

APPENDIX B – Summary of Responses to Licensing Policy

Area of Policy	Ref	Respondent	Summary of Comments	Consideration/appraisal	Response
General		Individual Respondent	The policy should place more emphasis on the prevention of exploitation and harm to staff.	Comment considered.	The standard conditions attached to the licence would protect staff working in these venues from exploitation and harm. Any application that went before the Licensing Sub-Committee could have further conditions placed on the licence if deemed necessary. Also any premises with a licence would be inspected if any concerns were raised in regards to this issue.
Section 9 and 13	13.2	Individual Respondent	Believes that section 9 could be broader and include recreational areas used mainly by adults	Comment considered.	Section 9 gives a broad selection of areas where a SEV premises would not be licensed. 13.2 also allows other areas of concern to be taken into account when deciding to grant or refuse a licence.
Section 10	10.4	Individual Respondent	All applications should be decided by Licensing Sub-Committee even if relevant objections are not received.	Comment considered.	The legislation only states that a hearing is needed to refuse an application. A hearing is not needed to grant the licence if no relevant objections are received.
Nil Policy		Individual Respondent	Strongly recommend that Cambridge City Council introduce a "nil" policy for Sexual Entertainment Venues	Comments considered.	This was raised in 2011 when the policy was first being considered. At that time, two other

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					<p>local authorities were put forward as examples as ones that had adopted a “nil policy”. These were City of London and London Borough of Hackney. Before both adopted a “nil policy”, an extensive and comprehensive consultation was carried out. The cost of the City of London consultation was stated at costing £30,000. Harrow Council and Haringey Council have both adopted “nil policies” as well. None of the four policies have been reviewed since 2011. Cambridge City Council decided against starting a consultation into adopting a nil policy and adopted the current policy. Cambridge City has only one licensed sex shop and since 2011 no new applications have been received for SEV’s or Sex Shop and Cinema’s. Without undertaking an extensive and expensive</p>
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					<p>consultation, a “nil policy” could not be adopted. Section 9.1 and 9.2 takes into account the location of any application for a licensed premises. Section 13.4 makes reference to not having a nil policy but the policy can be reviewed at any time. Recommendation is to adopt the amended policy without a nil policy. No evidence has been provided that Cambridge City would benefit from or needs a nil policy.</p>
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