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Dr Louise Livesey	"Question:1 Having read the Draft Sex Establishment Licensing Policy, do you have any comments to make:" "I strongly recommend introducing a "nil" policy for Sexual Entertainment Venues, as permitted under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (LGMPA)1982 and amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act (PCA) 2009. The introduction of a nil policy on the granting of SEV licenses is perfectly permissible under the LGMPA (1982), as amended by the PCA (2009). Indeed, the statute specifically contemplates this option. As Philip Kolvin QC, chair of the Institute of Licensing states "the provision gives the authority a high degree of control, even amounting to an embargo, on sex licences or particular types of sex establishment, within particular localities. The width of the discretion is consolidated by the absence of any appeal against a refusal on this ground". The introduction of a nil policy is currently being proposed by the London Boroughs of Hackney and Harringey. In the view of Hackney council SEVs "contradict and undermine its stated aims and exacerbate the challenges it faces in bring about positive, genuinely sustainable characterful and thriving neighbourhoods which support the need and principle of upskilling its population and closing the education gap across its communities." In Harringey, Councillor Nilgun Canver states "This new legislation allows us to stop lap dancing and pole dancing clubs from setting up in sensitive areas where they will cause concern. We consider this would apply to every ward and want this to be central to our policy. We are asking for comments from residents, to see if they support this stance" The reasons for introducing a nil policy are outlined below as factors the Council should take into account in developing policy concerning the number and location of SEVs. GENDER EQUALITY I strongly recommend that you explicitly include "the promotion of gender equality" as a specific objective for Sex Establishment is lecinasing in your licensin
	porn industries. The growth of lap dancing clubs has fed into what OBJECT terms "sex- object "culture - the mainstreaming of the sex and porn industries and the ever increasing
	sexual objectification of women and girls. With lax licensing laws leading to the number of lap dancing clubs doubling over the last five years, and a PR makeover branding lap dancing as glamorous and "harmless fun", we have found ourselves in a situation in which
	major retailers sell pole dancing kits along with pink frilly garters and paper money in their "toys and games section", and leisure centres offer pole dancing lessons to girls as young
	as twelve. This has led to 25% of teenage girls seeing being a lap dancer as their ideal profession. Lap dancing clubs are a part of the sex industry and as such are linked with wider systems of prostitution Research shows that the structural conditions of lap dancing
	clubs, where women compete with one another for private dances, lead to some dancers offering sexual services to survive financially, a climate in which, according to an ex-lap dancer: "No touching, not exposing your genitals, not allowing men to touch you is the exception rather than the rule " Even if a club enforces a no touching rule and there is no
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- premises of the age of each of the performers
- No fee to be charged by any club to a performer for working in the club
- Police to be kept informed of any assaults that take place on staff, whether or not the victim wishes to press charges
- "No smoking areas? to be allowed at the front of clubs to minimise the potential for harrassment of women living, working and passing through the area.
- All smoking areas must be in private areas away from public spaces.
- No advertising allowed in media that is not exclusively aimed at adults this would exclude local family newspapers for example.

These vital conditions would go some way to protecting women working in lap dancing clubs I myself have experienced verbal and threatening and women in the wider community. behaviour from 'patrons' at The Lodge since it's opening (whilst accessing the skating rink car park). This has included harassing comments, lewd jokes and attempts to grab my breasts and bottom. As such I now consider that area to be a 'no-go' zone for me as a woman. I further request that you monitor the impact of the "frequency exemption "which was included within the SEV licensing regime. As you will be aware, this exemption means that establishments hosting lap dancing less than 12 times in a year do not require an SEV licence or even a temporary event notice. We are extremely concerned about this exemption because you will have no powers to prevent these performances from occurring or place any conditions or controls on them. Yet venues hosting lap dancing less than once a month are less likely to have facilities and procedures in place to protect the safety of performers - such as a separate changing room, CCTV and security. The safety of the performers is thus put at risk by this exemption. I therefore ask you to attempt to monitor performances that are staged under the frequency exemption and to convey your experiences of this back to the Government. This is crucial because the power to amend or repeal the frequency exemption was included in the Policing and Crime Act 2009 in recognition of the fact that the frequency exemption could prove problematic for local authorities. I recommend that the policy requires members of licensing subcommittees who wish to sit in hearings of relevance to gender (i.e. SEVs; sex establishments and so on) to have completed up to date basic training in gender equality and equality legislation. I am very concerned about the way in which the licensing of The Lodge has taken place and. moreover, the very limited scope of the consultation which has not specified taking advice from the Oxford Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre, from women's safety organisations or from women's groups more generally. I recommend that, in the absence of legal direction to the contrary, the Licensing Committee maintain a register of interested parties in reference to SEVs, sex establishments and so on, who will be informed by the Licensing Committee when applications are received of potential relevance for gender equality. This will ensure that the Council will be seen to fulfil its obligations to operate in a transparent and accountable manner. While it is true that both men and women have been active in making representations about the negative impact on society of SEVs, it is also true that the majority of those who reflect and take action on the harm of SEVs are women. This could be because the lived experience of sexual objectification, sexual discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual violence in many women?s lives plays a part in the extent to which these issues are given serious consideration and weighed against other interests or values in the context of SEV licensing.

Therefore I request and recommend that:

- The working party of officers and councillors is at least equally gender balanced
- The policy should make reference to good practice in SEV applications being heard by sub-committees that are at least equally gender balanced.

I would also like to point out the cross party support for tackling the growth of lap dancing clubs at a national level and locally. Leader of the opposition, Ed Miliband "We need to think about how our culture treats women more generally. The vital work of organisations such as OBJECT has exposed the ease with which lap dancing clubs have sprung up. In government we took some steps to enforce stricter controls on these establishments, but we were too slow to recognise this problem and act on it. I have already pledged that I want local people to have more power to challenge the licences of these establishments." Home Secretary, Theresa May at the Women's Aid Conference 2010: "It is only when businesses appreciate their responsibility to end the sexualisation of women that some people will stop treating women like objects. And it's only when our communities stand up and say violence against women is unacceptable - that attitudes will really begin to change".

