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# **Blackpool** Council

23 December 2016

To: Councillors G Coleman, Collett and Ryan

The above members are requested to attend the:

# LICENSING PANEL

Tuesday, 17 January 2017 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room B, Town Hall, Blackpool

# AGENDA

#### 1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

To appoint a Chairman for the meeting.

#### 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - LICENSING

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:-

- (1) the type of interest concerned
- (2) the nature of the interest concerned; and
- (3) whether they have or have not sat on a Planning Committee which has previously considered a planning application in respect of a licensed premises which is also subject to consideration for a premises licence as part of the agenda for this meeting.

If any Member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

(Members are asked to also pay particular attention to the guidance sheet on interests supplied with the agenda).

#### 3 PROCEDURE FOR THE MEETING

The Chairman of the Panel will summarise the procedure and announce the equal maximum amount of time for each party to speak for the hearing.

- A. Items 1 and 4 (b) will be undertaken in private session by the Panel and not in the Meeting Room.
- B. Items 2, 3, 4(a) and 4(c) will be recommended to the Panel to be held in public.
- C. The Panel may decide to exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in so doing outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in public. (This includes a party and any person assisting or representing a party)

#### 4 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- LOCO CLUB

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- a. APPLICATION AND REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED. To consider the attached report
- b. DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- Loco Club
- c. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DECISION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE- Loco Club

#### Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

#### Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Manager, Tel: 01253 477157, e-mail lennox.beattie@blackpool.gov.uk

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Report to:	Licensing Panel
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Services
Date of Meeting :	17 January 2017

# **APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – Loco Club**

# 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider an application for a Premises Licence in respect of the Loco Club, Back Ribble Road.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The panel are requested to consider the application and determine whether the granting of this licence would adversely impact on the licensing objectives.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Representations have been received therefore there must be a hearing to determine the application.
- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council?
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved Yes budget?
- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, once an application has been submitted and representations received it must be considered by the Licensing Panel.

#### 4.0 **Background Information**

4.1 On 15 November 2016, the Licensing Service received an application from Patrick Christopher Maher for the grant of a Premises Licence for the Loco Club, Back Ribble Road.

4.2 The application requests a premise licence giving permission for recorded music and the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises as follows:

#### Recorded music

Monday Thursday	11.00 – 19.00
	20.00 – 00.00
Friday – Saturday	11.00 – 19.00
	21.00 - 03.00
Sunday	14.00 – 00.00
Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve	11.00 – 02.00

#### Sale of alcohol

Monday Thursday	11.00 – 18.00
	20.00 – 23.00
Friday – Saturday	11.00 – 18.00
	21.00 – 02.00
Sunday	14.00 – 23.00
Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve	11.00 – 02.00

A copy of the application is attached at Appendix 4a

Representations have been received from Councillor Cain, the local ward Councillor. A copy of the representation is attached at Appendix 4b.

### **Local policy considerations**

None

### **National policy considerations**

- 9.42 The authority's decision should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.
- 9.43 Determination of whether an action or step is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives requires an assessment of what action or step would be suitable to achieve that end. Whilst this does not therefore require a licensing authority to decide that no lesser step will achieve the aim, the authority should aim to consider the potential burden that the condition would impose on the premises licence holder as well as the potential benefit in terms of promotion of the licensing objectives. However, it is imperative that the authority ensures that the factors which form the basis of its determination are limited to consideration of the promotion of the licensing objectives and nothing outside those parameters.

#### 4.4 Observations

This premises also has the benefit of a Club Premises Certificate which has been suspended since 2014 for non-payment of the annual fee. Although Mr Maher is proposing to operate his business as a members' club he is not able to use the existing certificate because he is proposing to operate the club for his own profit (a proprietary club). Only members' clubs which are operated in such a manner that the profits are shared between the members (usually going back into running the club) are allowed a Club Premises Certificate.

4.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

# 4.6 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 4a: Application

Appendix 4b: Representation from Councillor Cain

- 5.0 Legal considerations:
- 5.1 Please see local and national policy in the background information.
- 6.0 Human Resources considerations:
- 6.1 None
- 7.0 Equalities considerations:
- 7.1 None
- 8.0 Financial considerations:
- 8.1 None



Appendix 4a

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# APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

Applicant Name(s):

PATRICK CHRISTOPHER MAHER.

