

Chief Whip



10 November 1998

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**Councillor  
Colin Aherne**

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Dear Councillor Goodman

**SECRETS CLUB, HAMMERSMITH**

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 5 November 1998 on the above.

I am appalled at the content of your letter, particularly as it is not written in a personal capacity but on official council headed notepaper in your capacity as Chair of your council's Licensing Sub-Committee. I will be raising this with the Leader of your Labour Group and the General Secretary of the Labour Party as I view it as unwarranted interference in the business of another borough.

I am not prepared to go into detail as to why we imposed conditions on the licences of this establishment - apart from saying that the Crown Court agreed that such conditions were reasonable.

Yours sincerely

**COUNCILLOR COLIN AHERNE  
CHAIR  
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