	The Conservative Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy for London (2010 - 2013): 'The proliferation of lap dancing clubs and brothels may further legitimise violence against women and undermine efforts to prevent it We will ensure that the safety issues presented by lap dancing clubs come under local authority and police scrutiny through JEM. The Mayor will work with local authorities to review the implementation of the new licensing regime under the Policing and Crime Act 2009 to ensure that London leads the way in regulating lap dancing clubs as sexual entertainment venues and giving local people the power to object to lap dancing clubs in their area. We will support boroughs in ensuring that the proliferation of lap dancing clubs is controlled. We will also champion any police operations that target lap dancing clubs to investigate any misconduct or criminal activity. I am aware that some lap dancing club operators have threatened to appeal against the rejection of a Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) licence on the grounds that it violates their human rights under the Human Rights Act 1998 and that the two rights they threaten to invoke are the right to freedom of expression and the protection of property. However, it is extremely unlikely that such an appeal would be successful considering that it is within the law for councils to set nil policies. Furthermore, the two rights specified above are qualified, they are not absolute. Philip Kolvin QC, Chairman of the Institute of Licensing, states "Where a rational decision has been taken by the licensing authority in accordance with the principle of the statute, it is most unlikely that the decision will be held to have been a disproportionate interference with human rights". Indeed, before the Policing and Crime Bill became law - enabling local authorities to licence lap dancing clubs as Sexual Entertainment Venues under the LGMPA - the Minister of the Crown in charge of the Bill made a written statement that the new law, including the provision to set
Dr Kate	"I oppose this policy since there is increasing evidence of the link between sex
Mckenzie	establishments, prostitution and violence against women."
Mary Locke Michele Paule	I feel that this is totally wrong for Oxford. It is not correct Oxford is a place where people live work there are many young there at university also. Having Oxford become the like soho or Amsterdam is tacky and wrong. I am totally against this I also feel it will have a detrimental affect to tourism and the standing the city has. We should not be considering any such establishments. They are exploitative and contribute to a hostile envorinment for all women living and working in the city. Permitting them sends
	out a message that the council and citizens find this unobjectionable - as a long-term resident and employee within the city I object to them in the strongest terms
Sarah Wild	"3.2 c In this parait says that the council will not exceed the number that the council consider appropriate for that area. But no mention is made of what 'number' is considered appropriate. In the Cowley Road there are too many 'sex' premises even though in 9.4 it states that consideration will be given to not putting sex places near schools, play areas, residential areas, places of worship, shopping complexes. Do not put any more sex venues in East Oxford."
(Name removed)	"All such establishments promote the sexual exploitation of women, and their treatment in a less than human way. A city of Oxford's standing should ensure that it has no such extablishments, and if it rejects that as a moral position, any such establishment allowed should be well away from shops, houses, scholls and entertaiment centres, perhaps on an industrial estate and not on the Cowley Road or City centre, where all three are plentiful."
Susan mary Bennett	I am writing to support sections 8 c and 8d of the policy which seeks to limit the number of sex establishments and to take account of the nature of the local area when a licence is applied for.
(Name	"We represent the holder of an existing SEV, The Lodge on Oxpens Road. Our clients feel
removed)	that the policy as currently expressed is fair and reasonable on the basis that it currently does not seek to set a quota for the number of SEV licences within a particular locality and that each application should be judged on its own merits."
Athene Reiss	"Oxford City should be characterised as a relevant locality on the basis of the number of historic buildings, schools, shopping centres, residential areas and places of worship. Sex clubs in particular should be banned from the City. At the moment we have the distressing sight near the train station (and en route between the centre and a significant family

	residential area) of a billboard advertising a so-called gentleman's club next to one for a children's theatrical event. This encourages children to look up and see first the child-friendly sign and then across to the adult-themed sign. This teaches children some very undesirable messages about the role of women in their world. Please stop these clubs from opening, and certainly from advertising."
Susan Tanner	"I believe that sexual entertainment licences should not be granted for any premises in Oxford. The form of entertainment which these establishments provide is not conducive to the public good and is likely to lead to violence against women, not only in the immediate area but elsewhere."
Sushila Dhall	"I would recommend the City adopt a policy which would enable it to refuse applications wherever possible. Sex entertainment generally means women being exploited and treated as objects for the pleasure of men. Amongst sex workers there is a very high level of acute poverty and need, even desperation, which is exploited by sex entertainment venues. The sorts of men who are willing to attend such establishments are the sorts of men we would not wish to have drunk and generally sexually aroused on the streets of Oxford after the venues close. I would recommend we set a 'zero cap' for Oxford, and give ourselves the means to protect Oxford's citizens and visitors from sex entertainment establishments."
Ann Furtado	"I believe that the city of Oxford as a whole is an inappropriate locality for sex entertainment venues. Oxford is a small city, and there is no part of central Oxford which does not include residential clusters and related amenities such as schools, children's play areas, places of worship, etc. In addition, all areas of central Oxford, and other high-traffic areas where sex entertainment venues would be likely to seek to establish in order to be commercially viable (such as East Oxford), all contain shopping complexes, and an established night time economy where it would be unsuitable to include sex entertainment venues. This is particularly clearly the case when taking into account the frequency with which women report increased sexual harassment in the areas around sex entertainment venues. Regardless of how well managed individual establishments are, the conditions of work in all sex entertainment venues are exploitative and unacceptable, by their very nature as sex entertainment venues. There should be a complete ban on these establishments, there is no such thing as an acceptable sex establishment. Young women are lured into prostitution and the normalising of these establishments by allowing them to trade further degrades the status of women and of sex as something that is 'an entertaiment' instead of something to be shared between men and women as part of a private relationship."
(Name removed)	"I would like to affirm that I understand there are no Sexual Entertainment Venues in Cambridge, where the local population similarly includes a high number of women students. I would like to apply this zero tolerance policy to Oxford as well. My belief is that SEVs provide a context where women's rights are not protected and where they are held in disrespect. I also believe that the risk of violence towards women is higher when women's bodies are sold as such a commodity."
margaret ferriman	"Only to reaffirm that I consider that such activities are to be deprecated and to suggest that if Oxford City Council were to ban them within its boundaries, it could be a start to similar banning in other council areas, so not only being helpful locally but eventually nationally."
Julia Drown	"As a local resident of Oxford and a mother of two young children I would urge councillors to rule out all sex establishments - and certainly all new sex establishments - in the City because of the damage that they would cause to the City's reputation, crime and disorder and affect on young people. The City centre is relatively densely populated. It is known virtually worldwide for its historic buildings and tourist attractions which do not fit well with sex establishments. The economic benefits to the City of tourism are huge and should not be put at risk by the approval of any sex establishments. The City also has many facilities which are used by families - the museums alone are a fantastic resource for families, students and schools. Sex establishments close to any of these areas, or indeed close to any of the shopping areas would detract greatly from these family facilities and be economically disastrous for these areas. We have more than a normal number of students in the City, not only University students some of whom are as young as 17 but also many younger students at English language schools. Sex establishments are inappropriate near the areas young students are using. In all these areas and near places of religious worship all applications should be refused because a licence in these circumstances would greatly change the character of the area - I certainly wouldn't want children to be near these sex establishments. I would expect the impact on crime and disorder and certainly on the feeling of safety of women in these areas to be greatly disadvantaged if sex establishments

