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18th February 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal of Source Vodka Bar applying for a 'sex encounter establishment' licence.

As a long-term resident of Hill's Lane which is opposite Source Vodka Bar, I have no doubt that this residential street will suffer further social problems in the evenings if this licence were to be granted.

Currently I have experienced vomit on my doorstep and up the front of my property, faeces smeared on my doorframe, people urinating against Rowley's house and on three occasions I have arrived home to find men urinating on my doorstep which subsequently passed under my front door and into my kitchen. On asking one man to stop urinating onto my doorstep I suffered verbal abuse.

The above examples are commonplace to any evening between 11pm & 4am that Bar Fever (a few doors down from my house) is open, not to mention physical fights, a smashing of my neighbour's window, fornication and police arrests - all in open view of my sitting room window.

The granting of a 'sex encounter' licence would further denigrate this area and I have no doubt that there would be an increase in the volatile and violent atmosphere experienced in Hill's Lane and Barker Street.

It is with these issues in mind that I fiercely oppose the granting of this licence.

Yours faithfully
C. Edge.

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15th February 2013

Licensing Team Leader
Shropshire Council
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury SY2 6ND

Dear Sir/Madam,

Source Vodka Bar, Barker Street – Objection to Application for ‘sex encounter establishment’ Licence

I am writing to register my objection to Rob Bywater's application for a licence to use the Source Vodka Bar, Barker Street, as a 'sex encounter establishment'.

Central Shrewsbury is not an appropriate location for a venue of this type. As a historic market town, a venue hosting lap dancing and pole dancing is inconsistent with the town's other attractions. I also feel that Shrewsbury's nightlife benefits from its variety of attractive bars and restaurants; a 'sex encounter establishment' would not add to this.

There is also a danger that granting this application may erode the grounds to reject future similar applications from the Source Vodka Bar or other similar establishments. In the long term this may seriously alter Shrewsbury's reputation, both in terms of its nightlife and more generally of the town itself.

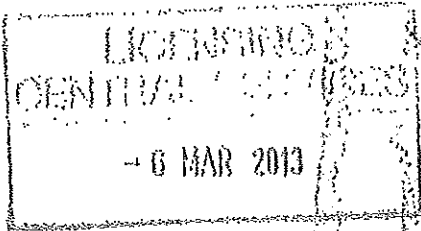
At present I enjoy experiencing Shrewsbury's nightlife. However, as a twenty-two year old woman I would feel uncomfortable entering a venue granted the above licence, as I would not enjoy the entertainment and so feel excluded relative to the groups it attracts. This would impact negatively on my impression of Shrewsbury's nightlife and would encourage me to visit other towns for this purpose.

I hope that you take my view into consideration when deliberating the above application.

Yours faithfully,

~~Rob Bywater~~

~~Rob Bywater~~



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Shrewsbury ~~XXXXXX~~

2.3.2013

Source Vodka Bar 'sex encounter' license for lap dancing

I am writing to oppose the granting of a licence for the above.

~~I think it is disgusting for women to give~~ the wrong image about Shrewsbury to the young people going to the college nearby and to others visiting, living and working in Shrewsbury.

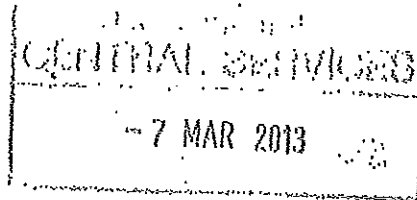
Yours sincerely

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Shrewsbury,
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Licensing Team Leader,
Shropshire Council,
Shirehall,
Abbey Foregate,
Shrewsbury,
SY2 6ND>



22.02.2013

Dear Sir,

RE: Application for 'sex encounter establishment' licence in Shrewsbury

I am writing to you as a resident of Shrewsbury to urge you to reject the application made by Mr Rob Bywater, the owner of the Source Vodka Bar on Barker Street, for a licence to use the venue as a 'sex encounter establishment'.

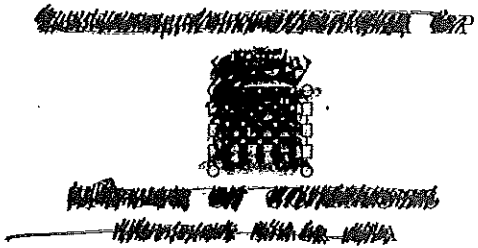
Sex encounter establishments such as this, which offer lap and table dancing, have been recognised by the UN Convention on Eliminating All Forms of Discrimination Against Women as having clear links to discrimination and violence against women.

