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PLEASE REPLY TO:-

To: Sharpe Pritchard
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Ref: A.8W/MW

Dear Sirs.

LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES BILL

Thank you for your letter of the 31st January and enclosed copy of Clause 64 (sex establishments) of the above Bill. Please note that we object to this Clause on the following grounds.

The new definition of sex shop as being one where sexual material is sold "to more than a trifling degree" would include newsagents, because of their sale of top shelf publications. They would thus be driven out of business by the huge sex shop licence fees imposed by London Boroughs.

Please acknowledge in writing receipt of this objection and give us notification of the time limit for filing formal oppositon in the Bills Office of the House of Lords.

Yours faithfully,

Clir E Goodman Chair of CAC

Enquiries to the Secretary, 25 Middleton Close, Fareham, Hants, Tel: 0329-284471