



13/06/2015

Entertainment Licensing,
Civic Hall,
LEEDS,
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Re: Sexual Entertainment Licence application of Silks Gentleman's Club.

As a business owner on Sovereign Place I wish to object the Sexual Entertainment Licence re-application of our neighbour, Silks Gentleman's Club.

We recently took the tenancy of [REDACTED] on the understanding from Network Rail that Silks licence would not be renewed this summer, and there time left in the premises was short.

It is part of our business plan that once Silks stops operating we will open our restaurant during the evening. Whilst Silks is still operating we will only open for lunch during the day.

Sovereign Place is an up and coming area which is now attracting professional office workers from the nearby vicinity. We have just opened, serving fresh and healthy food and a boutique spinning gym has also opened 2 doors down. We both cater for the office crowds.

Silks gentleman's club attracts a different clientele to that of [REDACTED] and Arch 4. In the evening groups of drunk males hang around smoking, men arrive on sports bikes and park them outside, bouncers loiter. During the day the area attracts unsavoury characters. These individuals collect the cigarette butts that litter the ground, and they can be found rooting through the bushes, as well as checking in the drains for dropped change.

In the early evening before Silks opens there have been predatory men lurking outside. Alarmingly one man approached one of my female staff for sexual services, she was alone in the shop at the time and genuinely feared for her safety. It is common knowledge that more than just dances are available at Silks.

Currently the street is covered in rubbish during the weekend - cigarette butts and packets are strewn outside Silks as are empty beer bottles and cans as well as takeaway food rubbish. Myself and Arch 4 both spend time in the mornings cleaning this rubbish up as it makes the street look dirty and uninviting to our customers.

The street is cleaned by private contractors on a Monday – the cost of which to my knowledge is split between all 4 arches – it seems as if the cleaning service is in place primarily to clean up after the weekend at Silks.

I have applied for a street cafe licence and once this is granted I will be responsible for cleaning the area 10 metres in each direction from my shop front. This will include Silks entire frontage. I will be responsible for cleaning this daily – or I risk losing my street café licence.

I feel that Sovereign Street is on the up and Silks Club just doesn't fit in with the new businesses and the regeneration of the area. Additionally it impacts negatively on my business - as opposed to the new spinning gym in the street which complements our business.

It is obviously not ideal that I am objecting to a neighbour's licence application, and I feel uneasy having to do so – however I'm not sure I would not have undertaken the tenancy at [REDACTED] Sovereign Place had I known that this establishment were staying.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Nelson, Matthew

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 June 2015 11:25
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: You have a new Enquiry from Web

Importance: High

Please find below the details of the new enquiry submitted by the public user on the Leeds WebSite :

Name : [REDACTED]
Source : <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/Business/Pages/Entertainment-Licensing-Enforcement.aspx>
Message : Hi can I request some things are put into place re the new licence for Silks Gentleman's Club on Sovereign Place? The surrounding businesses are getting a bit peed off with litter and other stuff. Kind Regards,
[REDACTED]

Thanks
LCC Web Master