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Environment & Regeneration

222 Upper Street, London N1 1XR

Report of : Assistant Director of Environment & Regeneration (Public Protection)

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Licensing Regulatory Committee	6 March 2007	B4	St Peter's

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Subject: GRANT OF SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 (SCHEDULE 3)

APPLICANT: ADULT WORLD LTD

PREMISES: LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF PREMISES AT 23 ISLINGTON GREEN, N1

1 Synopsis

1.1 To determine an application from Adult World Ltd for the grant of a licence for the use of the lower ground floor of premises at 23 Islington Green N1 for a sex establishment.

2 Recommendation

2.1 To consider the application from Adult World Ltd for the grant of a licence for the use of the lower ground floor of premises at 23 Islington Green, N1, for a sex establishment and that, if granted, it be subject to the attached standard Licence Conditions as set out in Appendix A, any Building Control requirements, and any other conditions deemed appropriate by the committee.

3 Background

3.1 In August 2004, a sex establishment licence was granted to the premises trading as Clone Zone at the same address.

3.2 The Licence was granted subject to the standard Licence Conditions with variation to Condition 10 regarding the display of the warning notice.

3.3 The Committee also attached additional conditions to the Standard Conditions regarding playing of previewed R18 DVD/Video films, the

shopfront display of goods, neon lighting, and the CCTV system. The additional conditions were to safeguard the concerns of local residents and objectors. The minutes of the meeting are attached as Appendix B.

- 3.4 On 27 November 2006 application for renewal of the sex establishment licence at 23 Islington Green was received from Wilson Barca on behalf of the applicant. A copy application is attached as Appendix C (contains exempt information and therefore supplied to Councillors only).
- 3.5 On 12 December 2006 the Licensing Officer observed the Public Notice on display and the display was satisfactory.
- 3.6 The Statutory Notice was published in the Islington Gazette on 30 November 2006 in accordance with the Act. The applicant has produced the original advertisement and a copy is attached as Appendix D.
- 3.7 Two objections have been received from identified persons. One from a local resident was received within 28 days of application statutory time limit. Another from Councillor Klute, a Ward Councillor, was received shortly after the period. The objections are attached as Appendix E.
- 3.8 The main grounds of objection are;
- Locality and position in the main road frequented by children;
 - Out of character with local area,
 - Within close proximity to Islington Green, Tesco, Metro, and the future Collins Theatre.
- 3.9 The applicant has been given copies of the objections and has indicated that these objections will be addressed at the committee meeting.
- 3.10 The nearest Licensed Sex Shops are situated at 66 Holloway Road N7 and at 9 Caledonian Road N1.
- 3.11 The applicant holds a sex establishment licence in Birmingham, Stoke, Oxford, and Rhyl. These Authorities are satisfied with how the applicant runs the premises in their areas.
- 3.12 The Ward Councillors have been notified of the application.
- 3.13 The application has been notified to Islington Police Licensing team, who are not objecting.
- 3.14 Building Control**
- 3.15 The Senior Building Control Surveyor will comment on the safety of the premises when a plan showing the applicant's proposal for the interior has been submitted.
- 3.16 Planning**
- 3.17 Confirmation from Planning is awaited.

4 Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

4.2 The applicant has paid the fee of £11,500. Should the application be refused, the fee shall be refunded less the Council's cost in dealing with the application.

4.3 Legal Implications

4.3.1 The appropriate authority may grant to any applicant, and from time to time renew, a licence under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 for the use of any premises, vehicle, vessel or stall specified in it for a sex establishment on such terms and conditions and subject to such restrictions as may be so specified. Any licence under this Schedule shall remain in force for one year or for such shorter period specified in the licence as the local authority may think fit.

4.3.1.1 An application for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence shall be made in writing and the applicant shall give public notice of the application by publishing an advertisement in a local newspaper, the publication being not later than 7 days after the date of the application. An application in respect of premises shall in addition require the applicant to display for 21 days beginning with the date of the application on or near the premises and in a place where the notice can be conveniently read by the public and shall be in such a form as the local authority may prescribe. Objections must be made to the local authority within 28 days of the date of the application and the applicant shall be given notice in writing of the general terms of the objection.

4.3.1.2 In considering any application for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence, the local authority shall have regard to any observations submitted to them by the Chief Officer of Police and any objections of which notice has been sent to them.

4.3.1.2 Where the appropriate authority refuse to grant, renew or transfer a licence, they shall, if required to do so by the applicant or holder of the licence, give him a statement in writing of the reasons for their decisions within 7 days of his requiring them to do so.