	were approved. I'd support the approach for no sex establishments across the City. The current club at the Old Coven feels inappropriately located opposite a further education college which caters for students as young as 14 and with a nursery for very young children on this college site and next door to an ice rink which is used by families. I'd urge councillors to respect the great heritage we enjoy in Oxford and not put our worldwide reputation as a great City at risk by approving sex establishments."
(Name removed)	"I am aware that the establishment The Lodge has been advertised outside the Train Station. I object to this being the first thing that people see when they walk into Oxford and I feel this will impact on the 'Oxford brand' adversely, I also wonder if the implications, nationally and internationally, have been thought through of sending these kind of messages about what visiting Oxford stands for. It may open a market which will deter potential visitors. The establishment the Lodge has opened near to the ice rink and to residential housing. Many young people frequent the ice rink at all hours. It does seem there is a provision in the act to protect areas which have residential housing/children near to them and I do not understand why this power has not been invoked. All the areas outlined covered by this policy have residential housing nearby. Could this be a potential lever in achieving a blanket policy? It seems from the information sent out that the very weak policy suggested is the result of a perception that to do otherwise would compromise the City legally. I feel more needs to be done to look at possibilities. In my opinion the idea that the comodifying of women can be achieved safely, as some of the press coverage seems to suggest, is naiive in the extreme. It is a mixed message to men, women, and children to suggest to women they should exersise caution at night and at the same time open a lapdancing club in the vicinity of a well loved venue for teenagers. I believe the only responsible stance is to find appropriate legal support to keep Oxford from becomming a home for those entrepreneurs who cannot find a safer and more healthy outlet for their business urges and sexuality. I also think this is a completely different debate from that surrounding the legalising of prostitution and the two debates should not be confused. We go to a lot of trouble to keep our areas clean, safe and family friendly. It is disheartening that it appears the law may not support the daily efforts of local people."
Sue Ledwith	"I believe that sexual entertainment such as lap and pole dancing are demeaning both to women and to men, and can also constitute a threat to the public, especially women's safety. I do not believe that places where such practices [or so-called entertainment] are carried out should be licensed in Oxford, and call on the City Council to phase out existing venues and to not issue any further licences. The Lodge/Coven in Oxpens Road is one such venue and I object to it being given a licence; it is in a residential area, and specifically is very close to the Ice Rink in Oxpens Road which itself is open late and where many young people/children are regular attenders. I understand too that there is a large advertisement for this venue at Oxford's train station. This is quite inappropriate to the city and its culture."
(Name removed)	"The establishment of any business related to the sex industry needs careful regulation. Allowing lap dancing or pole dancing clubs into Oxford represents not only an acknowledgement of demeaning women to simply sexual beings but also invites related issues surrounding danger to women, exposure to children and so forth. As a city that thrives on its reputation as being a centre of learning and excellence, we should encourage this not the establishment of sex related business, such as pole dancing."
Ashleigh Griffin	"Having read the Draft Sex Establishment Licensing Policy I would like to urge the council to think again before adopting this policy. I moved to Oxford two years ago from an area in another city where sex industry establishments had proliferated and the effect of this was to entirely degrade the area both in terms of general quality of the living environment and, consequently, the commercial success of surrounding shops and businesses. I had to walk past lap dancing bars with my young daughter every day and answer her questions about the posters in the window. At a more fundamental level, every council should do whatever it can to prevent the growth of the sex industry, which by its very nature is exploitative and degrading to women. I would like to live in a civilised town that took a stand against the prevailing casual attitude to the practise of making money from naked women. The evidence that these places result in a rise of violent crime and crimes of a sexual nature against women is equivocal as far as I am aware but the effects of the rise of the sex industry on our communities and especially on our young people is far more pervasive and unquantifiable."
Kate Clayton- Hathway	"As a long-time Oxford resident, I'm saddened that I even need to respond to such a consultation. As a city which is world-reknowned for education and learning we should not allow sex clubs of any description within its centre. The millions of visitors every year, who

