

Licensing Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Chris Clark (Chair)
Councillor Pat Clouder (Vice-Chair) and Councillor Michael Neal (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Patricia Hay-Justice, Maddie Henson, Karen Jewitt, Niroshan Sirisena, Toni Letts, Margaret Bird, Steve O'Connell, Badsha Quadir and Rob Ward

Reserve Members: David Wood, Sherwan Chowdhury, Pat Ryan, Robert Canning, Felicity Flynn, Jerry Fitzpatrick, Nina Degrad, Simon Brew, Helen Redfern, Sue Bennett, Scott Roche and Oni Oviri

A meeting of the **Licensing Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Wednesday, 27 June 2018 at 6.30pm** in **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX**

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Tuesday, 19 June 2018

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.
If you require any assistance, please contact the person detailed above, on the right-hand side.

N.B This meeting will be paperless. The agenda can be accessed online at www.croydon.gov.uk/meetings

AGENDA – PART A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence from any members of the Committee.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2018 (To Follow) and 23 May 2018 as an accurate record.

3. Disclosure of Interests

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act, Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to register disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and gifts and hospitality to the value of which exceeds £50 or multiple gifts and/or instances of hospitality with a cumulative value of £50 or more when received from a single donor within a rolling twelve month period. In addition, Members and co-opted Members are reminded that unless their disclosable pecuniary interest is registered on the register of interests or is the subject of a pending notification to the Monitoring Officer, they are required to disclose those disclosable pecuniary interests at the meeting. This should be done by completing the Disclosure of Interest form and handing it to the Democratic Services representative at the start of the meeting. The Chair will then invite Members to make their disclosure orally at the commencement of Agenda item 3. Completed disclosure forms will be provided to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion on the Register of Members' Interests.

4. Urgent Business (if any)

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

5. Minutes of the Last Sub-Committee Meetings (Pages 7 - 8)

To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee since the last Licensing Committee:

- 26 April 2018

6. Application for Renewal of Sex Establishment (Sex Shop) Licence - Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – Schedule 3 (Pages 9 - 28)

7. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following motion is to be moved and seconded where it is proposed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of a meeting:

“That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.”

PART B

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Licensing Committee

Meeting of held on Wednesday, 23 May 2018 at 19:37 pm in Council Chamber - Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Chris Clark, Pat Clouder, Michael Neal, Margaret Bird, Patricia Hay-Justice, Maddie Henson, Karen Jewitt, Toni Letts, Steve O'Connell, Badsha Quadir, Niroshan Sirisena and Rob Ward

PART A

1/17 **Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Chris Clark as Chair of the Committee, and Councillor Pat Clouder and Councillor Michael Neal as Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 7.38 pm

Signed:

Date:

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Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held on Thursday 26 April 2018 at 10:30am in the Council Chambers,
Croydon Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX

MINUTES – PART A

Present: Councillors Jane Avis, Margaret Bird and Pat Clouder

Also Present: Michael Goddard (Licensing Manager), Nicola Thoday (Solicitor and Legal Advisor to the Sub-Committee), Trainee Solicitor, Robert Jordan (Legal representative of the Applicant), Awal Khan (Manager of Premises), Dawood Khan (Applicant)

1. **Appointment of Chair**

Councillor Pat Clouder nominated Councillor Jane Avis.
Councillor Margaret Bird seconded the motion.

The Sub-Committee **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Avis as Chair of the Sub-Committee.

2. **Apologies for Absence.**

There was none.

3. **Disclosure of Interests**

There were no disclosures.

4. **Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

5. **Application for a Premises Licence: La Pizzeria, 352 Purley Way, Croydon, CR0 4NY**

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered the Application for a Premises Licence at La Pizzeria, 352 Purley Way, Croydon, CR0 4NY and the representations received as contained in the report of the Executive Director 'Place'.

The Sub-Committee, made their decision with reference to the licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council Licensing Policy.

The Sub-Committee also considered the verbal representations made at the hearing by the applicant and their representative for the premises licence and the written representatives of the three objectors to the application. Including the recent email correspondence and photographs.

