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AGAINST

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

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To: Cllr Ben Summerskill
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Dear fellow Labour Councillor;

YOUR ATTACK ON SEX-SHOPS

Why do you believe in "No Sex Please, We're British"? Why should adults in this country be denied access to sexually explicit material. ? If it is not to be available in Soho, where should it be ?

The Courts have ruled that a local authority can decide that the appropriate number of licensed sex shops in its jurisdiction should be nil. This has resulted in over half of England having no licensed sex shops at all, thereby defeating the intention of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, which was to regulate, not ban, sex shops. The Video Producers Association has complained to the government that this has perverted the video classification system, because it has resulted in a hopelessly small outlet for video recordings classified as "R" (ie restricted to licensed sex shops).

The rest of Europe has a much more enlightened attitude to sexuality. I urge you to visit any Continental capital and see for yourself ! The Orwellian "Anti-Sex League" is an English phenomenon ! As the London correspondent of the Italian newspaper "La Repubblica" pointed out, the Anglo-Saxon witch hunt against sexuality is not only infantile, it is psychologically damaging.

Yours fraternally

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