	visit because of our world-wide reputation will no doubt be shocked at anything so seedy on view. If such clubs are opened in a location away from the centre (I'm sure the colleges won't want to be sullied by them), we then create a 'ghetto', ie, an area known for going to a lapdancing club. I think this can then create a no-go area for women (but also couples and families) who should be free to walk around Oxford without passing queues of drunken men waiting to pay for women to touch them. I also feel that lapdancing clubs are degrading to the women who work in them, and can leave them vulnerable to customers, especially where there's drink involved. What guarantees have the council saught about the safety of the women employed there? Finally, I think the location of the Thirst Lodge is completely unacceptable: right next to an ice-skating rink which is a venue for families and young people. And opposite a college: why should the young women who attend OCVC working for a better future have to look out at a sex club whilst they study? The council should be ashamed of themselves."
jane darke	"Yes: please add 'Leisure establishments likely to be used by children and young people', and 'colleges used by young people under 18' to the categories of premises whose proximity to a proposed sex establishement may be grounds for refusal."
(Name	I feel strongly as a local resident that lap dancing establishments would be undesirable and
removed)	harmful to our community and bad for the reputation of the city.
(Name removed)	"The Gentlemans Club in Thames street is opposite a college which pupils from the age of 14 upwards attend, on the way to the ice rink which lots of kids attend, and near a nursery and Church and residential housing. However I should imagine the same applies to pretty much any location in the city and understand that the Council could introduce a nil policy - from Guardian - 'Since April this year there had been a fightback from councils after new legislation re-classified the clubs as 'sex entertainment venues '. Around 11 councils have brought in a 'nil policy' - saying sex entertainment venues are unsuitable in their borough; others have brought in restrictions on numbers. In 'nil policy' areas with existing clubs, owners will have to apply for new licenses that are unlikely to be granted - effectively closing them down. Eight clubs in North Tyneside may close after the policy comes into force in February, while in Tower Hamlets councillors are awaiting the results of a public consultation that could determine the future of their 11 clubs. I also suggest all councillors read 'Stripped: The Bare Reality of Lap Dancing by ex lap top dancer Jennifer Hayashi Danns, with Leveque Sandrine' Some quotes below from an interview with author 'It's like an abusive relationship where you get worn down slowly – your morality gets worn down, your self esteem gets worn down. But you are there because you have put yourself there. That's what can be damaging. ' I became a commodity. 'In my personal life if men said to me, 'I'm really into black girls,' I would think, 'what an arsehole,' because they are treating you as a species and as though all black women are identical. But in a lapdancing club it's almost inevitable - you are reduced to your component parts. 'Her confident relationship with her body crumbled too. Nine months into her lap-dancing career, Danns had a breast enlargement. Danns says the emphasis was always on women's submission and anything that marked her as an equal, from education to age, would
Stuart West	"I object to Lap-Dancing clubs in Oxford on the grounds of: (a) impact on women's safety, both local residents of all ages and the female student population; (b) the importance of
Robbio	Oxford's image to its tourist and University industries."
Bobbie Nichols	"As a regular visitor to Oxford I am extremely concerned about the licensing of a lap-dancing club in Oxpens. Firstly, and most importantly, these establishments demean both the women who work there and the clients who frequent them. They perpetuate the belief that women's only role is to titillate and serve men. It may be argued that nobody forces women to work there (this may not be true in some cases), but in these straitened economic times young women may be forced to take up such employment as there is little else available. Secondly, the location of the club next to the ice rink and opposite the FE college, both of

	which are used mostly by young people is unsatisfactory. Thirdly, there is anecdotal evidence that local residents are extremely unhappy about the location of this club in close proximity to their houses because of noise and increased traffic (taxis waiting for hire etc.). For all these reasons, I recommend that you do not renew the license of this club when it expires and you do not issue any more licenses to sex establishments in the City of Oxford."
(Name removed)	"We should not have any sex entertainment venues in the City. Men who come out of them in a state of sexual arousal are more likely to commit offences such as rape and domestic violence. We should certainly not allow them near places where young people go, such a near the ice-rink: large numbers of youngsters come out of that in the early hours of the morning, such as the junior ice-hockey teams, of which there are several."
Diana Tickell	I consider it very important NOT to issue Sex Establishment licences for Lap Dancing. This is a dangerous occupation for the girls employed and very bad for the reputation of this city. This is an exploitative area and not one to have. Young people should be able to live here un threatened and should find employment in a safe environment. We want to be proud of our city - not ashamed of it.
(Name removed)	I think that Oxford's historical reputation will be damaged by allowing sex establishments to open in the city. It cannot improve our tourist/acedemic economy if we become an unsafe destination for students and young people
Eileen Pirie	"I feel very strongly that with our young population of students and our diverse ethnic population we should not allow sex advertising and activity to spoil the attraction of Oxford as a wholesome and attractive place for all of us to live and work, by allowing lap-dancing etc clubs to advertise their sites or their activities. In fact, I do not think we should allow them to exist at all in our city."
(Name removed)	"Firstly, taking into consideration the historic character of the city centre and the huge focus on education for men and women in the city, it seems a reasonable ground not to have sex establishments in the city centre, since there are both universities and schools in the city centre which may be in close proximity. Secondly, activities within an establishment are obviously licensed, but may well create an increase in danger, for women especially, in a locality where attitudes towards women are fuelled by the entertainment offered in sex establishments."

From: Rosemary Napper

Posted At: 22 December 2011 09:00 Posted To: licensing@oxford.gov.uk

Conversation: comments Subject: comments

I've lived a few doors down from the long-established 'private' shop on the Cowley Road - and for a long time this was the only such venue.

This shop almost backs on to Alhambra Lane, which is my major way in and out of my house - you might imagine what lurks at times......

The proliferation of such venues is both sad and also horrific - especially as there seems to be an increase in sex crime in Oxford - suggesting a correlation.

One attack I am aware of some years ago was a block or so away from this sex shop and even nearer one of the others that has been opened

This beautiful city is for living in - not for exploitation.

Please stop licencing such venues and shops Rosemary Napper

Rosemary Napper TSTA

From: E S Leckie

Posted At: 27 January 2012 11:23 Posted To: licensing@oxford.gov.uk

Conversation: lapdancing and other sexual entertainment venues Subject: lapdancing and other sexual entertainment venues

Dear Madam/Sir.

Please prevent the establishment of lapdancing clubs and other sexual entertainment venues in Oxford. These clubs demean women and treat them as sex objects. This objectification of women spreads into everyday life so that women are increasingly disrepected, denied genuine equality of opportunity and treated as less than human. The presence of such clubs would be a threat to women's safety and a blot on the standing of a great city.

yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Leckie

From: Tina Everett

Posted At: 25 January 2012 10:56 Posted To: licensing@oxford.gov.uk

Conversation: Lap dancing/sex establishments licencing in Oxford Subject: Lap dancing/sex establishments licencing in Oxford

I would like to express my disturbance at the licensing of lap dancing establishments in Oxford Sexual entertainment such as lap and pole dancing are demeaning both to women and to men and compromise the safety of young and vulnerable people.

I would support a policy against the establishment of these places

Regards

Tina Everett

From: nicky cooney

Posted At: 27 December 2011 12:21

Conversation: ZERO CAP ON SEX "ENTERTAINMENT" VENUES IN OXFORD

Posted To: SEX ESTABLISHMENTS

Subject: ZERO CAP ON SEX "ENTERTAINMENT" VENUES IN OXFORD

FAO Oxford City Council Licensing Committee

Dear Licensing Committee

Please do take this opportunity to review the licensing criteria to apply a zero cap on the number of sex "entertainment" venues in the city.

Oxford is not an appropriate place for any sex entertainment venues - we already have too many. These places attract the worst types in society and encourage the continuing degradation of women generally and specifically the women they employ.