It noted the Applicants offer to accept that the conditions mentioned in Appendix A paragraph 1.4 are placed on the premises licence.

The Applicants have offered, and the Committee agree to the addition of the following condition:

- No pizza delivery vehicles including motorbikes to utilise or park at the rear of the premises during late night refreshment hours.

Taking into account the above, and that there is no evidence from the police or Council regarding complaints about the premises the Sub-Committee have **RESOLVED** to Grant this application.

6. Exclusion of the Press and Public

This was not required.

Meeting ended at 12:12pm.

Agenda Item 6

REPORT TO:	LICENSING COMMITTEE 27 JUNE 2018
SUBJECT:	Application for Renewal of Sex Establishment (Sex Shop) Licence – Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – Schedule 3
LEAD OFFICER:	Executive Director, Place Department
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Hamida Ali Cabinet Member for Communities, Safety & Justice
WARDS:	South Croydon
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: N/a	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.	
FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: Not an executive decision	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 The Committee is asked to determine whether:

- (a) to grant the application to renew the Sex Establishment Licence as applied for; or
- (b) to grant the application to renew the Sex Establishment Licence but in different terms than those applied for; or
- (c) to refuse to grant the application to renew the Sex Establishment Licence as applied for.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee that an application has been received for the renewal of a Sex Establishment (Sex Shop) Licence at Private Shop, 20c Selsdon Road, South Croydon, CR2 6PA.

3. DETAIL

3.1 Section 2 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 enables a local authority to adopt, by resolution, the provisions in Schedule 3 of the Act for the licensing control of Sex Establishments, e.g. sex shops. The London Borough of Croydon has previously adopted these provisions. 'Sex shop' is defined, in paragraph 4 (1) of Schedule 3 as "any premises, vehicle, vessel or stall used for a business which consists to a significant degree of selling, hiring, exchanging, lending, displaying or demonstrating (a) sex articles; or (b) other things intended for use in connection with, or for the purpose of stimulating or encouraging - (i) sexual activity; or (ii) acts of force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity".

3.2 In the same paragraph, 'sex article' is defined at 4 (3) (a) as "anything made for use in connection with, or for the purpose of stimulating or encouraging – (i) sexual activity; or (ii) acts of force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity; and (b) anything to which the following applies – 4 (4) (a) "to any article containing or embodying matter to be read or looked at or anything intended to be used, either alone or as one of a set, for the reproduction or manufacture of any such article; and (b) to any recording vision or sound".

3.3 Para. 6 of Schedule 3 provides that premises may only be used as a sex establishment under and in accordance with the terms of a licence granted under Schedule 3.

3.4 Para. 8 of Schedule 3 states that –

'The appropriate authority may grant to any applicant, and from time to time renew, a licence under this Schedule for the use of any premises for a sex establishment on such terms and conditions and subject to such restrictions as may be so specified.'

Para. 15 states –

'Any person objecting to an application for the renewal of a licence under this Schedule shall give notice in writing of his objection to the appropriate authority, stating in general terms the grounds of the objection, not later than 28 days after the date of the application.'

Para. 18 states –

'In considering any application for the renewal of a licence the appropriate authority shall have regard to any objections sent to them.'

Para. 19 states –

The appropriate authority shall give an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a committee of the authority before refusing to renew a licence, to the holder.'

4 LICENCE HOLDER & APPLICANT FOR RENEWAL

- 4.1 Darker Enterprises Limited
Unit 3, Chancery Gate Business Centre
33 Tallon Road
Hutton
Brentwood
Essex
CM13 1TE
- 4.2 Darker Enterprises Ltd. hold a Sex Establishment (Sex Shop) Licence in respect of premises at 20c Selsdon Road, South Croydon (the premises). A licence was first granted for these premises on 13 June 2005. A copy of the current licence is attached at Appendix 1. Photographs of the shop frontage are attached at Appendix 2 to assist the committee.
- 4.3 The licence holder has applied to renew their licence for the premises. The licence lasts for one year and was due to expire on 28 February 2018.
- 4.4 An applicant for the renewal of a sex establishment licence must give public notice of the application. This requires an advertisement in a local newspaper and placing a notice on or near the premises. The applicant must also send a copy of their application to the Police.
- 4.5 A local resident has raised a written objection to the renewal of the sex establishment licence at 20c Selsdon Road. A copy of that objection is attached at Appendix 3. Para. 17 of Schedule 3 states that the appropriate authority shall not without the consent of the person making the objection reveal his name or address to the applicant. The person making the objection does not consent to their name and address being disclosed to the applicant.
- 4.6 To assist the committee, attached at Appendix 4 is an ordnance survey extract map of the area within the application premises marked 'x'.

