

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to request that the licensing team reject the application for permission to open a sex entertainment venue at the Monkey Suit in Exeter. I have many objections to this proposal, the main ones being as follows:

1. We believe that such a venue would lead to a decline of the culture in the surrounding area. Once one sex entertainment venue has opened, it will be much easier for others to follow, resulting in an area of the city which the majority of the public would try to avoid.
2. It is likely to lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour and crime in the city.
3. We would much prefer for Exeter to be known as a safe place for everybody to enjoy rather than somewhere that people visit for sex entertainment.
4. Despite the applicant's claims, we believe this venue would only appeal to a very small percentage of the population and so does not justify the risks involved.
5. Where is the evidence to back up the applicant's claims that people in Exeter want this type of entertainment? Have they consulted all residents about this or just those who already frequent this type of venue? As a long-standing Exeter resident, I have not been asked for my views but just happened across the article on the DevonLive website. This suggests that Bar Dynamics have not consulted widely, probably because they know most people in the city would object.
6. Finally, Bar Dynamics is a company from London. It seems that their main concern is not for the good of our city or the feelings of local people. Instead, we imagine that their main priority is to make money, regardless of the negative impact this will have.

Yours faithfully,



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the recent application submitted by Bar Dynamics Limited for a sex entertainment venue licence at The Monkey Suit in Sidwell Street, Exeter. As a mother of two young daughters who lives in the city, I believe that such a venue would have a negative impact on the community and set a harmful precedent for future development in the area.

I have concerns about the potential impact that this venue could have on the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable members of the community, particularly women and children. Research has shown that such establishments can increase the incidence of crime (including prostitution of vulnerable women) and anti-social behaviour in the surrounding area, and I am concerned about the potential for these issues to affect the safety of my family and other residents.

Furthermore, I am troubled by the message that the opening of such a venue would send to the community. Teenage girls are already struggling with the objectification of women, and while the venue promises both male and female performers, the likely gender balance of punters and performers is very predictable. As a parent, I believe that it is our responsibility to teach our children about healthy relationships and respect for others. I fear that this venue, being sited prominently on one of the main bus thoroughfares of the city, would undermine these important values, and with the Dansci dance studios which lots of young people attend located closely nearby.

Finally, I would like to highlight the fact that Exeter already has an 'exotic dance club' called Eden Lounge at EX4 in Fore Street, which is currently operating on Thursdays through to Saturdays. Given that this existing venue already offers adult entertainment, I fail to see how the opening of another such venue in such close proximity would be in the best interests of the community.

In light of these concerns, I urge the local authorities to reject the application for a sex entertainment venue licence at The Monkey Suit. I believe that such a decision would be in the best interests of the community and would demonstrate a commitment to creating a safe and healthy environment for all residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objections. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

Hello

As a local resident, I strongly object to this application. This license will lead to increased noise and disturbance in Sidwell Street, which has many residents. The proposed opening hours of 9pm to 4am are ridiculous for this location. Residents have a right to a quiet night's sleep, and noise is a proven environmental factor in poor health. Apart from the noise of music from the venue, the noise of drunken revellers pouring onto the street at 4am is not something that the venue can control. How will the additional policing requirements be funded?

I also don't believe that there's any evidence that Exeter needs such a venue, or this type of entertainment.

Yours