Yours faithfully Nicky Cooney From: MAGGIE LLOYD

Posted At: 22 December 2011 17:15

Conversation: sex establishment licensing consultation

Posted To: SEX ESTABLISHMENTS

Subject: sex establishment licensing consultation

As someone both living and working in Oxford, and more especially in the Cowley Road area, may I plead for an end to the licensing of sex establishments, be they sex shops or lap dancing clubs?

The recent series of sexual attacks on young women in this area only adds to the sense that Oxford is not a safe place for any woman, old or young, to be on the streets alone. Please make sure that the city council is combatting and not contributing to the problem.

Enough is enough. Maggie Lloyd Licensing Authority

(Sex shops hapdancing)

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Lead Sir Madam,

I have worked with sexual Abuseys and The Sexually Abused; the first at a Bail Hostel working for Oxford Probation Service, the latter at the psychiatrict Unite. Also, for twenty years I was a full-time Carer for a man who had suffered all his life because of Childhood Sexual Abuse - he was often suicidal and had to spend alot of time at Littlemore Hospital because, this. I have spoken and worked with Alouseus - some who abused childrent, others who roped, and abused both men and women as well as flortning and exposing their genitals in public, and offensive telephone calls of a sexual native.

Research has shown that pornography in magazines and films "feed" sexual abusers, and help to make their sexual fantasies stronger, and also have often been the source of them beginning to abuse in the first place! haptop dancing etc., has a much stronger affect on this type of offender too.

I therefore urge you to ban completely sex-shops and chibs which have anything similiar to | and lapdancing clobs. Hone of these places are just harmless for nor only titilating. Now are they in anyway necessary to anyone so why do we have them anyway?! (Sadly most of their materials can be bought on Websites anyway)

So four as howist attractions, schools, churches and shops are concerned, then the Cowley Road from the plain to the police-station tick all the boxes where it is suggested there establishments (such as sex shops) are adused not to be allowed. Also East Oxford is one of the largest and densty populated in the city yet here we have two Sex Shops (one of which sometimes advertiges it's wares on a bill-board outside on the parement! Yes they do also have a notice on their doors saying Adults only", and that some people may find that what they have inside may offend and are of a sexual nature But this only makes young adults even more altractice, Infact it seems that any type of Steezy material and such shops, are always dumped in Cowley Road, yet we have more vunevable young adults (teenagers!) here than anywhere else in the city! ie young students. (Cont. Ind Page

I therefore urge you to not only refuse hierang of any such. establishments, but also closure of the two sex shops in Cowley Roads,

We over the past year have had three sexual Alorser in this area - rope, as well as other sexual arounts (such as flashing) of which are not always reported) in East Oxford and I am sure

that the two Sex-shops have played a part inthese!

Because of "the cuts" we are short of police, they do not have the time to impect these shops as to exactly what they are selling. Children have been able to buy alcotrol and Cigawettes I am therefore also sure that they could gain across to the sex shops? exposing them to all sorts of sexual porrursions which can have a Strong effect on innovent minds. (Sexual Abuseus short faintiging from as young as 9 ywold) It is irresponsible of the City Council to even allow or think of these places in owcity! No matter how isolated a place you allow them to trade in they will be stought out and used Sady, to perfect and feed sexual preditors.
Please run them out of city completely!

yours truly, (in haste as I do not own a computer!)
and it is chinkmas time!

(tamela Webber

PS East Oxford may not be a tourist attraction, but there are hundreds of oversear shidents him here and I am arhamed of what mose memories of East Oxford they may take back home with them when they finish their studies here (I doubt people in North Oxford have such concerns!?) East Oxford has become a dumping ground for all that is negative in Oxford. PPS It has been said, that ponography and sex toys help 'shuggling marriages etc. If this is true, All of such items can be bought seen via the Internet in privately - Here are no needs for shops to sell them!

PPS The Council should put up public notices about such consultations, and not rely on The Oxford Mail Wauspaper which not everyone reads, nor on computers which not everyone owns! Also its not really acceptable around Christman time to ask for comments - people are busy-but is that the reason for the

Response to Consultation on Sex Establishment Licensing Policy

Name: Clare Cochrane

Address:

Date: 19 December 2011

FAO: Licensing committee, Oxford City Council

To whom it may concern,

I am writing with regard to the consultation on Oxford City Council's Sex Establishment Licensing Policy, to urge that Oxford City Council take this opportunity to adopt a 'nil policy' on the licensing of sex establishments and cap the number of sex establishments in Oxford at zero.

It is entirely legitimate and appropriate for Oxford City Council to set a cap of zero on sex entertainment venues in the city. Section 9 (page 7) of the consultation clearly states that 'nil may be the appropriate number' which the council can set as the upper limit for the number of types of sex establishments in any given 'locality'. Further, paragraph 9.2 (page 7) clarifies that 'Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act does not define ?elevant localityfurther than to say that' it is 'the locality where [the establishment/s] are listed' (paragraph 9.2(a)) or 'any locality where it is desired to use [a sex establishment vehicle or stall] as a sex establishment'.

My reasons for proposing this 'nil cap' on the number of sex establishments in Oxford are as laid out in the grounds for refusal of a licence in Section 8.2, page 6, of the consultation document.

Relevant Locality

Paragraph 8.3(d)(i) states that it could be inappropriate to grant a licence with regard 'the character of the relevant locality'.

I believe that the city of Oxford as a whole is an inappropriate locality for sex entertainment venues - as Bob Price, Leader of Oxford City Council, made clear in June 2010 on the occasion of the adoption by the Council of new powers to regulate sex establishments, when he called such establishments ?ubious and exploitativeand said ?e?e not in the business of creating a mini Soho in Oxford. We have better things to offer.(Oxford Mail 8 June 2010, available at http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/8208235.City to crack down on lapdancing).

Oxford is a historic city, with many dignified and aesthetically and architecturally valuable buildings. The tourist attractions on offer in Oxford are predominantly historic buildings and academic institutions of Oxford University's architecturally significant colleges, but also include a number of nationally-acclaimed and highly valued museums and art galleries. Oxford's night time economy complements this, with restaurants and hotels in the city sympathetically developed in historic buildings, and attracting people of all ages to the city centre for theatre and similar evening entertainment. Sex establishment venues which will attract stag parties and groups of loud men into the area at night do not 'fit' with the nature of Oxford's historic architecture and say and evening culture, nor with the nature of Oxford's existing tourist attractions.