5 POLICE COMMENTS

- 5.1 The Licensing Officer from Croydon Police Station is aware of the application to renew the licence and has not raised any objections to this renewal application.

6. REFUSAL OF LICENCES & APPEALS

- 6.1 Para 12 of Schedule 3 states –
12 (1) A licence under this Schedule shall not be granted—
(a) to a person under the age of 18; or
(b) to a person who is for the time being disqualified under paragraph 17(3) below; or

(c) to a person, other than a body corporate, who is not resident in the United Kingdom or was not so resident throughout the period of six months immediately preceding the date when the application was made; or

(d) to a body corporate which is not incorporated in the United Kingdom; or

(e) to a person who has, within a period of 12 months immediately preceding the date when the application was made, been refused the grant or renewal of a licence for the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in respect of which the application is made, unless the refusal has been reversed on appeal.

(2) Subject to paragraph 27 below, the appropriate authority may refuse—

(a) an application for the grant or renewal of a licence on one or more of the grounds specified in sub-paragraph (3) below;

(b) an application for the transfer of a licence on either or both of the grounds specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of that sub-paragraph.

(3) The grounds mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) above are—

(a) that the applicant is unsuitable to hold the licence by reason of having been convicted of an offence or for any other reason;

(b) that if the licence were to be granted, renewed or transferred the business to which it relates would be managed by or carried on for the benefit of a person, other than the applicant, who would be refused the grant, renewal or transfer of such a licence if he made the application himself;

(c) that the number of sex establishments in the relevant locality at the time the application is made is equal to or exceeds the number which the authority consider is appropriate for that locality;

(d) that the grant or renewal of the licence would be inappropriate, having regard—

(i) to the character of the relevant locality; or

(ii) to the use to which any premises in the vicinity are put; or

(iii) to the layout, character or condition of the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall in respect of which the application is made.

(4) Nil may be an appropriate number for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(c) above.

(5) In this paragraph “the relevant locality” means—

(a) in relation to premises, the locality where they are situated; and

(b) in relation to a vehicle, vessel or stall, any locality where it is desired to use it as a sex establishment.

6.2 In respect of the provisions of paragraph 12 (3)(c) of Schedule 3, Members are advised that the Council has not, at the time of this application, made a determination regarding the number of sex establishments which the authority considers is appropriate for the locality and therefore this may not be a ground upon which Members may decline to renew the license for the premises in question.

6.3 Para. 27 of Schedule 3 states –

27 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) below, any of the following persons, that is to say —

(a) an applicant for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence under this Schedule whose application is refused;

(b) an applicant for the variation of the terms, conditions or restrictions on or subject to which any such licence is held whose application is refused;

(c) a holder of any such licence who is aggrieved by any term, condition or restriction on or subject to which the licence is held; or

(d) a holder of any such licence whose licence is revoked, may at any time before the expiration of the period of 21 days beginning with the relevant date appeal to the magistrates' court acting for the relevant area.

(2) An applicant whose application for the grant or renewal of a licence is refused, or whose licence is revoked, on any ground specified in paragraph 12(1) above shall not have a right to appeal under this paragraph unless the applicant seeks to show that the ground did not apply to him.

(3) An applicant whose application for the grant or renewal of a licence is refused on either ground specified in paragraph 12(3)(c) or (d) above shall not have the right to appeal under this paragraph.

(4) In this paragraph—

“the relevant area” means—

(a) in relation to premises, the petty sessions area in which they are situated; and

(b) in relation to a vehicle, vessel or stall, the petty sessions area in which it is used or, as the case may be, desired to be used as a sex establishment; and
“the relevant date” means the date on which the person in question is notified of the refusal of his application, the imposition of the term, condition or restriction by which he is aggrieved or the revocation of his licence, as the case may be.