4.3.1.3 A licence shall not be granted and may also be refused in certain circumstances as set out in Schedule 3 of the Act.

4.3.1.4 The local authority has power to prescribe standard conditions, that is to say terms, conditions and restrictions to include the regulation of the hours of opening and closing of sex establishments, displays or advertisements on or in such establishments and visibility of the interior of sex establishments to passers-by.

4.3.1.5 An applicant for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence under this schedule whose application is refused has in certain cases the right to appeal to the magistrate's court acting for the relevant area before

the expiration of the period of 21 days beginning with the relevant date.

4.3.1.6 The Human Rights Act 1998 makes it unlawful for the Council to act in a manner incompatible with Convention Rights. Convention rights include the right to and respect for private and family life, including the home as well as the right to the peaceful enjoyment of possessions (a licence has been held by the European Court to be a person's possession). The applicant has the right to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal. The actions of a Licensing Committee in attaching a condition to a licence must be "proportionate" to any "pressing social need" and reasons should be given not only on refusing a licence but also when granting it.

4.3.1.7 The Committee considers each application being mindful of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which imposes a duty on each local authority when exercising any of its functions to have due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it possibly can to prevent crime and disorder in the area.

4.4 **Equality Implications**

4.5 Applicants are advised that the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 apply to them as a provider of a service, i.e. facilities for entertainment, recreation or refreshment (as defined by S19 of the Act). In particular that s21 of the Act places them under a duty to make arrangements to ensure the service is accessible to disabled persons

5 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

5.1 In determining this application, consideration should be given to the reasons that resulted in the special conditions being attached to the previous licence holder when first granted.

Background papers:

Appendix A Standard Licence Conditions

Appendix B Minutes of Central Licensing Sub Committee Meeting 2/8/04

Appendix C **Application of Adult World Ltd***

Appendix D Newspaper notice published in Islington Gazette 30/11/06

Appendix E Objection Letters

***EXEMPT information and not for publication under paragraph 10.4, categories 1 and 3 of the Access to information rules because:**

Information relates to an individual

Information relates to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Final Report Clearance

Signed by

Assistant Director of Environment and
Regeneration (Public Protection)

Date

Received by

Head of Democratic Services

Date

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STANDARD CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO LICENCES FOR SEX SHOPS

REGULATIONS made by the Islington Council in pursuance of the powers contained in paragraph 13 of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, prescribing standard conditions applicable to licences for sex shops.

1. Throughout these regulations, the expressions "sex shop", "sex establishment" and "sex article" shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and "the Council" means the Council of the London Borough of Islington.
2. In the event of a conflict between these conditions and any special conditions contained in a licence relating to a sex shop, the special conditions shall prevail.
3. The business shall be carried on only in the name, style or title specified in the licence and at the premises mentioned therein.
4. The licensee, whether a partner, company or other corporate or unincorporated body, shall notify the Council in writing, in the form prescribed by the Council, of any change in directors, trustees, partners or other persons concerned in the management of such company, partnership or corporate or unincorporated body, within fourteen days of such change.
5. The licensed premises shall not be opened for the purposes for which the licence is granted earlier than 9.30am and shall be closed not later than 8.00pm.
6. The premises shall not be opened on Sundays, Christmas Day or Good Friday.
7. The Council may also specify any other date on which the premises shall be closed provided that fourteen days notice in writing of such date must be given to the licensee.
8. No advertisement other than advertisements relating to other licensed sex establishments or relating to goods available from the premises shall be displayed inside the premises.
9. The interior of the premises shall not at any time be visible from outside and the window shall only bear a suitable display approved by the Council.
10. The following notice shall be displayed at the entrance to the premises such that no-one could reasonably obtain access to the premises without being aware of its contents:

Licensed Sex Shop

WARNING

Persons passing beyond
this notice will find
material on display which
they may consider indecent.

No admittance to persons under 18 years of age

11. No part of the premises shall be used by prostitutes for the purposes of solicitation or otherwise exercising their calling.
12. Neither the licensee nor any employee shall seek to obtain custom for the sex shop by means of personal solicitation outside or in the vicinity of the sex shop.