Contact

Licensing Service Blackpool Council Municipal Buildings, PO Box 4 Blackpool, FY1 1NA T: (01253) 47 8572 / 8589 F: (01253) 47 8372

www.blackpool.gov.uk



# Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

# PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

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# SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT IF APPLICABLE

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# (B) OTHER APPLICANTS

Please provide name and registered address of the applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

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# Part 3 - Operating Schedule

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If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

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If 5000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend

N/A.

Please give a general description of the premises (Please see guidance note 1)

The premises are situated in a sectuded area at the back of Ribble Road, Bleekpool.

It is a two steroy building comprising of, a bar accrea, bar lover que, locker room, 9ym, a wet ecrea which includes a sawing jacuszi and showers. Also male female and a disabled tortet.

First Floor, there are rest rooms, therapy rooms, invale & Remaile tolets.

It is a private members club for our 21's only, for which alcohol would be sold for consumption on these licenced premises only.

Alcohol would only be allowed in the bar area or bar lownge for sakety reasons, therefore any member who does not comply with the rules would have their membership knewoked.

Provision of regulated entertainment: If yes please tick a) A performance of a play (if ticking yes, fill in box A) b) An exhibition of a film (if ticking yes, fill in box B) c) An indoor sporting event (if ticking yes, fill in box C) d) Boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D) e) A performance of live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E) Any playing of recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F) g) A performance of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G) h) Entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H) Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box I) Supply of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box J) In all cases complete boxes K, L and M A Performance of a play Will the performance of a play take place indoors, Indoors outdoors or both? Please tick. (Read guidance note 2) Standard timings (read guidance note 6) Outdoors Day Start Finish Both Mon Please give further details here (please read guidance note 3) Tue Wed State any seasonal variations for performing plays (please read guidance note 4) Thurs Fri Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of a play at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 5) Sat Sun

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedule 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

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# Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

# a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (See guidance note 9)

we have regular staff training to make them aware of the four licencing objectives. We will not sell alcohol to any one who we feel is intoxicated and could cause a disturbance. I would also like to say as the AFS, as I already have this position on another premisses (Touchwood Hotal) the box will be closed as I can only be more place at ance.

# b) The prevention of crime and disorder

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Our membership is no in - no membership - no entry, hence only over al's will be able to enter. The sell-ny of alcohole will be in plastic glasses for consuption in the bar area only. The sale of i alcohol will coase half an hour before closing, ine also sell soft drinks, tea, collee & waker.

# c) Public Safety

the fire exits are clearly signed and with introctions for the evacutation process. We will not be how many alcohol promotions our druas policy is Zero tolerance. We will have signs asking partons toloruse quoting we have a computerized logging in system, so we will know who and how many are in out any given time.

# d) The prevention of public nuisance

Noise reduction mousures to address the public nui sance objective. Clear signage will be displayed at the exit asking clastomers to leave quetly. Deliveries to be made at a resonable how as not to abstrate the residents. Peny subside lighting to be positioned in a way not to disturb nearby residents.

# e) The protection of children from harm

under the age of 21 allowed in at any time.