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The location is also entirely inappropriate for such a venue due to it being adjacent to Rowley's house, close to the Baptist Church on Claremont street and next door to the sixth form college library. The Source Bar is also surrounded by small local businesses that will suffer from the reputation of being 'that cafe by the lap dancing place'.

Yours faithfully,



22 February 2013

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The Licensing Authority
Shropshire Council
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury SY2 6ND

Dear Sir

**Vodka Source Bar – Shrewsbury
Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence**

I understand that you have received an application for a Sexual Entertainment Licence for the Vodka Source which is situated in Barker Street, Shrewsbury ~~with the~~
~~following details:~~

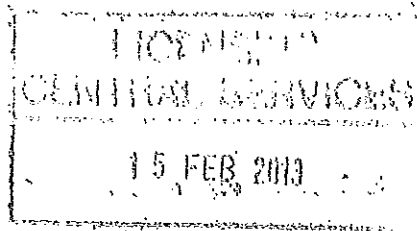
I have been approached by residents who have expressed to me their concerns over this application and have sought my assistance in the matter. They consider that the locality of this venue is totally inappropriate. It is situated next to an education establishment which is considered a 'sensitive premises' and is surrounded by residential properties; your policy statement states that the Council is unlikely to approve applications in these locations.

In addition, your policy states that the licensing authority, when determining applications may refuse an application if it is considered that the character of the locality is inappropriate. I believe that your current policy permits you to refuse this application on the grounds of inappropriate locality and urge you to follow your policy on this occasion.

Yours sincerely

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Shrewsbury

11th February

Licensing Team Leader

Shropshire Council

Shirehall

Abbey Foregate

Shrewsbury

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Sex Encounter Establishment at Source Vodka Bar, Barker Street.

I wish to express my concern at the proposed extension in the license of the Source Vodka Bar to become a sexual Encounter Establishment.

As the mother of a teenage daughter at the Shrewsbury Sixth Form College (which is in close proximity to this bar) I believe that ~~as with my 15 year old daughter~~ the use of the bar for this purpose could attract unwanted visitors and could lead in turn to an increase in indecent assaults.

I should be grateful if you would take into consideration my objection.

Yours faithfully

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Simon Ditton

From: Michael Howells on behalf of Licensing
Sent: 28 February 2013 16:58
To: Mark Wakelam
Subject: FW: Objection to Application - Source Bar, Sexual Encounter Establishment

From: ~~Simon Ditton~~
Sent: 27 February 2013 20:54
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to Application - Source Bar, Sexual Encounter Establishment

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to object to the application for a Sexual Encounter Establishment License by Source Vodka Bar.

I have lived in several towns and cities across the UK and have found Shrewsbury one of the safest. I regularly walk alone in the dark and have never been concerned by the behaviour of other members of the general public.

I feel strongly that the opening of a lap dancing club in Shrewsbury would have a negative impact on personal safety and the current night-time environment which Shrewsbury offers.

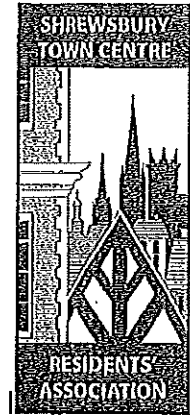
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As the proposed venue is in a busy local area close to places of worship and the Sixth Form College I hope the application can be denied and the current environment of Shrewsbury Town Centre preserved.

Thank you,

~~Simon Ditton~~

Licensing Team Leader
Shropshire Council
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND



22nd February 2013

Re: Source Bar, Sexual Encounter Establishment licensing application, 8 Barker Street, Shrewsbury

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Shrewsbury Town Centre Residents Association we wish to object to the application for a Sex Encounter Establishment Licence for these licensed premises in Shrewsbury town centre.

Our concern is that this use is inappropriate in the Town Centre. This area is a busy secondary shopping street in Shrewsbury town centre. On the other side of the road is a church, which has nursery classes. Premises forming part of the Sixth Form College are around fifty metres away. Residents live behind the premises and their properties abut the proposed venue. A small hotel is currently undergoing refurbishment around fifty yards away. It is a popular route for tourists visiting Shrewsbury, who come to see Rowley's House and the riverside. Further, Shrewsbury town centre has a high proportion of residents living within it whom must pass by this venue in order to carry out their daily activities. Many residents will feel threatened, and should not have to, by such an encounter. Notwithstanding that the times of the unspecified sexual entertainment are limited to 9 pm to 3 am, it is the presence of this type of establishment that is undesirable in the Town Centre.

