girls to be pretty, through to sexy teens and onwards, has encouraged them to believe that their physical appearance is their most valued asset. These will be the women whom we expect to become responsible, balanced mothers in the decades to come, having been discouraged from exploring diverse aspirations and being presented with a production line of passive, synthetic role models.</p> <p>Shrewsbury Council has a unique opportunity to take a small step towards removing one of the main tendrils of the sex industry and demonstrate that it regards all its residents as deserving of full social status. Some heartening news is that the London Borough of Hackney has been brave and enlightened by adopting a nil-policy towards lap-dancing clubs by closing down existing clubs and preventing the opening of new ones. You have been presented with the possibility of initiating a step in support of reducing the debasement of relations between men and women - please be courageous enough to take it - and put in place an historic legacy for our children and grandchildren.</p>	
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