Oxford is a small city, and there is no part of central Oxford which does not include residential clusters and related amenities such as schools, children's play areas, places of worship, etc. In addition, all areas of central Oxford, and other high-traffic areas where sex entertainment venues would be likely to seek to establish in order to be commercially viable (such as East Oxford), all contain shopping complexes, and an established night time economy where it would be unsuitable to include sex entertainment venues. This is particularly clearly the case when taking into account the frequency with which women report increased sexual harassment in the areas around sex entertainment venues – as evidenced by crime statistics from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

(available at: http://coventrywomensvoices.files.wordpress.com/2011/12/police-rpt-vaw-control-areas-nov111.doc) which showed that in a two year period to 2011 sexual and violent crime in Bristol increased by 82% within a 50 metre radius of Sex Entertainment Venues compared to 45% in the rest of the city centre area.

Character or condition of the premises

Paragraph 8.2(d)(iii) states that it could be inappropriate to grant a licence with regard to the 'character or condition of the premises'.

Regardless of how well managed individual establishments are, the conditions of work in all sex entertainment venues are exploitative and unacceptable, by their very nature as sex entertainment venues.

Working conditions - gender inequality

In the study *Stripclubs according to Strippers: Exposing Workplace Sexual Violence* by Kelly Holsopple (1999) (available at http://www.object.org.uk/files/Strip club study%20Holsopple.pdf), the author cites numerous previous studies analysing the inequality of the working environment in sex entertainment venues, pointing out that they are, "environments where men exercise their social, sexual, and economic authority over women who are dependent on them,and are ?rganized according to gender inequality, which is perpetuated by gendered spaces and consequently sexualized. The typical stripclub scenario displays young, nude or partially nude women for fully clothed male customers When organizations are produced in the context of the structural relations of domination, control, and violence, they reproduce those relations. The institutionalisation of gender inequality in the workplace is inappropriate and unacceptable in the UK in the early 21st century. A report following a year-long investigation by the Scottish Executive Adult Entertainment Working Group in 2006 (available at

http://www.object.org.uk/files/Scottish%20Executive%20Working%20Group%202006.pdf) also found: "The Group noted a view that Adult Entertainment activities represent a commodification of sexuality and intimacy, and sexualise male dominance and the denigration of women."

The report also noted: "The fact that there is a demand for sexually exploitative activities does not make these activities legitimate: for example there is also a demand for child pornography."

Working conditions - employment

The Scottish Executive report also found that women working in sex entertainment venues such as lapdancing clubs are usually self-employed and therefore are in precarious employment, have few employment rights and little job security. The group were concerned that the financial implications of such insecurity could lead to women working in such conditions to go on to provide sexual services to enhance their income.

Physical abuse

The Holsopple study (see above) also documents experiences of physical abuse by women working in sex establishments in the USA (see table, page 8), and demonstrates that women working in sex entertainment venues face a higher risk of sexual assault while at work than women in other occupations. These actions were illegal, but in the context of a workplace in which violence inherent in unequal gender relations is institutionalised, sadly inevitable.

In Stripping: the bare reality of lapdancing (Jennifer Hayashi Danns and Sandrine Leveque, 2011) workers in sex entertainment venues in the UK describe "ruthless competition with women resorting to masturbating for the customers or ignoring no-touching rules to earn enough to pay the fees. Others tell of security staff and managers turning a blind eye to men groping, insulting or even threatening the women" (from interview with Danns, The Guardian, 10 November 2011, available at: http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2011/nov/10/truth-lap-dancer-clubs).

Mental health

In recent years there has been increased interest in the testimony of women working in sex

entertainment venues. Research undertaken by former dancer Jennifer Hayashi Danns for her book *Stripped: the bare reality of lapdancing* (with Sandrine Leveque, 2011) documents the detrimental effects of working in sex entertainment venues on the mental health of the women who work there: "The men can say yes or no, and one of the extraordinary things is they will list the reasons why. So, they will go: 'No, your tits aren't big enough.' It's like an abusive relationship where you get worn down slowly your morality gets worn down, your self esteem gets worn down.(Interview in The Guardian, 10 November 2011).

I hope you will take note of this research, and take this opportunity to set an upper limit of zero on the number of sex entertainment venues in Oxford.

Yours faithfully,

Clare Cochrane

Oxford & District Labour Party Women's Group





Peter Sloman Chief Executive Oxford City Council Town Hall St Aldates Oxford.

18th November 2011.

PETITION AGAINST LAP DANCING

Enclosed is our petition against lap dancing in Oxford. There is also an on-line petition which you may have already received. You will note that many women and men feel strongly that such practices demean both women and men and that Oxford should have no part in such sexploitation. We look forward to hearing your response.

Sue Ledwith and others
Oxford and District Labour Party Women's Group.

Cc John Tanner, secretary Labour Group, Oxford City Council.



We, the undersigned, call on Oxford City Council to do all in its power to prevent the establishment of so-called lapdancing and gentlemen clubs in Oxford. Such clubs demean women and contribute to a view of women as 'sex objects' using their bodies to purely for men's sexual pleasure in the pursuit of creating profits for the club owners.