We are not seeking to act as censors, nor to be the arbiters of citizens' tastes. The objection is not directed at the opening of the S.E.E., merely the wholly unsuitable location as detailed in the paragraph above. Our enquiries suggest the S.E.E.'s are 'destination' venues rather than 'impulse' therefore the sighting need not be within the town centre at all, much less in a high profile location in Barker Street. Shrewsbury town centre must be the least appropriate location for a Sex Encounter Establishment.

We also have reservations about the management of such a licence. The profuse signage on this building does not have the benefit of required planning consent, and therefore we have doubts that the legislation governing the advertisements relating to the presence of a Sexual Entertainment venue would be observed, although we accept this is speculative.

For these reasons we seek a refusal of this application.

If the Licensing Authority does decide to grant this application, which we hope not to be the case, we seek two conditions. Firstly, the prohibition of any advertisement of the existence of a Sexual Entertainment Establishment on the exterior of the premises, and the second should prohibit touting for customers taking place off the premises.

Yours faithfully,

and , Co-Chairs
Shrewsbury Town Centre Residents' Association

Please send all correspondence regarding this application to:

Shrewsbury

Shropshire Council, Shrewsbury, Shire Hall, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND
email: licensing@shropshire.gov.uk

LICENSING
CENTRAL SERVICES
- 1 MAR 2013

Shropshire Council,
Licencing Dept.,
Shire Hall,
Abbey Foregate,
SHREWSBURY
SY2 6ND

February 28th 2013

Dear Sirs,

Vodka Source Bar, Barker St SHREWSBURY

In the absence of being able to examine the details of this application on the Council's web-site we are having to rely on information contained in the report published in the *Shrewsbury Chronicle* dated February 14th.

As we understand it the owner of this establishment, Mr Rob Bywater, has submitted an application for a licence for these premises to become a 'sex encounter establishment'. To this application we object on the following grounds:

Barker Street is one of the busy areas of Shrewsbury, particularly on weekend nights, as a result of the thriving night time economy. As a result it is thronging with many young people and the presence of this type of entertainment has every likelihood of creating further problems, in particular the danger that young women may become the victims of men who have been in with a pre-arranged plan. This would cause serious problems for the town and its residents.

Such an establishment would also damage the image of Shrewsbury in the eyes of many people who come here as ordinary tourists to enjoy the many pleasant sights of this ancient County Town. Tourism generates in excess of £20 million for the general benefit of everyone and whereas such an establishment will undoubtedly benefit the owners of the bar its presence could damage the experience which others come to enjoy.

Such an establishment is not in keeping with the ethos of this town and the licence application should be refused.

Yours faithfully



The Licensing Team Leader,
Shropshire Council,
Shirehall,
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

28th February, 2013

Dear Sir,

Re: Application for Licence to use No. 8 Barker Street, Shrewsbury as a Sex Encounter Establishment

I am writing to lodge my opposition to the above application.

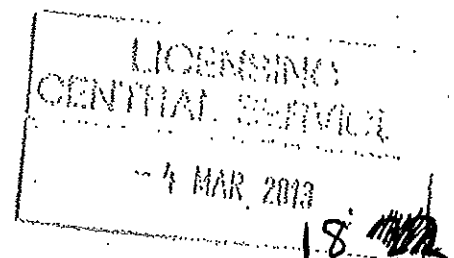
1. We have been resident in this area for the past five years, and were drawn to your beautiful town on account of its historic and quaint buildings. We love coming with our grandchildren into the city centre to shop at the well-appointed shops. We always feel comfortable and safe in such a non-threatening environment. Friends of ours who have visited Shrewsbury have also commented on how different Shrewsbury looks and feels compared to other town and city centres.
2. I'm afraid that the introduction of a 'sex-encounter' establishment in the middle of the town centre would be a blot on the environment of such a beautiful town. ~~It would be a blot on the environment of such a beautiful town. It would be a blot on the environment of such a beautiful town.~~
3. In particular, it's siting next to "McDonalds" which is frequented by so many families with young children, would be unfortunate to say the least. In addition, just around the corner from the proposed site is the local Sixth Form College whose hundreds of students patronize the local shops daily.
4. I am not against 'sex encounter' establishments in principle but I do feel they should be sited as far as possible away from where young people and innocent children gather. It would inevitably lower the tone of this historic town centre.
5. To grant permission would inevitably set a precedent for similar establishments to follow making our Town centre an unsafe and unsavoury place to be.