(5) An appeal against the decision of a magistrates' court under this paragraph may be brought to the Crown Court.

(6) Where an appeal is brought to the Crown Court under sub-paragraph (5) above, the decision of the Crown Court shall be final: and accordingly in section 28(2)(b) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 for the words "or the Gaming Act 1968" there shall be substituted the words ", the Gaming Act 1968 or the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982".

(7) On an appeal to the magistrates' court or the Crown Court under this paragraph the court may make such order as it thinks fit.

(8) Subject to sub-paragraphs (9) to (12) below, it shall be the duty of the appropriate authority to give effect to an order of the magistrates' court or the Crown Court.

(9) The appropriate authority need not give effect to the order of the magistrates' court until the time for bringing an appeal under sub-paragraph (5) above has expired and, if such an appeal is duly brought, until the determination or abandonment of the appeal.

(10) Where a licence is revoked or an application for the renewal of a licence is refused, the licence shall be deemed to remain in force—

(a) until the time for bringing an appeal under this paragraph has expired and, if such an appeal is duly brought, until the determination or abandonment of the appeal; and

(b) where an appeal relating to the refusal of an application for such a renewal is successful and no further appeal is available, until the licence is renewed by the appropriate authority.

(11) Where—

(a) the holder of a licence makes an application under paragraph 18 above; and

(b) the appropriate authority impose any term, condition or restriction other than one specified in the application,

the licence shall be deemed to be free of it until the time for bringing an appeal under this paragraph has expired.

(12) Where an appeal is brought under this paragraph against the imposition of any such term, condition or restriction, the licence shall be deemed to be free of it until the determination or abandonment of the appeal.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 There are no formal consultation requirements regarding this report.

8. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 There are no financial implications associated with this particular report.
(Approved by Felicia Wright Head of Finance - Place).

9. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR

9.1 The Solicitor to the Council comments that Schedule 3 (Paragraph 12) specifies the grounds upon which the Council may refuse the renewal application as set out, in full, in the body of the report above.

9.2 In respect of the provisions of paragraph 12(3)(c) of Schedule 3, Members are advised that the Council has not, at the time of this application, made a determination regarding the number of sex establishments which the authority considers is appropriate for the locality and therefore this may not be a ground upon which Members may decline to renew the license for the premises in question.

9.3 In reaching its determination on the renewal application, the Committee shall set out its reasons for the determination reached having due regard to the statutory criteria and the evidence presented to the Committee at the hearing and as part of the papers. In particular, in considering any application for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence the authority shall have regard to any observations submitted to them by the chief officer of police and any objections of which notice has been sent to the Authority.

(Approved by: Sandra Herbert, for and on behalf of Jacqueline Harris-Baker,
Director of Law and Monitoring Officer)

10. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

10.1 There are no human resources implications associated with the preparation of this report.

(Approved by: Jennifer Sankar, Interim Head of HR Place on behalf of Sue Moorman, HR Director)

11. CUSTOMER IMPACT

11.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 impacts on existing and potential licence holders. Well managed licensed premises attract customers and contribute to a vibrant local economy.

12. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

12.1 This report does not require a separate Equality Impact Assessment.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL AND DESIGN IMPACT

13.1 The licensed sex shops in Croydon are not considered to adversely impact on the local environment.

14. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

14.1 There are not considered to be any local crime and disorder implications associated with this report.

15. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT

15.1 Article 1 of the First Protocol provides a right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions. Both a person's business and an existing licence are a possession and cannot be taken away or interfered with unless the law allows it and the action is justified.

Further, when determining applications under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, it is necessary to ensure that, as far as possible, the Council's procedures are compliant with the principles in Article 6 of the Convention – the right to a fair trial.

16. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/DATA PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS

16.1 Information that is provided to or held by the Council in relation to applications must only be processed and disclosed strictly in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and Data Protection Act 1998 and other appropriate legislation, which may include the Gambling Act 2005 when it comes into force.

