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To: The Director of Public Prosecutions
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Madam,

RE; WHIPLASH CASE AT SOUTWARK CROWN COURT; APRIL 1996
Martin Church, the manager of Club Reflex, was charged with having contravened the Disorderly Houses Act 1751. The Reflex club is a private one. It was raided by police in 1994 whereupon a prosecution was conducted by the Crown Prosecution Service under the aforementioned statute. Why?

What public interest is there in preventing consenting adults enjoying themselves in a private club, particularly when association of this type is perfectly lawful throughout the rest of the European Union? There is no victim. Whom was the enforcement of this law trying to protect and from what? Qui Bono?

I believe that this prosecution was a disgrace and a waste of taxpayers' money. As a public representative, I intend to pursue this matter. It is for that reason that I first give you this opportunity to provide me with an explanation for this prosecution. When replying, let me know the cost of the prosecution. As this expenditure is of public money, I am entitled to this information.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Goodman".

Cllr E Goodman