I hope you will convey to the Planning Committee the strength of local opposition to this proposal.

Yours sincerely,



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Simon Ditton

From: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Sent: 04 March 2013 18:45
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to Licensing

Dear Sir,

This email is in response of the licensing application of Mr Robert Bywater regarding The Source vodka Bar, 8 Barker Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1QJ. I am opposed to the application to make The Source Vodka Bar into a Sex Encounter Establishment.

The reasons for my opposition is:-

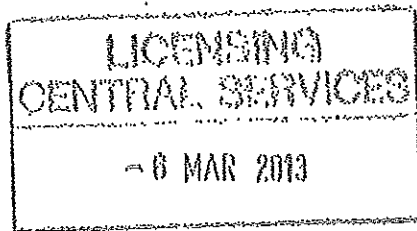
- 1) The location of it means that it is next the sixth form college and near family eating places, what moral messages are we trying to give to our young people with regards to standards.
- 2) It will bring down the attraction of the town centre. Shrewsbury is a beautiful town and attracts tourists from all over the country it would be a shame for people not to visit because of such an establishment. Also it is not in keeping with the medieval theme of the town centre.

~~By having it in the town centre it will bring down the attraction of the town centre and it is not in keeping with the medieval theme of the town centre.~~

Therefore I strongly object to this licensing application.

Yours faithfully

~~Simon Ditton~~



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Shrewsbury
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5th March 2013

Re Application for Source Vodka Bar to be licensed as a "Sex Encounter Establishment"

I'm writing to object to this application for the following reasons:

The site of the establishment is in a historic part of the town centre, near the market, the museum and adjacent to the Sixth Form College and I really feel that it is a totally inappropriate site and degrades the identity of Shrewsbury as a good place to live and visit, especially for a town that looks to tourism as a source of income and will need to do more so in the future..

~~The existence of such a club in the town centre is likely to lead to many women feeling extremely uncomfortable to be in the town at night. This end of town is already seen as a bit of a hot spot for anti-social behaviour during the evening and the addition of a lap dancing venue can only lead to further outbreaks of inappropriate and unruly behaviour.~~
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I would like you to consider adopting a zero tolerant approach to such establishments under the Policing & Crime Act 2009 as many other councils have done across England.

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Yours,

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CENTRAL SERVICES

- 6 MAR 2013

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Shrewsbury
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5th March 2013

Objection to the "Sex Encounter Establishment" license application for Source Vodka Bar, Shrewsbury Centre

I object to the proposed 'Sex Encounter Establishment' because of concerns for public safety and the inappropriate situation for such an establishment.

Shrewsbury has a beautiful and historic town centre. This bar is near the market, the museum and next to the Sixth Form College. It is fully on public view and would threaten income to the town through tourists who come to enjoy the ancient buildings and modern facilities such as the theatre which is just over the bridge.

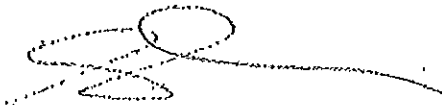
Signatures from the White Ribbon report (2010) regarding violence against women in the town centre. This is a similar report to the one in 2008. It is a serious concern that this area has become a hot spot for violence against women in the town centre.

The existence of a 'Sex Encounter Establishment' in the town centre will make many women vulnerable in the town at night and flies in the face of the Crime Reduction & Community Safety partnerships' public support for *White Ribbon Days*. "The White Ribbon campaign is an international campaign to end violence against women. The aim is to get men, women, girls and boys to stand together to end violence against women".

Our Crime Reduction & Community Safety Strategy prioritises the reduction of anti-social behaviour within all of Shropshire's Communities. This part of town is already viewed as a bit of a hotspot for trouble - it beggars belief that this would help. The strategy also prioritises addressing people's perception of crime so that "People feeling safer in their communities and neighbourhoods".

