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Q1. Do you think that Harrow Council should adopt the provisions of Section 27 Policing and Crime Act 2009?

Yes

Q2. Harrow Council's Draft Policy on Sex Establishment Licensing proposes that the number of licences that should be granted in each ward is nil. Do you agree with this number and if not, what do you consider to be the appropriate number per ward?

The number and location of sexual entertainment venues should be subject of strict local authority control. It should not be left to market forces. The very nature of such establishments is such that regulation is required. Those who perform in such places need protection from exploitation and also to behave in a proper manner. Those who run them should be of demonstrable good character before being permitted to do so. Areas need protection against a proliferation of such establishments.

Q3. Harrow Council's Draft Policy on Sex Establishment Licensing proposes that there will be a presumption of refusal of applications for sex establishment licences. Do you agree with this proposal?

We agree with the proposed number.

Q4. What are your views that for applications for sex establishments licences that Harrow Council will adopt a presumption of refusal of such applications?

Yes.

Q5. Any other comments regarding Harrow Council's Draft Policy on Sex Establishment Licensing

We agree with the Council's proposed to treat individual wards as "a relevant locality".