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13. No goods likely to forfeiture under Section 3 of the Obscene Publications Act 1959 or Section 5 of the Protection of Children Act 1978 or likely to be condemned under Schedule 3 to the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 by virtue of Section 42 of the Customs Consolidation Act 1896 shall be kept on the premises.
14. All sex articles and other things displayed within the premises shall be clearly marked to show to persons who are inside the premises the respective prices being charged.
15. The licensee shall not distribute any unsolicited goods or publicity.
16. The licensed premises shall be used only for the purposes specified in the licence.
17. No alcohol shall be consumed on the premises.
18. 18R classified videos/DVDs must not be sold by mail order or via the Internet.
19. A record shall be kept of mail order/Internet transactions in such form as agreed by the Council and all such transactions must comply with the Consumer Protection (Distance Selling) Regulations 2000.
20. The exterior and interior of the premises shall not be altered without the prior consent of the Council.
21. The licence is not transferable by the licensee.
22. The licensee must give written notice to the Council if s/he wishes to surrender the licence.
23. The licensee shall maintain good order and decent behaviour in the licensed premises and shall inform the Police immediately s/he becomes aware of any indecent conduct taking place or which is said to have taken place, in the premises.
24. The Council reserves the right to amend or alter these conditions without prior consultation with the licensee but will notify the licensee of any alterations.

London Borough of Islington

CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – 2 August 2004

DRAFT

Non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Central Licensing Sub-Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, London, N1 2UD, at 2.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Fiona Dunlop, Margot Dunn and Lisa Spall

Councillor Fiona Dunlop in the Chair

127 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

Received from Councillor Bruce Neave.

128 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)

None.

129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)

None.

130 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2004 (Item A4)

RESOLVED:

That the non-exempt minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2004 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

131 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair advised all present that she would be varying the order of business on the agenda.

The order would be as follows:

Item F2 (Door Supervisor application), item F1 (Door Supervisor application), item B2 (Sex Shop renewal application - Centaurus, 100 Old Street, EC1V), item B1 (Sex Shop application - Clone Zone, 23 Islington Green, N1), B3 (Amendments to Street Trading licence conditions), item B4 (Update on Farmers Market in Chapel Market), item E (exempt minutes of 17th June 2004) and finally, item F3 (Street trading dispensation).

132 RENEWAL OF SEX SHOP LICENCE - CENTAURUS, 100 OLD STREET, EC1V 9AY – (Item B2)

The Sub-Committee received representations from the Applicant's legal representative, Mr Richard Barca, who confirmed the applicant had no requests for any variations to the licence.

RESOLVED:

That, having carefully considered all of the written evidence and oral evidence from the Council's Licensing Officer and Applicant's legal representative, approval be granted for the renewal of a licence to the applicant for Centaurus, for 12 months, for the use of the ground floor and basement of the premises at 100 Old Street, London, EC1V 9AY, as a sex establishment;

subject to the standard conditions, as set out in Appendix B to the agenda report dated 22/07/04, including the additional condition regarding the video surveillance system, as agreed by the Sub-Committee at its meeting on the 7th July 2003.

Reason

There had been no objections to the application for renewal of the licence and the Sub-Committee had been assured by officers that the licence had been operating satisfactorily.

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SEX SHOP LICENCE APPLICATION- CLONE ZONE LTD, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, 23 ISLINGTON GREEN, N1 (Item B1)

The Sub-Committee heard representations from the applicant's (Clone Zone) legal representative, Mr Richard Barca; a legal representative, Ms Ann Williams on behalf of an objector (who had lodged an objection within the 28 day period), and one other objector, Ms Johnson, to the application for a licence at the premises.

Ms Williams, on behalf of her client, requested the item be deferred as she stated objectors and a local business, 'Tesco' were informed 'late in the day' of the hearing of the application and not had an opportunity to submit representations.

The Sub-Committee received advice from the Council's legal advisor, regarding the Council policy, statutory requirements in relation to public notices and the 28-day period for objections to be submitted to the Council. It was confirmed that the applicant had complied with all statutory notice requirements and that any objections received outside of the 28 days could not be taken into account.

Members were also informed that it was not policy for the Trading Standards department, (in addition to these notices) to write to residents and businesses in the vicinity to inform them of the application, though Members noted ward councillors had been informed of the application.

The Licensing Officer confirmed that all those persons who had lodged objections with the Council, were informed in writing of the date of the Central Licensing Sub-Committee meeting.

Having noted Ms Williams request for deferment; the Sub-Committee were satisfied, having regard to the legal advice received, the officers' report and detailed submissions from the applicant and numerous objectors, that the hearing proceed.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the all written and oral representations received be noted;

(b) That, having carefully considered all of the written and oral evidence presented, approval be granted for a sex shop licence to Clone Zone Ltd for the use of the lower ground floor of the retail premises at 23 Islington Green, London, N1, as a sex establishment trading as 'Clone Zone', for 12 months only, subject to:

- (i) The standard conditions attached to Appendix B of the agenda report by the Head of Public Protection (dated 22/07/04) as below, but with an exception to Standard Condition 10 which is varied to read as follows;

" The following notice shall be displayed inside the premises, prior to access to the licensed area such that no-one could reasonably obtain access to this area without being aware of its content and in such a manner so as not to be visible from the street."