I thank you for your careful consideration of these legitimate concerns

Yours sincerely



~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

CENTRAL
- 6 MAR 2013

Shrewsbury

5th March 2013

Re the current application for Source Vodka Bar to be licensed as a "Sex Encounter Establishment"

I would like to make a formal objection to this application for the following reasons:

~~The existence of such a lapdancing club in the town centre will lead to many women feeling extremely uncomfortable to be in the town at night. This end of town is already viewed as an area of trouble during the evening and the development of this establishment can only lead to further outbreaks of inappropriate and unruly behaviour.~~
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The site of this establishment is in the historic town centre, near the market, the museum and adjacent to the Sixth Form College. Many residents and visitors will notice this establishment and it degrades the identity of Shrewsbury as a good place to live and visit. It is an inappropriate development for a town that looks to tourism as a source of income.

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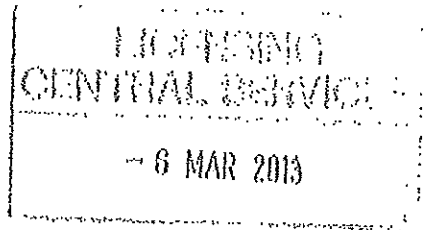
I was astounded to learn that Source Vodka Bar trialed these lapdancing evenings for several months in 2012. Please can you tell me if your department was involved, thank you.

Yours,



~~Signature~~

04/03/2013



INTERESTED PARTY REPRESENTATION FORM

SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

Application Details

It was reported on the 11th of February 2013 that Source Vodka Bar on Barker Street, Shrewsbury has applied for a license to use the bar as a 'sex encounter establishment' so they can hold a weekly event of pole dancing and lap dances in private booths.

Objection Details

We would like to make our objection on the following grounds:

- A lap dancing venue would be a completely inappropriate neighbour for Shrewsbury Sixth Form College (see appendix a). We accept that the college will be closed when the club is open, however the club is still exposing and promoting a set of values that is ill fitting with the college, and harmful to young people. It could also tarnish the college's reputation. There will be certain occasions such as open evenings and public performances when the college will be open in the evenings.
- ~~It is in close proximity to Claremont Baptist Church and St Chad's Church (see appendix a); these are religious places of worship as well as being venues for community activities. They are also used at various times of day including evenings when Source Vodka Bar would be open. A lap dancing venue in close proximity to these churches would be highly inappropriate and arguably offensive.~~
- Huge investment is being made into Shrewsbury as a tourist destination and at this time the town's Tourist Information Centre (see appendix a) at Rowley's House is located directly opposite Source Vodka Bar. Although eventually the visitor's centre is being relocated, at the moment it would be a very off-putting and confusing message to tourists, particularly parents with small children.
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- Severnvale Academy (see appendix a) is located on Claremont Hill; they are a language school for non English speakers, and hold courses for young people in the summer. Source Vodka Bar is right around the corner from the Academy and, as a lap dancing venue, would be an unsuitable neighbour.
- Source Vodka Bar's position on Barker Street is very close to St John's Hill Apartments and residents of Claremont Hill, Claremont Bank and Hill's Lane (see appendix a). Residents may include children and the elderly and clearly a lap dancing venue in their residential area would be unacceptable.
- There is a bus stop situated right outside the premises (see appendix c) and is used at times when the club is in operation. For instance the Number 1 bus service from Monkmoor to Gains Park stops at Barker Street at 19.13, 19.43, 20.13, 20.43 and 21.13 on Thursdays (see appendix a). It is unacceptable that people who wish to use the bus service are forced to wait outside a strip club and are faced with the threat of customers who pass by invariably under a state of intoxication and potentially sexual excitement.

~~This is a summary of the above mentioned statements made by the above mentioned persons who are not to be used in any way. It is not intended to be a statement of fact and should not be used as evidence in any court of law. It is a summary of the above mentioned statements and should not be used as evidence in any court of law. It is a summary of the above mentioned statements and should not be used as evidence in any court of law.~~

To conclude Barker Street is a safe, welcoming and respectable area of Shrewsbury town centre which would be severely inhibited by the presence of a venue operating as a strip club. The application for a Sex Establishment License for Source Vodka Bar should be refused in order to maintain and promote the economic and social prosperity of this area.