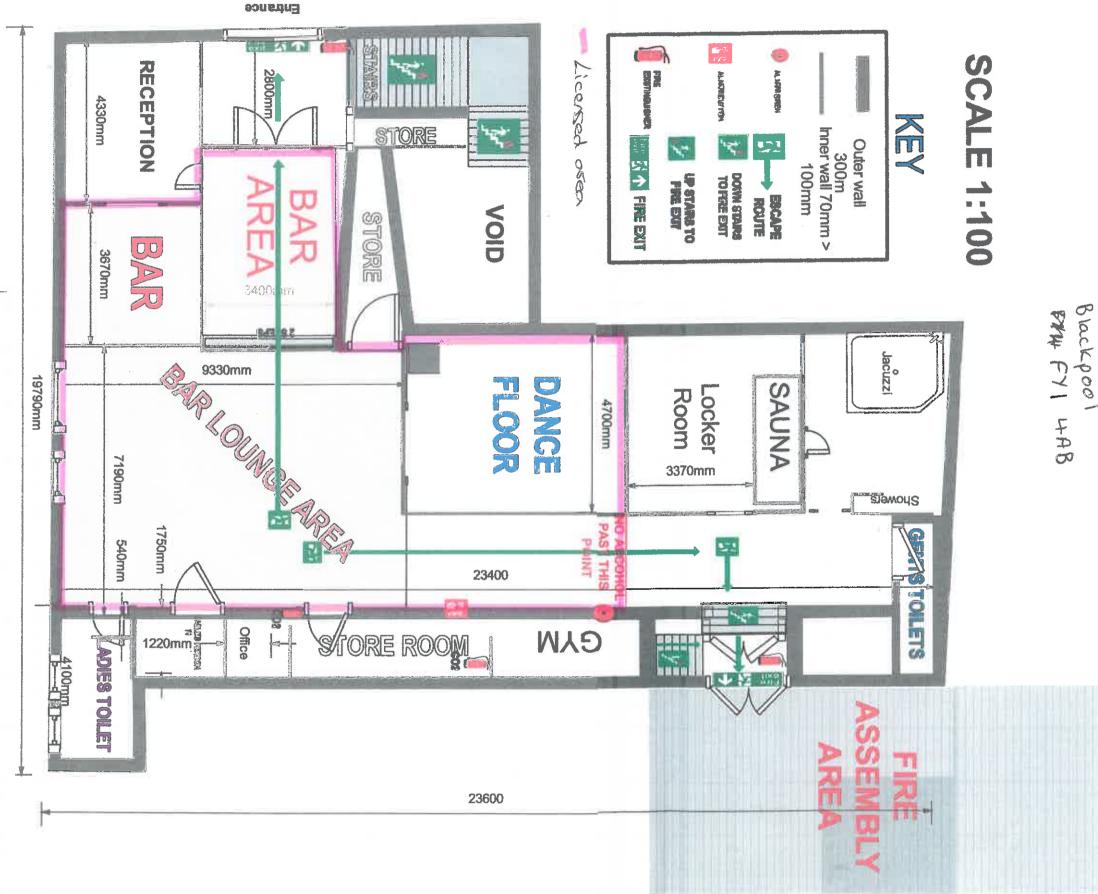
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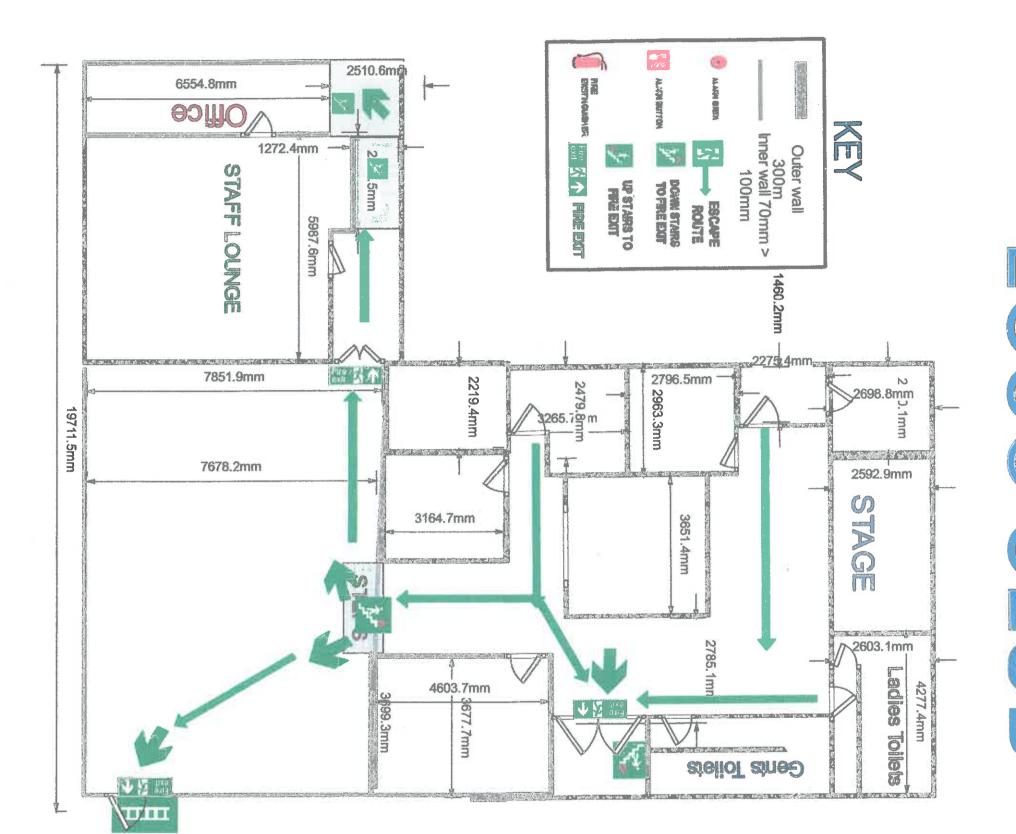
# **Notes for Guidance**