CONTACT OFFICER: Michael Goddard, Licensing Manager, ext. 61838.

APPENDICES:

SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE

The Council of the London Borough of Croydon under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

Hereby authorises: Darker Enterprises Limited

**To use the premises: Private Shop
 20C Selsdon Road
 Croydon
 Surrey
 CR2 6PA**

For the purposes of a **Sex Establishment** (sex shop)

This licence is granted subject to compliance with the standard conditions attached and to any special conditions set out in the attached schedule.

Date Licence Valid From: 28.02.2017

Date Licence Expires: 28.02.2018

Licence Number: 17/00175/SER

Issued on behalf of : **Licensing Manager
 Place Department**

SF.C368

Conditions (Nos. 1 to 10) attached to Sex Establishment (Sex Shop) Licence

20c Selsdon Road South Croydon

1. Times of opening

The premises shall not be open to the public except between the following hours on the days specified:

- Monday to Thursday – 1000 hours (10am) to 1830 hours (6.30pm)
- Friday – 1000 hours (10am) to 2000 hours (8pm)
- Saturday – 1000 hours (10am) to 1800 hours (6pm)

Details of opening hours must be displayed in the window at the premises in a manner approved by the Council.

2. Conduct and Management of Sex Establishments

- (a) the licensee or some responsible person, approved by the Council, must be in charge of and present at the premises during the whole time they are open to the public;
- (b) the licence and any conditions attached must be prominently displayed in the premises;
- (c) the name of the person responsible for the management of the sex establishment must also be displayed in the premises;
- (d) the licensee must retain control over all parts of the premises and not let, licence or part possession with any part of the premises;
- (e) the licensee must maintain good order in the premises and ensure persons entering or leaving conduct themselves in an orderly manner;
- (f) no person under the age of 18 shall be permitted to enter or be employed at the premises;
- (g) the licensee shall ensure that the public are only admitted to those parts of the premises that have been licensed by the Council;
- (h) the licensee shall ensure that no part of the premises shall be used by prostitutes, male or female, for soliciting or for any immoral purpose;
- (i) neither the licensee nor any employee or other persons shall seek to obtain custom for the premises by personal solicitation outside or in the vicinity of the premises;

- (j) the licensee shall ensure that when the premises are open, every employee shall wear an identifying badge, of a type approved by the Council, indicating his/her name and that they are an employee;
- (k) no refreshment of any kind shall be provided nor any consumed on the premises other than for staff in a part of the premises not open to the public;
- (l) the licensee shall comply with all statutory provisions and any regulations made thereunder.

3. Use of the premises

- (a) the sex establishment shall be conducted primarily for the purpose of the sale of goods for retail and any change of use of any portion of the premises shall not be made without the consent of the Council;
- (b) no change from a sex cinema to a sex shop or vice versa shall be made without the consent of the Council.

4. Goods available in sex establishments

- (a) all sex articles and other things displayed for sale within a sex shop shall be clearly marked with their price, for the benefit of customers in the premises;
- (b) all printed matter for sale, hire exchange or loan shall be available for inspection prior to purchase and a notice to this effect is to be prominently displayed within the premises;
- (c) no film or video shall be shown or screened in the premises.

5. External appearances

- (a) no display, advertisement, words, representation, drawing or other matter or thing (whether illuminated or not) shall be exhibited so as to be visible from the outside of the premises except (i) any notice of a size and in the form approved by the Council which is required to be displayed so as to be visible from outside the premises by law or by any condition of a licence granted by the Council and (ii) any such notice or display shall have been approved by the Council;
- (b) a notice showing that persons under 18 years of age shall be excluded from the premises and that the premises is a licensed sex shop shall be exhibited on the inner vestibule door of the premises in a form and manner to be approved by the Council;
- (c) the entrance doors to the premises shall be so screened or obscured, in a form and manner to be approved by the Council, as to effectively prevent the interior of the premises being seen by passers-by.