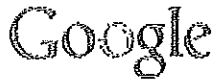
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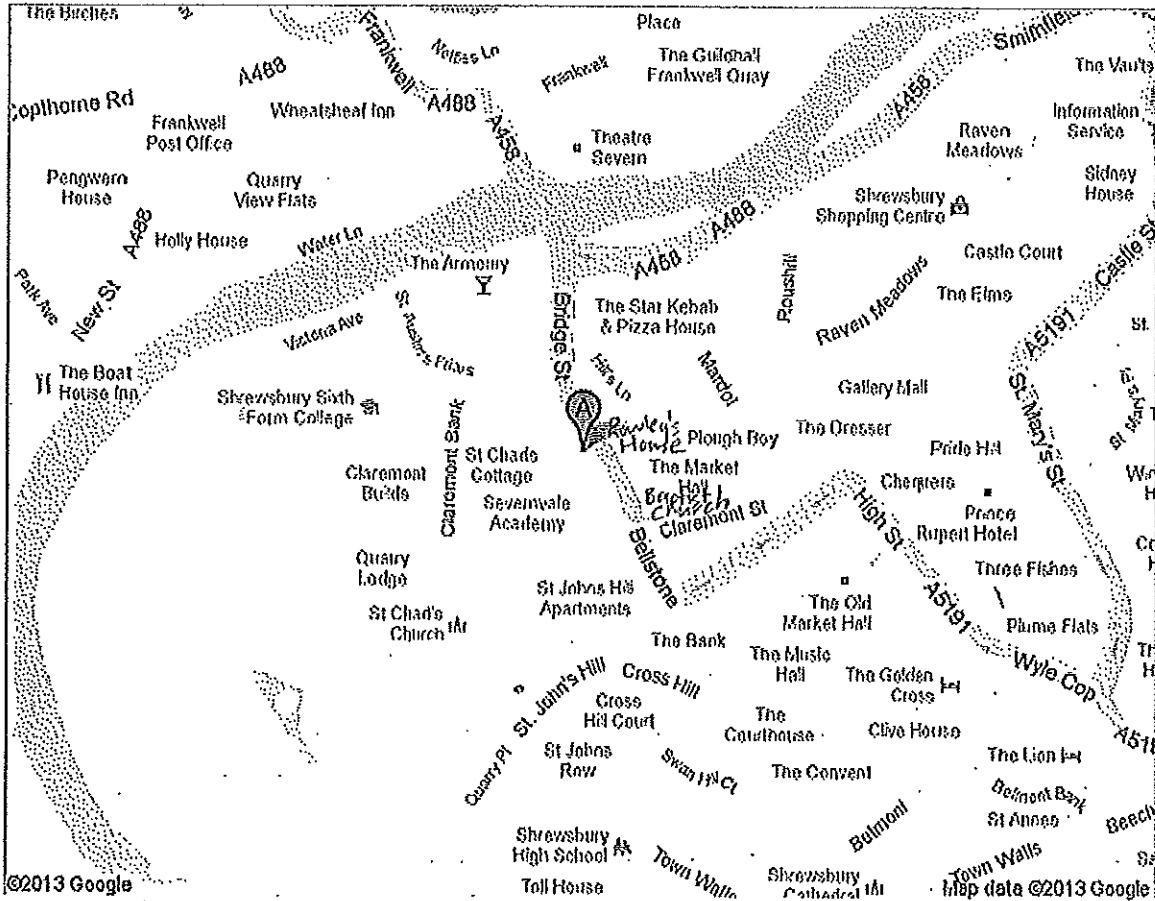
APPENDIX A

source vodka bar baker street shrewsbury map - Google Maps



source vodka bar near Barker St,
Shrewsbury, United Kingdom

A. The Source Vodka Bar
8 Barker St, Shrewsbury SY1 1QJ
01743 241124
2 reviews



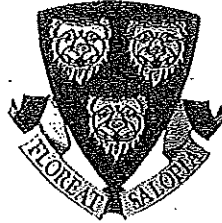
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APPENDIX C