- 1. Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, it's general situation and layout and any other information that could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies you must include a description of where the place is and its proximity to the premises.
- 2. Where taking place in the building or other structure please tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.
- 3. For example state the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
- 4. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
- For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day, e.g. Christmas Eve.
- 6. Please give timings in 24-hour clock format (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
- 7. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises please tick on. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises please tick off. If you wish for people to be able to do both please tick both.
- 8. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi nudity, films of restricted age groups, the presence of gaming machines.
- 9. Please list here the steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
- 10. The application must be signed.
- 11. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
- 12. Where there is more than one applicant, the applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.
- 13. This is the address that we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

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# **Blackpool** Council

# Representation in respect of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate

Applicant Name: Graham Cain, Bloomfield Ward Councillor



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# Section 1 - Premises or Club details

Name & Address of	Loco Connections Club								
	Back Ribble Road								
Premises	Blackpool Post Code				1		4	Α	В
Name of the licence holder of the above premises (if known)									

# Section 2 - Your Details

# A. Details of individual interested party

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# B. Details of other interested parties, such as a body representing residents or businesses

Name of the Bo	elected ward counillor									
First Names (of person representing the body)	GRAHAM		rname representing	CAIN						
	44 Saville Road , Blackpool									
Home										
address										
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			Post Code	F	Υ	1		6	J	R
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Telephone Number		Mobile Number								
E-Mail Address										

Section 3 – Details of the licensing objectives that will be undermined by the application.

This representation relates to the following licensing objective/s

Date that the previous representation was made:

	(Tick as appropriate)	
The Prevention of Crime and Disorder	x	
Public Safety		
The Prevention of Public Nuisance	x	
The Protection of Children from Harm	x	
Section 4 – Information and details of the representation		
Have you made any representations in respect of this premises before?	Yes No	

	Yes
I understand that the Licensing Authority is obliged to give notice of a hearing to	x
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IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

I am Graham Cain and I hold the position of Ward Councillor for the area that this premises is situated, I have held this position since May 2011as such I have an excellent knowledge of the issues facing the community and have good links to individuals and community group.

The community tensions regarding this application have been present for at least 6 months, with speculation of who would be behind the organisation and the type of operation it would become. These tensions have become more pronounced since the submission of this application and whilst the activity that is going to form the main part of this operation is not a licensable activity the issues never the less cause huge concerns for myself and the residents.

My representation will confine itself to the Licensing Objectives with only passing reference to the sexual activity which will form a major part of what the club does.

Before making this representation I have studied the Section 182 Guidance and will be linking my points to the guidance wherever I can.

Having read the application it is clear that the applicant has not considered the pre-existing issues in the locality. Paragraph 8.33 of the guidance sets out the following expectations;

In completing an operating schedule, applicants are expected to have regard to the statement of licensing policy for their area. They must also be aware of the expectations of the licensing authority and the responsible authorities as to the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and to demonstrate knowledge of their local area when describing the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives. Licensing authorities and responsible authorities are expected to publish information about what is meant by the promotion of the licensing objectives and to ensure that applicants can readily access advice about these matters. However, applicants are also expected to undertake their own enquiries about the area in which the premises are situated to inform the content of the application.