Conditions of licence

1. Throughout these conditions, the expressions 'sex shop', 'sex establishment' and 'sex article' shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982; 'the Council' means the Council of the London Borough of Islington.
2. In the event of a conflict between these conditions and any special conditions contained in a licence relating to a sex shop, the special conditions shall prevail.
3. The business shall be carried on only in the name, style or title specified in the licence and at the premises mentioned therein.
4. The licensee, whether a partner, company or other corporate or unincorporated body, shall notify the Council in writing, in the form prescribed by the Council, of any change in directors, trustees, partners or other persons concerned in the management of such company, partnership or corporate or unincorporated body, within fourteen days of such change.
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20. The exterior and interior of the premises shall not be altered without the prior consent of the Council.
21. The licence is not transferable by the licensee.
22. The licensee must give written notice to the Council if s/he wishes to surrender the licence.
23. The licensee shall maintain good order and decent behaviour in the licensed premises and shall inform the Police immediately s/he becomes aware of any indecent conduct taking place, or which is said to have taken place, on the premises.
24. The Council reserves the right to amend or alter these conditions without prior consultation with the licensee but will notify the licensee of any alterations.

Reasons

The applicants represented themselves as a reputable and responsible company who the Sub-Committee are confident will run the premises in a proper manner.

(ii) Additional conditions imposed by the Sub-Committee

25. No previews of any 18R classified videos/DVDs to be played in any part of the premises of the shop to which the public have access. ✓
26. The shopfront, including entrance doors and windows displays be retained in their present glazed open aspect and used for display purposes of non-adult merchandise, the "general goods" area to be located on the ground floor of the shop; and the "general goods" and "adult" areas to be clearly defined. ✓
27. That no neon or similar lighting be installed on the premises. ✓
28. The video surveillance system on the premises shall be in operation during opening hours; the video/computer discs retained for a period of 28 days and to be made available to Council Officers, on request. ✓

Reasons

The four additional conditions are to safeguard the concerns of the local residents as expressed in their objection letters and of those objectors who attended the meeting.

134 AMENDMENTS TO STANDARD STREET TRADING LICENCE CONDITIONS (Item B3)

RESOLVED:

That the existing Street Trading Licence Conditions be varied, as set out in Appendix A of the officers report dated 22nd July 2004, so as to bring them in line with current practice.

135 UPDATE OF FARMERS MARKET IN CHAPEL MARKET (Item B4)

The Sub-Committee received an update on the Farmers Market, in light of the decision of the London Farmers Market to close the Chapel Farmers' Market.

The Sub-Committee requested that an update on issues relating to land leased to the Chapel Market Association be reported at the next meeting of the Central Licensing Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the report was noted.

136 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following items as the presence of members of the public and press would result in the disclosure of exempt information within the terms of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in the Constitution for the reasons indicated:

APPENDIX D

LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

JANE ANNIE RIDLEY PHILLIPS
(Deceased)
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 (as amended)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of Jane Annie Ridley Phillips late of William Martin Court 65 Marney Street, Slingsdon and lately of Avoordle Nursing Home, 26 Green Lane West, Woodford Green, Essex who died on the 27th day of October 2006 is required to send written particulars to the undersigned by the 14th November 2007 after which date the Executor will distribute the Estate of the said Deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which he shall then have had notice and will not as respects the property so distributed be liable to any person of whose claim or interest he shall not then have had notice.
Dated this 14th day of November 2006
King Prior & Co., 1 Lord Street, Gravesend Kent DA12 1AW (Ref: NFA/HOME) Solicitors for the Executor

JOAN NANCY FULLER
(Deceased)
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925

any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased late of 70A Highbury New Park London, N5 2DJ who died on 09/10/2006, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 09/02/2007, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.
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123-125 High Street Strood Rochester Kent ME2 4TT
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HARINGEY COUNCIL

