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7 August 2012

Dear Ms Neale

**ADULT ENTERTAINMENT OUTLET**  
**STRIP CLUB / LAP DANCING CLUB, GABRIEL'S HILL MAIDSTONE**

The Directors of Maidstone Town Centre Management have asked me to, again, register our strong Objection to the latest proposal received to create an adult entertainment outlet in our Town Centre – this time around - in Gabriel's Hill, Maidstone through the latest proposal to create a "Strip Club / Lap Dancing Club" in the former Ethos premises.

When recording our Objection to the proposals to introduce an Adult Entertainment outlet in the former Loder & Payne premises in Bank Street we expressed the belief that such adult entertainment outlet proposal is wholly inappropriate to our Town Centre and we hold grave concerns as to the potential adverse behavioral and anti-social issues likely to be associated with this development. This view remains extant in relation to the further proposal for a like adult venue in Gabriel's Hill.

The Maidstone night-time economy has grown over the past few years into one of the largest such offerings in South East England. Our night-time economy is the envy of many – partly because of the solid mix of restaurant, theatre, club and pub available, but, also because of the secure environment available to many people- of all ages - enjoying what our night – time economy has to offer. The introduction of a strip club / lap dancing clubs adversely impacts this, and in our opinion, the latest proposal for Gabriel's Hill re-affirms our concern that a truly worrying precedent is now being faced for Maidstone.

One can argue about the principle involved, here, in relation to the rights and wrongs of permitting the creation of such an establishment in the Town. Should permission be granted, however, for either of either of the Bank Street or Gabriel's Hill Adult Entertainment outlet proposals lodged with the Borough Council, then, we believe it, effectively, opens the door to similar proposal for all vacant premises in our Town Centre. Our view is quite clear – we believe that an adult entertainment outlet of the

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nature proposed – whether in Bank Street or Gabriel’s Hill -detracts from the Town Centre and, as such, should not be permitted to be established within the Town Centre.

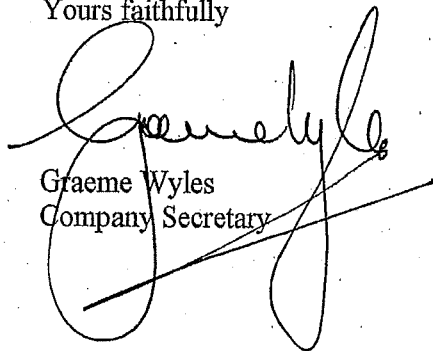
We understand that the Traders in Gabriel’s Hill hold the same view as is being expressed, here.

We believe that the establishment of the adult entertainment venues of the nature proposed detracts from the Town Centre and will drive adverse behavioral and anti - social issues. Moreover, our fear expressed in regard to the precedent being faced is now being proved accurate.

Declining both proposals currently before the Licensing Authority in relation to the establishment of Adult Entertainment outlets in our Town Centre sends a powerful message to all watching the outcome of these Applications.

We strongly urge you to decline permission to the latest proposals received for an Adult Entertainment outlet to be located in Gabriel’s Hill.

Yours faithfully



Graeme Wyles  
Company Secretary

**Stephen Noble**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 August 2012 01:35  
**To:** Licensing (MBC)  
**Subject:** Objection

Dear Senior Licensing Officer

I would like to express my concerns over the number of licensing applications for Sex Establishments being made.

We have one of these already and one is enough! Maidstone is not the town for these establishments as we are very family orientated and a sought after area to live. I fear if any more are permitted in our town we risk our protection of public safety, the prevention of crime and disorder but mostly the protection of children from harm.

It is hard enough trying to explain why the windows of Players Gentlemen's Club are blacked out to a young child (We have to walk past it every time we go into town as I live on Tonbridge road). I do not think these places are appropriate in our area. If we must have these establishments they should at least be out of the way of our town center i.e out of town completely. I have had to deal with living with Players but any more I fear will just make me want to move to a different town where my child will be less exposed.

I also feel it will make our area sleazy and ruin Maidstone's reputation as a great town to live. I am a business women as well as a full time mum and I feel this will affect my client base and the running of my business.

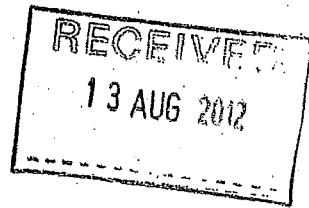
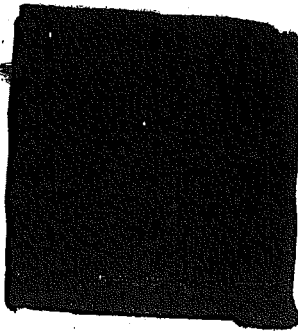
Yours faithfully

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10<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Licencing Department  
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Dear Sir,

**Application for SEV – Premises formerly known as Ethos**

I write to formally object to the grant of a new Sexual entertainment venue licence on the following grounds:

1. The character of the relevant locality,
2. The use of premises in the vicinity which is predominantly, shop/café/family orientated and businesses
3. The fact that there is no need for a further Sexual entertainment venue in the town centre,
4. The location of a Sexual Entertainment Venue at this site would conflict with the council's general policy to encourage the influx of families, creation of a housing/accommodation /residential market within the town centre.
5. The premises are not suitable for the grant of a sexual entertainment venue licence.
6. Such other matters as may come to light as we investigate this application