6. State, Condition and Layout of the premise

- (a) the premises shall be maintained in good repair throughout, including the front fascia of the shop, to the satisfaction of the Council;
- (b) the lighting in all parts of the premises shall be to a level approved by the Council and shall be in operation continuously whilst the premises is open to the public as a sex establishment;
- (c) the Council can, if thought necessary, stipulate the number, size etc. of doors to the premises allowing access/egress;
- (d) the premises to have arrangements in place to enable staff to control access by members of the public to the part of the premises where R18 videos will be displayed;
- (e) alterations or additions, either external or internal, whether permanent or temporary, to the structure, lighting or layout of the premises, shall not be made except with the prior approval of the Council;
- (f) all parts of the premises shall be kept in a clean and wholesome condition to the complete satisfaction of the Council.

7. Safety

- (a) the licensee shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of the public and employees;
- (b) the licensee shall comply with any fire prevention and safety measures that may be required of him by the Council;
- (c) the premises shall be provided with fire fighting equipment suitable to the fire risks of the premises and such equipment shall be maintained in proper working order in accordance with the fire officer's report (if applicable);
- (d) certificates relating to any fire fighting equipment shall be provided annually.

8. Miscellaneous

- (a) none of the terms, conditions or restrictions set out in the licence shall be varied except by the London Borough of Croydon after written notice has been given to them, the police and the fire authority;
- (b) the London Borough of Croydon reserves the right after the grant, renewal or transfer of this licence at any time to dispense with or modify or relax any of these terms, conditions and restrictions and to make such additional terms, conditions and restrictions as they may deem requisite to meet the circumstances of any particular case.