8.34 Applicants are, in particular, expected to obtain sufficient information to enable them to demonstrate, when setting out the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives, that they understand:

the layout of the local area and physical environment including crime and disorder hotspots, proximity to residential premises and proximity to areas where children may congregate;

any risk posed to the local area by the applicants' proposed licensable activities; and

any local initiatives (for example, local crime reduction initiatives or voluntary schemes including local taxi-marshalling schemes, street pastors and other schemes) which may help to mitigate potential risks.

8.35 Applicants are expected to include positive proposals in their application on how they will manage any potential risks. Where specific policies apply in the area (for example, a cumulative impact policy), applicants are also expected to demonstrate an understanding of how the policy impacts on their application; any measures they will take to mitigate the impact; and why they consider the application should be an exception to the policy.

### **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

My own assessment of the area is that it has suffered for many years with a street prostitution problem, the Church on the corner of Livingston Road and Palatine Road has been a hot spot for at least the last 2 years with residents calling the police regularly. Associated issues such as drug dealing and the general perception of criminality are also very prevalent.

High profile policing operations, community meetings and even Members of Parliament interest have taken place as recently as 6 months ago to deal with the street prostitution issue. Other local initiatives include:

Signage, extra lighting, high visibility police patrols and the installation of alley gates on Livingston Road and Ribble Road which will form the entry and exit to the premises.

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# **Section 5 Signatures**

Signature of the person making the representation or their solicitor or other duly authorised agent. If signing on the behalf of a person or body representing a person living or carrying on business in the vicinity of the premises, please state in what capacity.

Signature:	Capacity:	Date:		
SCoi_	Ward Councillor	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2016		

#### **Graham Cain Reps Continued**

The operating schedule has only made reference to controls inside the premises without considering the huge issues already taking place on the doorstep. It is both mine and the communities' belief that no steps or measures have even been considered to the likelihood of the following;

- 1. The new club would draw the prostitution back to the Livingston Road
- 2. The club may create a demand for prostitution as the customers are in search of sexual activity.

#### **Prevention Of Public Nuisance**

Because the applicant as failed to take account of the geographical area I also think the public nuisance objection will be undermined, the operator schedule is light on any meaningful detail and only offers signage and no intrusive external lighting.

My own assessment of the likely impact is that the customers for this club will be travelling from all over the Northwest region as Swingers Clubs create their customer base from established social network sites such as FAB SWINGERS. As such the catchment area for customers is likely to be at least regional and if successful could extend to a National level .With all these issues in mind no consideration has been given to the following;

- 1. Customers arriving at an unknown location by car to a premises that has no parking facilities
- 2. The immediate area is residents parking and the impact that could cause is a significant nuisance point.
- 3. The location is hard to find so the likelihood that customers could knock on residential property is also a significant concern
- 4. The arrival and dispersal arrangements have not even been mentioned and I feel revellers leaving the premises intoxicated could cause a huge disturbance in the early hours of the morning.
- 5. The properties in the area are either residential or hotels so this type of premises will be the sole operator late at night and the noise from customers coming and going especially if they have parked some distance away could have a wide spread impact.

#### **Protection of Children From Harm**

There has been no mention about the outside smoking area which will inevitably have to be created, the protection of children from harm is much wider than just preventing entry into these premises it also includes protecting them from moral physiological harm and it is this that I am concerned about. The rumour and speculation about what goes on in this premises will no doubt become a talking point in every house hold in the area with parents finding themselves in an

awkward and embarrassing position. A more likely scenario is that lewd and offensive conversations could be overheard when customers are coming or going or whilst in the outside smoking area, this situation is not based on speculation but came to light after making enquiries with Council Departments who had received a complaint about another swingers clubs smoking area.

The conversation and comments that were overheard caused significant distress to the parents of a young child who lived nearby. Any outside area at the LOCO Club would be literally yards from a residential property and no controls or even an appreciation of the risk has been anticipated by the applicant.

In Summary on behalf of the residents I would ask that the committee rejects the application as no considerations to the likely harm to the Licensing Objectives has been made and the application's operating schedule is short sighted and does not take account of the more serious issues already happening on this club's doorstep.

