

TEMPTATIONS, 6-8 UNION STREET, PLYMOUTH

REPRESENTATIONS FOR HEARING – 13TH NOVEMBER 2012

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

A. HISTORY

1. The business has been in operation for approximately eight and a half years under the present ownership and control. Prior to that time it operated at Keyham Road for about two years.
2. The Manager, [REDACTED] has worked in the business for eight and a half years and has been a part of the management team for the majority of that time – and is currently the manager. She holds a Personal Licence and is the Designated Premises Supervisor under the Licensing Act 2003. Her deputy [REDACTED] has worked in the business formerly as a dancer and as bar staff and as deputy manager since May 2012 for over eight years. Both are, therefore, very familiar with the business and the rules and conditions under which it is run.

When possible all staff (excluding security personnel) are female and there are currently approximately ten to twelve staff employed with between twenty and twenty five contracted dancers.

3. The premises were granted their original Licence under the Licensing Act 1964 specifically as a lap-dancing venue and that has always been the principle business to which the bar and music facilities are ancillary. The premises were from the start fitted out as a lap-dancing venue with stage and private dance booths.
4. The premises are well managed and well run and have never been a source of trouble. The police have no problems with the operation and indeed called upon the management to assist them in relation to the clubs policy for dealing with credit/debit card payments by patrons – which are embodied in the conditions within the application.
5. The conditions and rules have been developed over a long period based on experience and the practicalities of running such a business. They embody the procedures in place which have contributed to the good reputation which the business has within the community and which have ensured it is well run and guarantees the safety and security of its customers and all those working there.
6. The owners of the business are part of a local family who have successfully operated establishments in catering, clubs and hotels and the entertainment industry within Plymouth for approximately fifty years and who enjoy an enviable reputation. They currently operate numerous businesses in the leisure, catering and hospitality sector providing work for hundreds of local people.
7. The owners operate via a separate Company a lap-dancing club in Bristol which has been granted a SEV Licence by Bristol Council with similar and

certainly no more restrictive conditions than those sought within this application. That is well run and causes no problems within its community.

8. The business currently operates normally from 9 p.m. to 3 or 4 a.m. on weekdays and for the same hours on Sundays before Bank Holiday Mondays and the Sunday before Christmas and on Sundays for special bookings for private functions. The average number of Sundays is about eight in any year. The premises closes on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. It is submitted there is no good reason to justify any alteration in these hours or days within the Licensing Objectives or within any other criteria.