

Appendix 2a

Consultation responses

No.	Respondent location	Type of respondent	Respondent comments
66	Skelmersdale	Public	Having read this morning in the Champion about the possible request for licensing of sex shops, sex cinemas and lap dancing bars, I strongly feel that Skelmersdale and also West Lancs do NOT need such things. Skelmersdale already lacks day to day shops, facilities etc. The long awaited promise of a new town centre for Skelmersdale, which would include a cinema, restaurants etc. has yet to come about. If people want such things please let them go to other big towns where they are available.
67	Aughton	Public	It is not enough that almost all the small interesting shops in Ormskirk have vanished, to be replaced with by coffee shops and charities? Must you also allow sex shops etc. to pollute our once wholesome little market town? For from making Ormskirk more attractive, you would run the risk of actually discouraging young people from applying to Edge Hill University. Not all prospective students and their parents will find your grubby vision of Ormskirk matches their aspirations.
68	Ormskirk	Public	I have lived in Ormskirk since 1959 and during this period have seen many changes to our market town. Some have been good and other sad to see go. We have lost most of our lovely shops to make way for student properties but what sort of example to all these young people if these wicked establishments are allowed to develop. Please keep our lovely market town as it is for all our young (and old) people to enjoy in the future. KEEP EVIL OUT NO SEX SHOPS ETC.
69	Scarisbrick	Public	I just want to say that I agree with the Borough Council's veto on sex establishments in the area. I hope they do not change their minds, it would be a retrograde step by the area, if they were allowed.
70	Ormskirk	Public	I cannot convey my deep concern about the possibility of sex shops and a lap dancing club in Ormskirk. This is a small market town, not a huge impersonal city. Most of our residents would find such things repulsive and demeaning. We have many schools in and around the town, serving primary and secondary school age children. Do we really want them exposed to such shops at such an early age? We also have Edge Hill University close by and should be mindful of the student's vulnerability. I would strongly urge you to think long and seriously before agreeing to these plans.
71	Ormskirk	Public	When I was born in Ormskirk 80 years ago, Ormskirk was a village surrounded by farm land, then it grew into a town, now it is a university town. Please note not a city. If you allow sex shops and lap dancing clubs to invade the town you will end up with more problems than we have now. You will get troublemakers from outside the area coming into Ormskirk. Please note also we do not have a police station let alone policemen on the beat. Who will be there if trouble breaks out between rival gangs? Certainly not you in your cosy offices and as 90% of councillors live outside of Ormskirk, do you not care about us. You were voted in to look after this tumble down town, it's bad enough with the Edge Hill University, without more trouble, or is it a case of not in my backyard thank you very much so we don't care.
72	Ormskirk	Public	I understand that the above policy is due for review and in accordance with the Borough Council's constitutional process, I am writing to express my own concerns regarding any possible changes to the current situation. I fully appreciate that the Council cannot and should not refuse licensing of a sex establishment solely because they or residents disapprove of them in principle, but have read the policy as it stands I believe that refusal would be

			lawful on the grounds that West Lancashire is not an appropriate area for such establishments. Under the legislation, sex establishments cannot be opened near places of worship, schools, parks or any place where children or vulnerable people are in the vicinity and in my view that rules out all of Ormskirk and most of the rest of the Borough. Furthermore, it wouldn't matter how "discreet" the premises were supposed to be, their presence would become known and attract a particular type of clientele to the area, thus changing the family orientated culture of the towns and increasing the risk of unsuitable influences on our young people.
73	Ormskirk	Public	It was with some apprehension that I learned about the possibility of the establishment of a licensed sex shop in Ormskirk and I write to express my concerns about this. There are a number of reasons why the proposal would seem to be inappropriate: 1 Ormskirk is not the sort of town where such an establishment would fit well. 2 the establishment of such a shop would be likely to be at least externally visible to children and to other who would find it distressing. 3. I fear that the establishment would prove damaging to the regular businesses in the town and be off-putting to at least a fair number of visitors. Ormskirk is a wonderful town and I should be very unhappy to see its town lowered by the proposed shop. I ask that the Council do not accept such a proposal. I have been told that the West Lancs Borough Council is in principle opposed to such emporia and has a zero tolerance of them. I hope that this will continue.
74	Ormskirk	Public	I am writing to ask that you don't allow the proposal for sex activities to go ahead within Ormskirk, for the sake mostly of the young people who live, works and study here.
75	Ormskirk	Public	Petition containing 98 names and addresses opposed to any types of sex shop, sex cinemas, lap dancing bars and live sex shows in Ormskirk.
76	Ormskirk	Public	I have lived in Aughton and Ormskirk for over 50 years. Having brought up a family and have grandchildren and great grandchildren. I feel and also my family, that there is no place or need for any such establishment of this kind in our MARKET town. I hope this letter is taken notice of.
77	Ormskirk	Public	I totally agree with St Anne's Church members. I say "no" to any kind of sex establishments in Ormskirk (and the surrounding areas).
78	Aughton	Public	I wish to protest at the very upsetting idea of sex shops in Ormskirk, and trust that the Council will not allow this to happen.