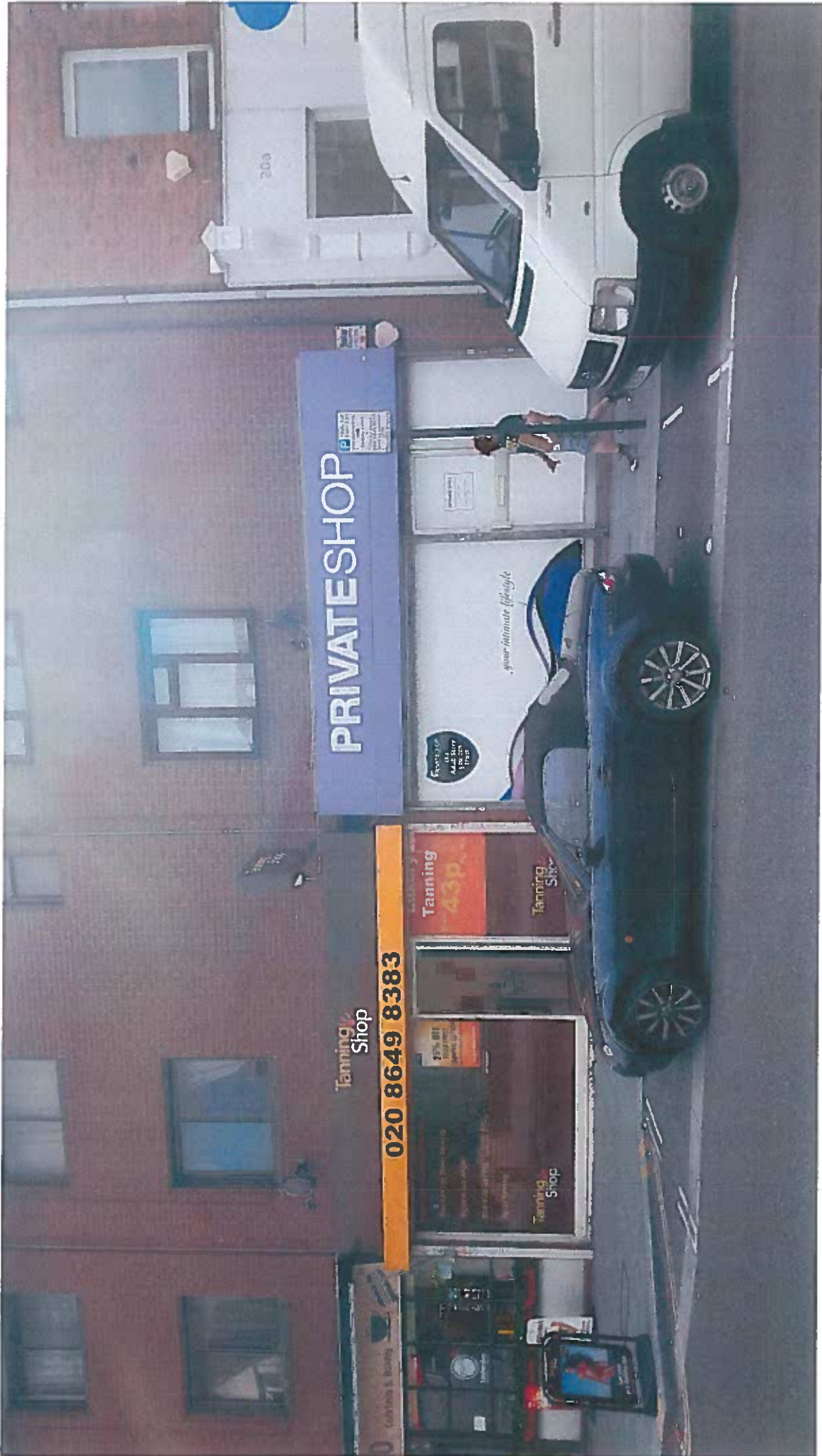
9. Standard condition

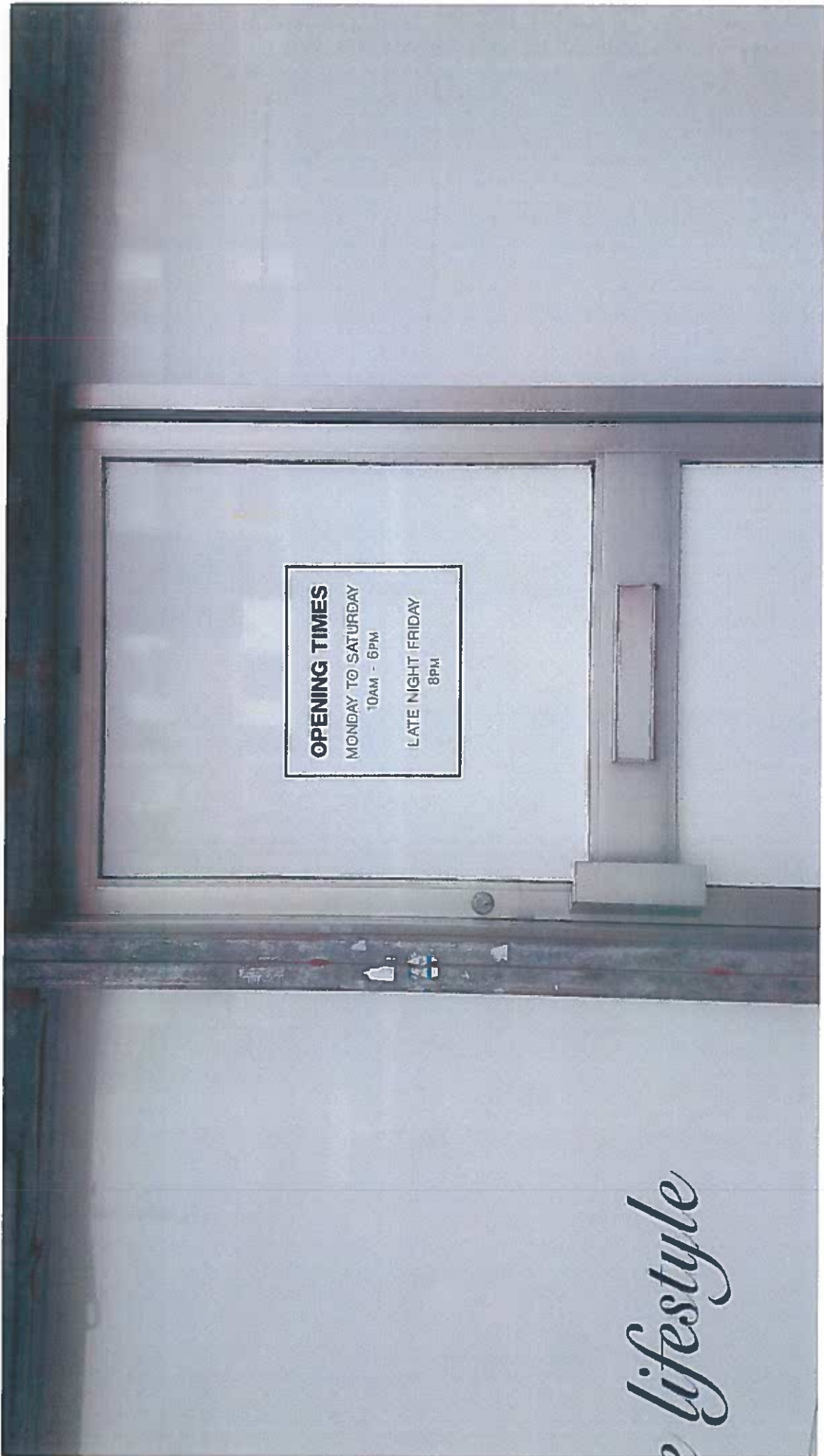
- (a) the premises are not to operate under the licence until such alterations and additions to the premises as are necessary to comply with these conditions have been agreed with and completed to, the satisfaction of the Police, Fire Officer and the London Borough of Croydon.

