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9 December 2011

Dear Sir,

Sexual Entertainment Licence: Players, Cleveland Street, Doncaster.

We are writing to object to the Sexual Entertainment Licence being granted at the location of Players on Cleveland Street, Doncaster.

The site on Cleveland Street is not the correct area for a lap dancing club. This is a huge prominent corner site in Doncaster close to what is going to be Doncaster's finest Civic Quarter & where many of Doncaster's visitors to the Civic Quarter will walk past to join the Frenchgate or the Travel Interchange. Is this what we want our visitors to see in Doncaster town centre along with our shops and cafes. Do we want to promote the city bid for Doncaster with the slogan 'come and visit our lap dancing clubs.. The best in the country!'

My daughter went to university in London last year. Due to a program on TV a number of years ago about the night life in Doncaster (and the girls you find there) each time she told someone she was from Doncaster she was met with jeers and innuendo so now she tells people she lives near Leeds. How sad is that for Doncaster. We do not want to be the 'Ayia Napa' of Yorkshire so lets put a stop to it now!!

The site of the club is opposite Doncaster's Women's Centre, an organisation working to promote gender equality & tackle violence against women and girls. How can you allow a lap dancing club (with bedrooms above?!!) to be licensed straight opposite this centre.

Printing Office Street is the home to one of Doncaster's most popular churches & on a Sunday the members of this church park in Young Street or Printing Office Street and have to pass this club in order to attend church, frankly this is immoral.

Again the most likely route for anyone visiting 'Cliffs' the uniform shop in Printing Office Street is to pass Players. This shop clothes 80% of

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Doncaster's children for School, we have to ask the question, wouldn't this club be better sited out of the town centre where children would not pass by and ask their parents what it is?

For myself, I have run a 'Family Restaurant' in Printing Office Street for the last 28 years. How do you think we feel that we have now become 'The café next to the strip club'!! In no other country would this be allowed to happen in the middle of a community of shops, salons and residential flats as in the Waterdale.

We now continue our objections on the grounds of crime in the area. The flat roof area of Players is used as a smoking area and as the premises are open to 5 or 6am it means all and sundry have access to the roof area virtually all night. This roof area adjoins the flat roofs and fire escapes of all the shops running along Printing Office Street to the Colonnades and the roof areas of the shops in Cleveland Street towards the Colonnades.

We have in that square area suffered numerous and extensive robberies and break-ins in the last few years and we think that these would be reduced if our rear exits and roof areas were not being advertised via the customers of the Players club.

As a business ourselves at the Four Seasons we have had to put up with the deposits of baths, mattresses and human faeces onto our roof from the club. As a street we have had numerous issues over the dustbins from the club being left down public rights of way, left full and spilling out in front of other shop fronts in the street and being left in the way of other shops' fire exits. As a community we have tackled these issues together on behalf of each other.

In Printing Office Street the shopkeepers are a community, we all know each other, give our business to each other and generally help each other out when necessary.

Over the past 2 years we have had several visitors to our premises trying to find the owners of the club. These were the bailiffs on several occasions, a till company from Leeds trying to claim back 12 tills from the premises due to non payment and also the Inland Revenue. This is not a good advert for an exemplary business owner or an owner who might have an interest in the community around them.

This letter is written on behalf of all the businesses that follow and they have signed in order to object to these issues on their behalf:-

Mr & Mrs Georgiou....The Four Seasons Family Restaurant.....*Georgiou* ✓

[Signature]

..... Little Devils Childrenswear.46 Printing Office

Street *LORNA HILL*.....

.....*J. Shepherd* Jacksons Herbalist. 44 Printing Office Street ✓

.....*J. Shepherd*.....

.....*L. Sanderson* Room 42 Hairdressing. 42 Printing Office Street ✓

.....*L. Sanderson*.....

.....*G.L. Massarella* Massarella tobacconist. 40 Printing Office Street ✓

.....*G.L. MASSARELLA*.....

.....*D. Greffrais* The Farm Shop. 38 Printing Office Street ✓

.....*[Signature]*.....


.....*Ernie Pollard* The Computer Shop. 36 Printing Office Street ✓


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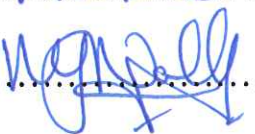
.....*FRANUS HORTON* Horton Knights Estate Agent. 39-45 Printing ✓

Office Street, Doncaster


.....*[Signature]*.....


..... The Card Shop, 21-22 The Collonades ✓
..... K POSKITT


..... His & Her Barber, The Collonades ✓
..... S. Wright

M. Noble Amandalee Gift Shop ?


Asif MK Pizza Palace 36 Cleveland Street ✓
..... ASIF MAHMOOD

L. BAKER Raffles Hairdressing, Young Street Doncaster ✓


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LICENSING

Dear Sirs,

9 December 2011

Re: Application by "Players" for Sex Establishment Licence.

I am writing as Minister of Priory Place Methodist Church. I have been informed that the establishment known as "Players", which is situated on the corner of Printing Office Street and Cleveland Street, has submitted an application for a Sex Establishment Licence. I understood that in such cases, notices detailing the application need to be displayed on public view outside the premises. No such notices have been evident when I have checked this week.

If it is the case that Players have applied for a licence, I am writing on behalf of the Church Council and church members to register our strong opposition to the licence being granted.

We want Doncaster to be a place where people of all ages enjoy visiting, and feel at home in. The town centre, and in particular areas where there are retail shops, cafes and churches, is not a suitable area to site a Sex Establishment. If such establishments do need to exist, they should be situated outside the town centre. Inevitably the whole character of a street is detrimentally affected by the presence of a Sex Establishment.

People of all ages come to our church, including children, young people and young families. Having a Sex Establishment nearby is certainly not something which is in the best interests of our children. The *Doncaster Free Press* has recently been asking people what it is about Doncaster of which they are proud. If the Council refuses Players' application for a Sex Establishment Licence, that would make us very proud. Thank you for your attention.

Yours Faithfully,

Stephen J Clark

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13 DEC 2011
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