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Dear Councillor Goodman

I write in reply to your letter of 1st December to the Commissioner. Licensing policy is dealt with by this unit, and in this case the enquiry itself was carried out by my officers.

As you know, police are responsible for the day to day supervision of licensed premises, and this unit has a specific responsibility for late night premises in Central London. While you are correct to say that prostitution itself is not unlawful, such activity on licensed premises constitutes an offence. The club in question is not, of course, a private place. We were assisted in this prosecution by Westminster City Council. They clearly do not share your view of the matter. You will know from your own experience how important it is to keep good order in licensed premises of all types.

Yours sincerely

Martin Jauch
Chief Superintendent