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Dear Ms Neale

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT OUTLET
STRIP CLUB / LAP DANCING CLUB, BANK STREET MAIDSTONE

The Directors of Maidstone Town Centre Management have asked me to register the strongest Objection possible to the proposals to create an adult entertainment outlet in Bank Street, Maidstone through the introduction of a "Strip Club / Lap Dancing Club" in the former Loder & Payne premises.

Fundamentally, we believe 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.

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 club adversely impacts this, and in our opinion, creates a worrying precedent 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, then we are concerned that a precedent is created for the Town Centre so that, inevitably, any vacant premises within the Town Centre then become a target for providers of adult entertainment outlets. Our view is quite clear – we believe that an adult entertainment outlet of the nature proposed detracts from the Town Centre and, as such, should not be permitted to be established within the Town Centre.

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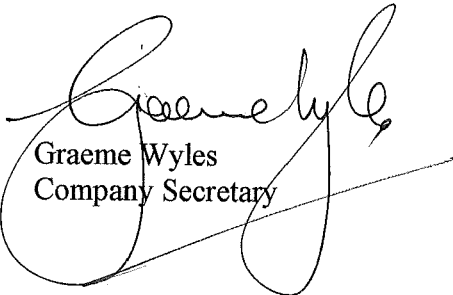
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We understand that all of the traders in Bank Street subscribe to the view being expressed above and I anticipate that you will receive a number of like objections from them.

We believe that the establishment of the adult entertainment venue of the nature proposed detracts from the Town Centre and will drive adverse behavioral and anti - social issues. Moreover, we are concerned as to the worrying precedent created should permission be granted – opening the way for further applications from similar providers.

We strongly urge you to decline permission.

Yours faithfully



Graeme Wyles
Company Secretary