

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

PO Box 570 Redhill RHI 2WZ 16th February 2013

CP Consultation
Nottingham City Council
Loxley House, Station Street
Nottingham NG2 3NG

Sir,

## LICENSING POLICY RE SEX SHOPS AND LAP-DANCING CLUBS

Your role is licensing, not prohibition. If the legislature wanted the latter, it would enact legislation to that effect. Licensing sex-shops is to create a regulated market for adult material, so as not to drive the trade underground. Such establishments are therefore lawful throughout the Western World. There is no need for a "No sex please, we're British" attitude.

We urge you to have regard to the human right of freedom of expression of everyone, including the minority. As John Stuart Mill stated "if all mankind minus one were of one opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind." Women pay for permission to perform in lap-dancing clubs and their right of such freedom of expression must be respected.

Please inform us of your decision.

Yours.

E. Goodman

Chair of CAC.

copy to C Cutland, Deputy Police Commissioner for Nottinghamshire.