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I am writing to SUPPORT the clubs in the renewal of their licenses.

I am sure you will get a few objectors and these will no doubt not have done their research and quote the Lilith Report which has been withdrawn by Eaves from their website. As a supporter of the clubs I would be happy if you consider the facts from Camden as a recent FoI request from the Stripping the Illusion blog has shown that over a 12 year period the overall rate of rape has fallen and this is compared to Wandsworth where what would have been a SEV closed and the reported statistics for Rape increased over the same 12 year period. This was done taking into account the population growth of both boroughs and was done on a per 1,000 head analysis which is a much better statistical form of research.

While certainly not causal this with the figures from Newquay which also showed a downturn in rape figures after the introduction of a SEV which shows that any claims of links between clubs and sexually violence hold no weight.

The committee should also consider the impact to the employees especially considering that one club had 52 students working there. Imagine the impact on those people studying who are no longer able to fund themselves and therefore will either end up in debt or not finish their course. As the dancers are female this has a tremendous negative impact on equality both of sexes and class. The women who lose a good source of income (as shown by the 2009 research from Leeds University) will have a major shortfall and there are not the jobs out there in the current economy that can offer the income with the flexibility of working hours that these clubs provide.

Leeds is a vibrant city that attracts many parties both young and old with its attractions and nightlife. If the clubs are closed the impact on the night time economy and those businesses that provide services to say stag parties will all lose out as the parties will elect to travel to more enlightened cities and not one living in the 1800s with a puritanical attitude to what people can enjoy.

Finally many people cry out about children and religious buildings but the clubs are not going to impact on either. Their main hours are well after children should be in bed and I have not seen too many religious buildings open when the clubs are. This cry is just a desperate cry from those who cannot find reasoned arguments with empirical data to back those views.

So please consider this e-mail as support for all the clubs and also consider those people who cannot even be bothered to find out the truth but send in views against the clubs quoting defunct reports like Lilith on template letters/emails as they cannot actually think through for themselves.

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