

Interested Party Representation (Form IPR1)



Appendix G

Section 1 – Licence application details

Please indicate as appropriate :

- I wish to object to the following application:
 I wish to support the following application:

Applicant name (if known): Illuminati Ventures Limited

Applicant premises name and address: Tantric Blue, 68-72 New Briggate, Leeds LS1 6NU

Section 2 – Your personal details

NB : If you are acting as a representative, please go to Section 3.

Title Mr Mrs Miss Other _____

Surname

First name(s)

Address (incl postcode):

Please note that a full copy of your representation (including your name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will be a public document at any hearing of this matter.

Please refer to our Guidance Note – GN-M Guidance on making representations for further information and alternative options.

Section 3 – Representative details

If you are representing someone else please complete details below

Name of Representative/
Organisation Licensing Authority – Leeds City Council

Full postal address
(incl postcode) Civic Hall, Calverley Street, Leeds LS1 1UR

Please indicate capacity :

- Representative of Residents Association
 Parish Council
 Trade Association
 Ward Councillor
 MP
 Other (please specify) Responsible Authority -
(Licensing Authority)

Section 4 – Representation grounds

The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives:

Please tick relevant box(es)

Prevention of crime and disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prevention of public nuisance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protection of children from harm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public safety	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please select :

I object to the application being granted at all

I object to the application being granted in its current form*

*If you choose this option remember to tell us in the next section what changes you would prefer to see.

The grounds of the representation is based on the following:

The Licensing Authority, as a designated responsible authority for the purpose of the Licensing Act 2003, submit a representation opposing this application.

The representation concerns the proposed name of the premises, 'Tantric Blue', which, in the opinion of the Licensing Authority, will undermine 'the protection of children from harm' and 'the prevention of crime and disorder' licensing objectives.

Whilst 'Tantric' is linked to spiritualism and certain religious practices, for the purpose of a lap dancing venue it takes on another interpretation and associates the premises with sexual practice.

A simple internet search for the words 'tantra'/'tantric' returned the following – 'Any of a comparatively recent class of Hindu or Buddhist religious literature written in Sanskrit and concerned with powerful ritual acts of body, speech, and mind.' (source: <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/Tantric>)

A similar search for the wording – 'tantric sex' returned the following result.

- (1) 'A philosophical 'strand' of tantra yoga, in which worship services take the form of a sexual ritual featuring slow, non-orgasmic intercourse as a prelude to an experience of the divine
- (2) A popularisation of spiritual-sexual technique derived from Indian tantra yoga and linked to the sexual revolution in cultural mores of late 1960s and 1970s
- (3) A term used erroneously for Western religious or spiritual practices in which slow, mindful sexual union-or masturbation-creates a path to the experience of spiritual ecstasy.' (source: <http://medical-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Tantric+Sex>)

Definition of 'blue' returned the following internet search result derivative – 'informal (of a film, joke, or story) having sexual or pornographic content: a blue movie' (source: <http://oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/blue>)

The Licensing Authority is of the opinion that the name of the premises has the potential to cause moral and/or psychological harm to children as well as offence and embarrassment to parents when visiting the city with children. The area in which the premises are located is in close proximity to the Grand Theatre and it is also anticipated that the area will become more frequented by families attracted to events at the new Leeds Arena, with particular note that there is a public car park adjacent to the proposed premises. The premises are also located on a prime bus route out of the city serving outer Leeds districts and beyond.

In addition it could be held that the proposed name is not in accordance with the Leeds City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments, in particular a condition (number 23) of the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence which states- 'any written, visual or auditory advertisement material, posters, signage or window display must not be of a sexually explicit or suggestive nature, will not contain images or text of a sexually explicit, obscene or offensive nature and must be approved by the council in writing.' Consequently, should the premises operate under the business name – 'Tantric Blue' in contravention of SEV licence condition 23 the person being the holder of the licence will be in breach of the condition which can, on summary conviction, attract a fine not exceeding £20,000, thereby undermining the Licensing Act 2003 objective – 'the prevention of crime and disorder.'

You need to complete this box as fully as possible. If you do not the Licensing Authority may not be able to assess the relevance of your representation.

Please attach supporting documents/further pages as necessary – please number all additional pages.

Try to be as specific as possible and give examples, e.g. on 1 February I could hear loud music from the premises between 10pm and 1am. I am concerned that if the premises open until 2am this will cause a nuisance to me and other residents of the street.

Signed: James Kennedy

Date: 4th February 2013