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# Agenda Item 5

### **Nelson, Matthew**

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Sent: 21 October 2013 20:28
To: Nelson, Matthew

**Subject:** Comments for Licensing Application SX/SEV/00016/13/03

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 8:28 PM on 21 Oct 2013 from

### **Application Summary**

**Address:** 149 - 155 The Headrow Leeds LS1 5RB **Proposal:** Sexual Entertainment Venue - Renewal

Case Officer: Mr Matthew Nelson

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#### **Customer Details**

Name:

**Email:** 

Address:



#### **Comments Details**

Commenter

Type: Society

**Stance:** Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

8:28 PM on 21 Oct 2013 Although such places exist legally, there is a groundswell of feeling that establishments where women are treated as sex objects are not wanted in our city - certainly in prominent places where people pass about their daily business. What image do these dives convey to children, one asks? It has been inferred, by a well known local lawyer (it was reported in the press) that if these establishments were not to operate, as they do, then the 'trade' would go underground and the women would be victims of exploitation. The Licensing Committee may wish to consider, as an exercise in moral semantics, the meanings of the following terms: 1. Gentleman - as applied to 'Gentlemen's Clubs' - the 'title' of these places 2. Exploitation - as in an employee paying their employer a not inconsiderate amount of money to undress 3. Underground - as in operators, who pay lawyers vast sums to plead their case, breaking the law in order, if

things don't go their way, to maintain income streams. There can be fewer more pathetic sights than observing males, some with respectable employment in posts of public esteem, fuelled with alcohol and shuffling down grubby streets to creep into such places - emerging in the hours before dawn to crawl home to wives and loved ones. It is worthy of note that none of these establishments seem to exist in the more working class areas of the city centre.