THE HARINGEY (20 MPH SPEED LIMIT) (No. *) ORDER 200*

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Haringey, hereinafter called the Council, propose to make the above mentioned Order under sections 6, 84(1) (a) & (2) and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by the Local Government Act 1985 and the Road Traffic Act 1991.
2. The general effect of the Haringey (20 Mph Speed Limit) (No. *) Order 200* would be that no person shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour on Northumberland Park, N17 between its junction with High Road N17 and Willoughby Lane, N17.
3. Copy of the proposed Order and of the Council's statement of reasons for making the Order and a plan showing the location and effect of the Order may be inspected during a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published, during normal office working hours at Highways Infrastructure Group, River Park House, 1st Floor (South), 225 High Road, Wood Green, N22 8HQ.
4. Any person desiring to object to the proposed Orders or make other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to the Traffic and Road Safety, River Park House, 1st Floor

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS ACT 1992 SCHEDULE 3 SEX ESTABLISHMENT NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LICENCE

Take notice that on the 27th day of November 2006 Adult World Limited of 8 Ashill Grove, Sywell, Cambridgeshire, CV3 6HL applied to Slingsdon Council for the grant of a new Licence in respect of lower ground floor, 23 Slingsdon Green, London N1 8DU for use as a Sex Shop in pursuance of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. Objections to the application may be made by giving written notice of the objection to the Head of Public Protection Division, Slingsdon Council, 159 Upper Street, London, N1 1BE within 28 days of the date of the application which is given above. The Council will not reveal the name and addresses of the objectors without their consent.
Dated 27th November 2006
Wilson Barra LLP, Solicitors for the Applicant

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Applicant: Javel Pub Company
Premises: Beddun, 57 - 59 Chatterhouse Street, Smithfields, LONDON EC1M 6HA. The proposed variation is: To extend all licensable activities authorised by the licence to 24 hours each day. Full details of which can be inspected on the application.
The licensing register can be inspected at the address noted below during normal business hours. Any representations by an interested party or responsible authority regarding this application can be made to London Borough of Slingsdon, Technical & Environment Services Dept, Development House, 8a Bostonsy Park, London, N1 1QQ. Website: www.slingsdon.gov.uk. This must be received in writing by 22 December 2006, clearly stating the grounds upon which representation is made relevant to the Licensing Act.
It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5,000.
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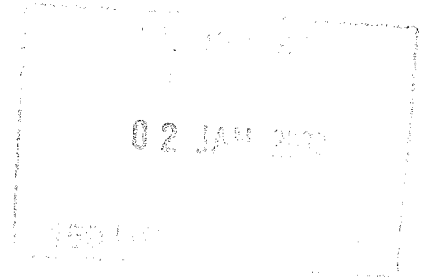


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APPENDIX E

22nd December 2006



CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM TO: Jeff Scott., Trading Standards Team
COPY TO: Councillor Gary Doolan
Councillor Shelley Coupland

Re: Application for a sex shop at 23 Islington Green:

I wish to register my formal objection to this application. The premises in question face directly onto Islington Green, which is a public, family area, and is only two doors away from Tesco Supermarket, which is also frequented by large numbers of children. This is a completely inappropriate location for a sex shop. The main route to the nearest residential area passes directly in front of the premises, so exposure to young people will be inevitable.

I note that the premises were previously a gay 'sex shop'. However, this business was somewhat more discrete, since it sold relatively conventional clothing on the ground floor, and restricted the adult orientated material to the basement, where it could not be seen.

Having looked at the applicant's web site, the present applicant would appear to be far more crude and overt in the nature of what they sell, and granting of permission to this business would in my view represent a significant erosion of standards of decency compared to the previous licensee, and runs the risk of attracting undesirable people to a strongly family-orientated part of Islington. I trust you will refuse the application.

COUNCILLOR M. P. KLUTE
ST. PETER'S WARE

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20 DEC 2006

Head of Public Protection
Islington Council
159 Upper Street
Islington
London
N1 1RE

20 December 2006

Dear Sirs

23 ISLINGTON GREEN : APPLICATION TO OPEN A SEX SHOP

I refer to the above application and would like to file an objection.

The reason for my objection is that the location of this shop is wholly unsuitable for the proposed business. The premises are situated at a very busy junction between Essex Road and Islington Green/Upper Street, with many pedestrians including a high percentage of young children. Furthermore, the new Collins Theatre immediately opposite, which will be opening in the near future, will attract many more people into the immediate vicinity, a large number of which will also be young children.

Furthermore, a shop of this nature is completely out of character with the range of retailers presently operating in the immediate area.

I believe that a sex shop would be far more suited to a more discreet location and would neither be in keeping with the current retail scene nor the significant changes that will inevitably occur when the Collins Theatre opens.

Yours sincerely

C