Monday to Friday 1 Monkmoor - Bus Stn - R.S. Hospital - Gains Park

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Monkmoor, Conway Drive, adj, Bewdley Avenue Jct	17:12	17:27	17:42	17:57	18:12	18:27	18:57	19:27	19:57	20:27	20:57
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Monkmoor, Monkmoor Road, adj, Canon Street Jct	17:22	17:37	17:52	18:07	18:22	18:36	19:06	19:36	20:06	20:36	21:06
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Abbey Foregate, Abbey Foregate, adj, Dun Cow	17:24	17:39	17:54	18:09	18:24	18:37	19:07	19:37	20:07	20:37	21:07
Abbey Foregate, Abbey Foregate, opp, Abbey Church	17:25	17:40	17:55	18:10	18:25	18:38	19:08	19:38	20:08	20:38	21:08
Shrewsbury, Wyla Cop, adj, St. Julians Friars	17:27	17:42	17:57	18:12	18:27	18:40	19:10	19:40	20:10	20:40	21:10
Shrewsbury, High Street, adj, The Square	17:28	17:43	17:58	18:13	18:28	18:41	19:11	19:41	20:11	20:41	21:11
Shrewsbury, Shopfaich, opp, Market Hall	17:29	17:44	17:59	18:14	18:29	18:42	19:12	19:42	20:12	20:42	21:12
Shrewsbury, Barker Street, opp, Rowleys House	17:31	17:46	18:01	18:16	18:31	18:43	19:13	19:43	20:13	20:43	21:13
Shrewsbury, Bus Station, Stand A, Bus Station	17:38	17:53	18:03	18:18	18:33	18:48	19:18	19:48	20:18	20:48	21:18
Shrewsbury, Smithfield Road, adj, Lloyds Chemist	17:38	17:53	-	18:18	-	18:48	19:18	19:48	20:18	20:48	21:18
Shrewsbury, Smithfield Road, adj, Mardol Jct	17:38	17:53	-	18:18	-	18:48	19:18	19:48	20:18	20:48	21:18
Frankwell, Frankwell, adj, Cycle Shop	17:39	17:54	-	18:19	-	18:49	19:19	19:49	20:19	20:49	21:19
Frankwell, Copthorne Road, opp, St Georges Court J	17:39	17:54	-	18:19	-	18:49	19:19	19:49	20:19	20:49	21:19
Copthorne, Copthorne Road, adj, Pengwern Road Jct	17:40	17:55	-	18:20	-	18:50	19:20	19:50	20:20	20:50	21:20
Copthorne, Copthorne Road, opp, Lindale Court Jct	17:40	17:55	-	18:20	-	18:50	19:20	19:50	20:20	20:50	21:20
Copthorne, Copthorne Road, opp, Barracks	17:40	17:55	-	18:20	-	18:50	19:20	19:50	20:20	20:50	21:20
Copthorne, Copthorne Road, opp, Richmond Drive Jct	17:41	17:56	-	18:21	-	18:51	19:21	19:51	20:21	20:51	21:21
Copthorne, Copthorne Road, adj, Mylton Oak Road J	17:42	17:57	-	18:21	-	18:51	19:21	19:51	20:21	20:51	21:21
Copthorne, Mylton Oak Road, opp, Mylton Grove Jct	17:43	17:58	-	18:22	-	18:52	19:22	19:52	20:22	20:52	21:22
Copthorne, Mylton Oak Road, opp, Swiss Farm Road	17:44	17:59	-	18:23	-	18:53	19:23	19:53	20:23	20:53	21:23
Copthorne, Mylton Oak Road, opp, Hospital	17:45	18:00	-	18:24	-	18:54	19:24	19:54	20:24	20:54	21:24
Copthorne, Layby, adj, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital	17:47	18:02	-	18:26	-	18:56	19:26	19:56	20:26	20:56	21:26
Copthorne, Mylton Oak Road, opp, Racecourse Land	17:47	18:02	-	18:26	-	18:56	19:26	19:56	20:26	20:56	21:26
Gains Park, Mylton Oak Road, opp, Bowbrook	17:47	18:02	-	18:26	-	18:56	19:26	19:56	20:26	20:56	21:26
Gains Park, Gains Park Way, opp, Sandown Cresce	17:48	18:03	-	18:27	-	18:57	19:27	19:57	20:27	20:57	21:27
Gains Park, Gains Park Way, opp, Collingwood Jct	17:48	18:03	-	18:27	-	18:57	19:27	19:57	20:27	20:57	21:27

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Date: 21 February 2013

Dear Mr Fletcher

Having considered the application by the owners of Source Vodka Bar, 8 Barker Street to be licensed as a "Sex Encounter Establishment", Shrewsbury Town Council wishes to raise its formal objections for such and requests the Licensing Committee refuse the application.

Detailed below is the Town Council's basis for refusal.

