

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
22ND OCTOBER 2007

Application to vary the terms, conditions and restrictions
of a Sex Establishment Licence

Comments from Councillor H J Martin, Ward Councillor, Broadwaters Ward

“I support the application. This is a legitimate business trading legally in an edge of town centre location. The Horsefair is run down and the visual impact of blocked out windows, in itself, looks depressing and sleazy. I believe a tasteful, controlled window display of none explicit items - lingerie, underwear etc. could and should not be objected to. Ann Summers and others have similar displays in most shopping centres and these are perfectly acceptable. To deny approval could harm the long term viability of the business. The proximity of the church Mrs Oborski refers to is over half a mile away and comments about offending the Muslim community are presumed, not factual, and could lead to a perception that the Muslim community object - they haven't - this could increase local racial tensions.

The moral arguments are personal to the individual and should not cloud judgement - this is a legal business and its request is, in my opinion, valid, justified and acceptable.”