

Pink Papers, The Stables, Lucy Road

Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 2AU

Application for the renewal of an SEV Licence

Objection no.1

5th February 2021

Dear Southend Council

I am writing to object to the application made for a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence by the company trading as 'Pink Papers' formerly known as 'Sunset' at The Stables, Lucy Road, SS1 2AU on grounds of location.

Although it is understood that the application is for a renewal of an existing license it is clear that this is an opportunity to properly revisit the grounds on which it is granted.

This application for a Sexual Entertainment Venue license is inappropriate because the characteristics of the relevant locality and the council policy indicate that it would be inappropriate for any sexual entertainment venue to be located near historic buildings or tourist attractions, nurseries or children's centres, shopping complexes, residential areas or places of worship. All of these are within close proximity to the premises.

In the Southend Council SEV policy section 10.6.1 clearly shows the council's ambition to limit the number of Sex Establishments in Pre-defined localities:

'The Council does not consider any area within the Borough to be an appropriate location for any sex shops, sex entertainment venues, or sex cinemas and sets the following limits with the aim that it should drop downwards to zero in the event that a licence is surrendered, revoked or not renewed.'

It is important, therefore to consider carefully any application for renewal, taking into consideration location and any other relevant factors.

In addition, the location of this venue is part of the proposed Seaway Development site, a scheme which demonstrates the councils drive and ambition to raise the profile of this area and move away from the seedy image of the seafront perpetuated by this type of establishment. This is also a location notorious for crime and anti-social behavior, which can only be perpetuated by this type of venue and the late operating hours. The location is currently covered by the Southend Public Spaces Protection Order and this should be taken into consideration when considering this renewal.

Objection no.2

Hello,

I am emailing regarding 'Pink Papers' at The Stables, Lucy Road, SS1 2AU Sexual Entertainment Venue License. I am a resident of Road and believe the application should not be renewed due to:

- The establishment is at the end of Lucy Road and is in the vicinity of residential properties (Lucy Road and Hartington Road).
- The area has had a high level of reported crimes, and has had high profile stabbings and a rape opposite in the Lucy Road toilets. Although these crimes may be unconnected, the area needs improving and the continuing use of the Sex Establishment does not dissuade anti-social behaviour and crime. The particular area is a high footfall location and Southend Council must do more to make residents and visitors feel safe.
- The Establishment will be opposite the Seaway development scheme, designed to attract tourists and with appeal to a family audience (cinemas, restaurants, bowling) and shops along the front which attract families. The property is at the entrance and a key location of Seaway.
- Another Sex Establishment (The Cornucopia) is within 300ft of this one, which you can hear the music and antisocial behaviour from due to its single glazed windows (listed property).
- It is within an area designated as a Public Spaces Protection Order due to the antisocial behaviour.
- It is 0.2miles from St John's Baptist Church.

Kind Regards,