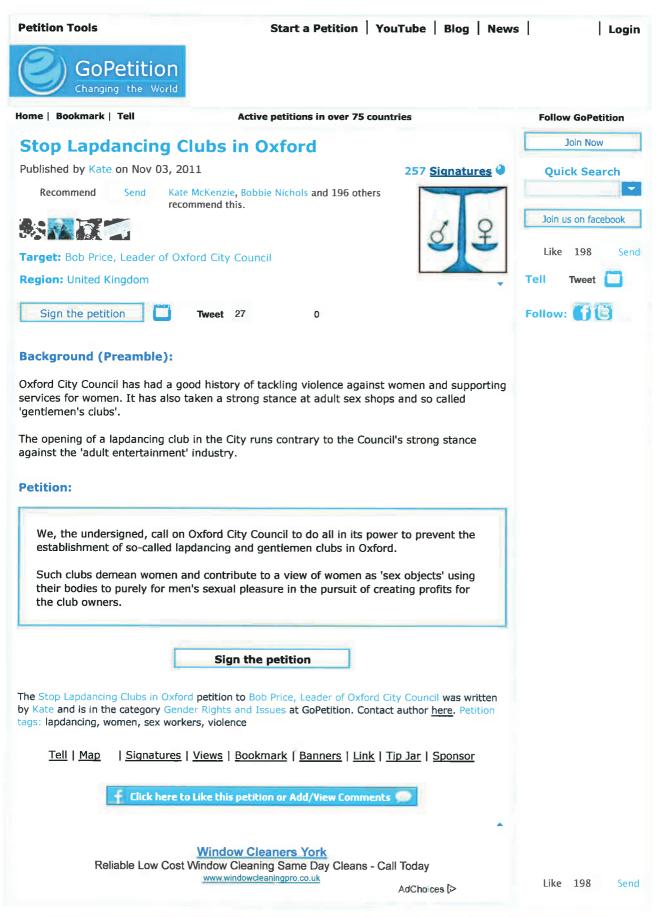
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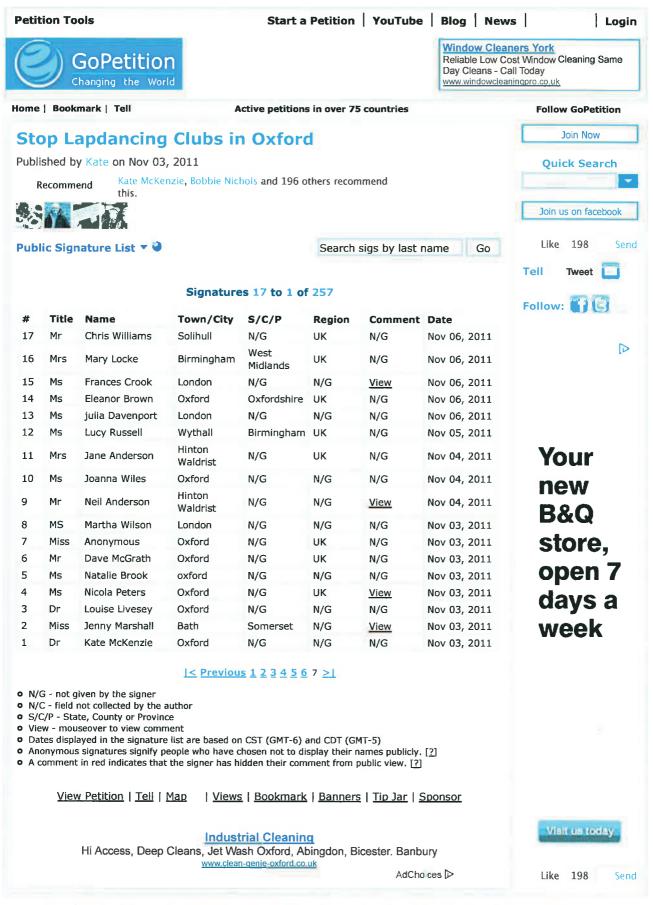
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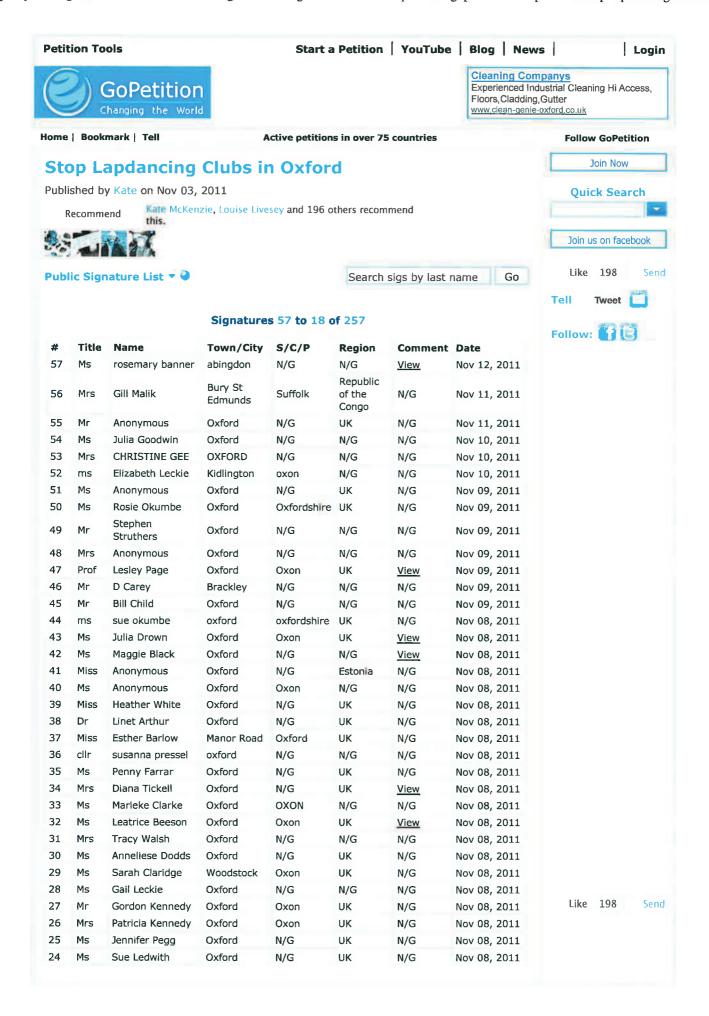