Since this application received in public during in the local press, it is not possible to discuss the details of the application in this document without breaching the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

It should be placed on record that Shrewsbury Town Council is not passing any religious or moral judgment on these kinds of institutions or those who wish to frequent them. What the individual wishes to do in private is a matter for their own personal choice; when such activities have the potential to become more public, the Town Council should be seen to support the well-being of the public at large. The Town Council retains strong values on equality and anything that undermines or discriminates against either sex should not be allowed. We see that licensed activities should not be degrading to one sex or place the other sex into a portrait of unwholesomeness.

It is important to note that while people may have strong objections, Parliament has already debated the moral and religious basis for Sex Encounter Establishments, and the resulting legislation now provides that they are legal where licensed.

The Town Council's grounds relate to the in-appropriacy of such an establishment in the heart of the town which strives to act as a service hub for the residents of Shrewsbury and its wider hinterland and a focus for tourism and the visitor economy to the county.

Shrewsbury Town Centre is extremely fortunate in that it is a sustainable community in itself not only providing a focus for retail trade and employment but it also has a large residential population who have to pass the entrance to these premises on a

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re: Vodka Source
8 Barker Street
Shrewsbury

22 February 2013

Dear Licensing Officer

I wish to object to the application for a Sex Establishment Licence for these licensed premises in Shrewsbury town centre.

Shrewsbury town centre streets are either shopping streets or residential streets or a mixture of both. As a 'relevant locality' they are entirely inappropriate streets to site a Sexual Entertainment Venue. Our concerns are that this development is especially inappropriate in this busy secondary shopping street in Shrewsbury town centre, because of the neighbouring uses. On the other side of the road is a church, which has nursery classes, around fifty metres away are premises currently forming part of the Sixth Form College and a small hotel currently empty and there are many residents living behind and near the premises. In addition this is a popular route for tourists visiting Shrewsbury, who come to see Rowleys House and the riverside.

The town centre is really a village from the point of its residents, and they cannot help passing these premises just going about normal business. Notwithstanding that the times of the unspecified sexual entertainment are limited to Thursdays from 9 pm to 3 am, it is the presence of this type of entertainment that is undesirable in this street. Once established it would be difficult to resist extension to the licence in terms of 'performances' at other times and on other days of the week.

I also have reservations about the management of such a licence by the current management of these premises. The prominent and extensive signage on this building does not have the benefit of planning consent in spite of several requests to the management for them to seek such consent. I have serious doubts that any legislation governing the advertisements relating to the presence of a Sexual Entertainment Venue would be observed, and any conditions applied to such a licence might receive the same scant attention.

Most importantly the appearance of the first Sexual Entertainment Venue in our town centre is highly likely to lead to further applications, which would have serious foreseen and unwanted consequences. ~~These venues are usually confined to one part of a town or city and they invariably attract their workers to that area. In addition there is the problem of the immediate vicinity of these venues the premises have been exposed to advertisement which is a nuisance to the community.~~ This is surely a totally unwelcome consequence of approving the first such venue. This application will damage the image of Shrewsbury as a town with a remarkable history and a collection of fine buildings of virtually all periods since Norman times.

Mine is not a moral judgement, but rather an objection based on professional experience. Three years of my medical training took place in NHS hospitals in Soho, the largest red light district in the country, where I helped to provide medical care to the large daily influx of people including the sex workers in that area. As a resident medical officer I was aware of the problems that arise when there are venues providing so-called sexual entertainment. They attract other sex workers who patrol the streets. Anyone passing these venues is likely to be touted for business and importuned by sex workers in the street. If this were to happen to our town centre, this would affect residents as well as tourists and visitors seeking evening entertainment within our town centre. This would be a tragedy for us all and possibly undo all the hard work of our many tourist organisations.

Accordingly we consider it unwise to introduce this risk to our town centre, which has a large resident population and an up-market tourist image it can ill afford to lose.

For these reasons we seek a refusal of this application.

If the Licensing Authority decides to grant this application, we seek four conditions. The first should prohibit any advertisement on the exterior of the premises to indicate the existence of a Sexual Entertainment Venue, the second should prohibit any view of the 'sexual entertainment' from the street, the third prohibit any touting for customers taking place off the premises and the fourth that there should no opportunity for either the entertainers or the customers to have physical contact with each other.

Yours faithfully

~~John Atkinson~~

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