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Sir,

RE; YOUR ARTICLE ON LEGAL AID FRANCHISING PUBLISHED
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On a different topic, I remember the excellent lecture on the British attitude to pornography, which you delivered at a Libertarian Alliance Conference in London a few years ago. Now that sexually explicit material has been legalised in the former Communist states of Eastern Europe, the English attitude is even more exceptional. This country, for instance, is the only one to proscribe the Swedish satellite TV Erotica. It would be very interesting if a sociologist could write a book on how this ingrained "No Sex Please-We're British!" attitude developed. As Chair of the Campaign Against Censorship I have discovered that, until the root causes for the insular grundyism of this country are discovered, there is little hope of achieving freedom of expression in this field. There is continuing all-Party agreement for suppression eg the Labour Opposition's support for the criminalisation of computer pornography in the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

Yours for liberty, *Goodman*
Cllr E Goodman