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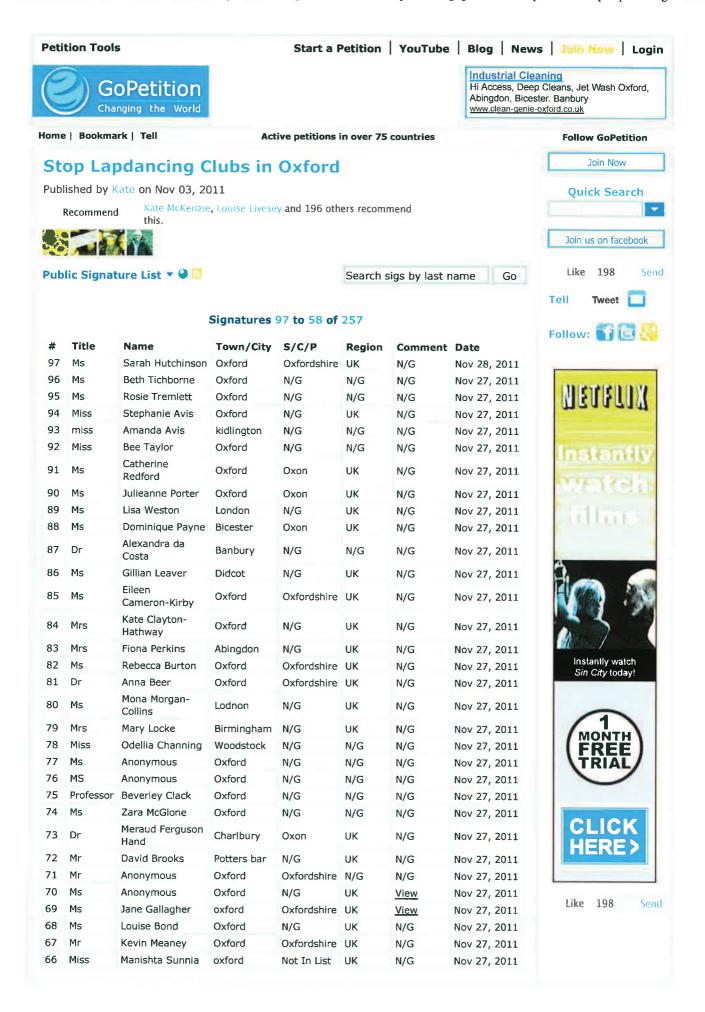
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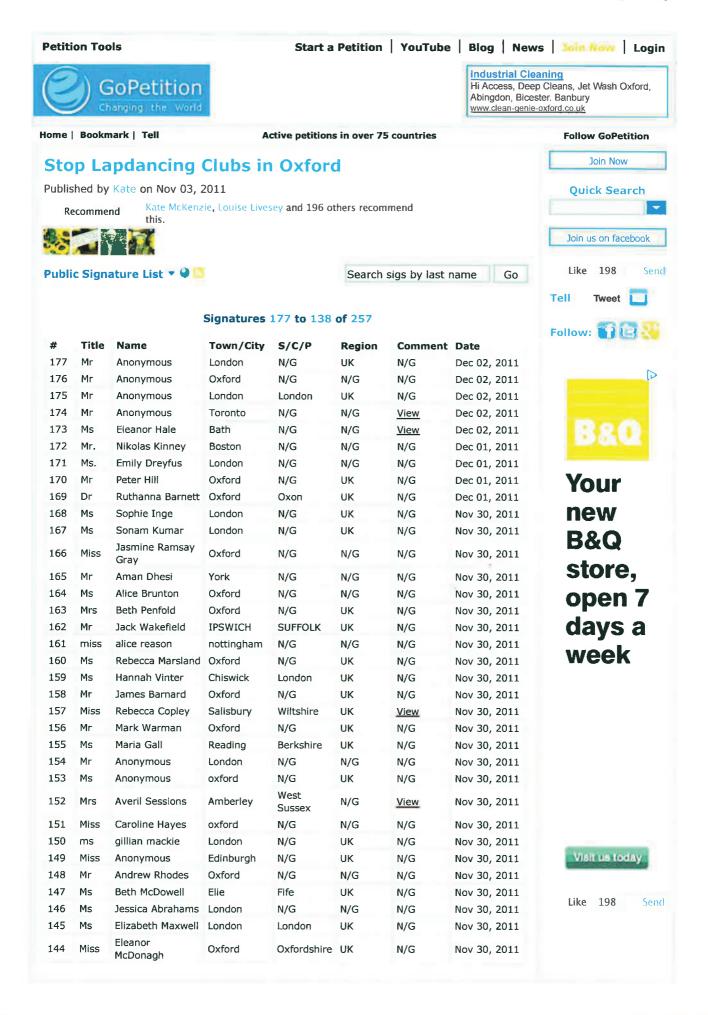
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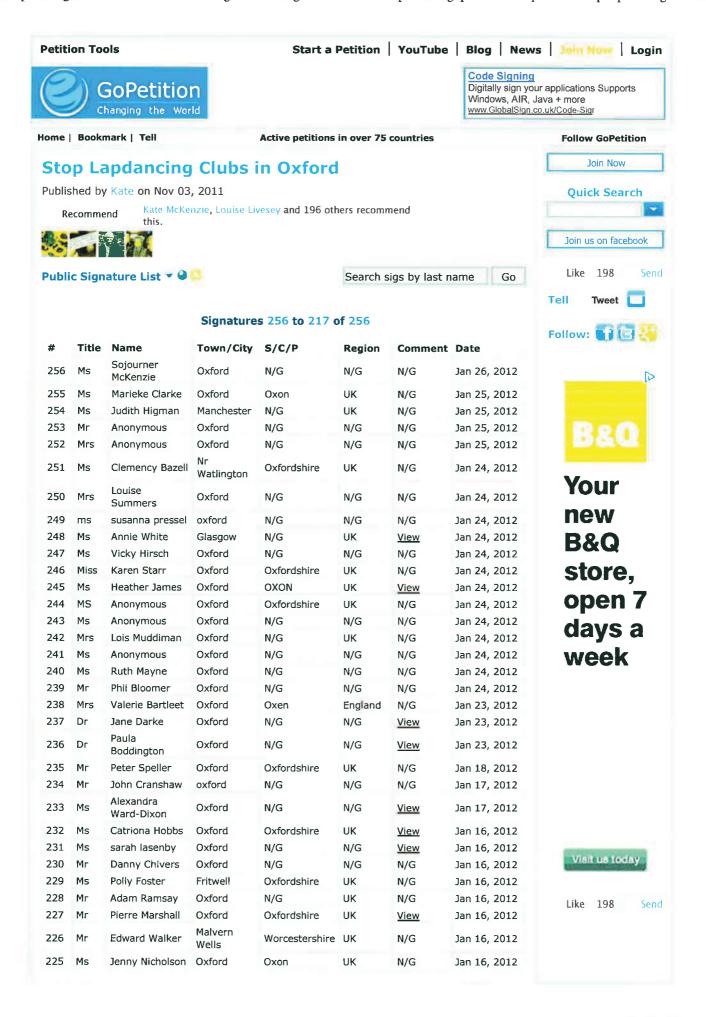
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