10. Additional conditions imposed are as follows

- a) No signs or other items shall be displayed in the window or on the exterior of the premises other than the words 'Private Shop'
- b) CCTV will be installed and be in operation at all times when the premises are open for business – recordings to be kept for a period of 30 days and available for inspection by the London Borough of Croydon
- c) Criminal Records Bureau checks to be carried out on all staff working at the premises or involved in the management of the premises and be provided for inspection to the London Borough of Croydon
- d) Premises to be closed to the public at any time when a member of staff is not present in the licensed areas







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Letter of objection for a license as a sex establishment

Weatherhill House
8 Mint Walk
Croydon
CR0 1EA

Date 2nd March 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Reference: 20c Selsdon Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR2 6PA

Description: Letter of objection for a license as a sex establishment

I write in connection with the above planning application. I know the site well as I am a local resident living at [REDACTED] South Croydon. I wish to object strongly to the planning application of a sex shop at this site.

I am writing to object to the application by Darker Enterprises Limited for a licence to use **20c Selsdon Road, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 6PA** as a sex shop establishment. Far from being a benefit to the town and community, I believe such a business would be harmful to both, given the current moral decline and its effects on public decency and community life. I am therefore requesting that you refuse the application based on the following reasons:

- This town is labelled as one of the worst in Great Britain if this proposal is accepted we would be sliding even deeper into the mire. It will lower the tone of the area and limit interest from new business.
- Selsdon Road is the main route for young school children and parents travelling to and from school at the Independent Whitgift School and Harris Primary Academy Haling Park, both these schools are located close to the sex shop.
- The school children are exposed to people going in and out of this shop as many youngsters walk along this street from school to visit fish and chip shops, sweet shops, coffee shop, the local Tesco supermarket and a bus stop which is opposite this sex shop, which is heavily used by these children. School children should not be exposed to a shop of this manner.
- Selsdon Road is frequented at lunchtime by a considerable number of school children as a result of the take away food outlets. I do not think this is an appropriate locality for such an enterprise.
- Selsdon Road has a significant part to play in the regeneration of the Town. Such a shop would not be appropriate. Furthermore, it could well deter other companies from locating their business in the area.
- Selsdon Road is one of the main routes from the bus station to a part of the Town. Again, this means that children, with or without parents, will pass the shop.
- The image of our Town is continually being denigrated in the media as

being shabby, poor and generally not having much going for it and we feel that should this planning consent be given it only puts another nail in the coffin. I urge you to reject this proposal and look for more wholesome and healthy projects to be initiated.

- People of all ages who regularly visit the restaurants in Selsdon Road/Brighton Road to place birthdays, memorial, and other occasions would be offended or endangered by such a business.
- The excellent work that the Council is doing in regeneration the town and to raise the reputation and public image that the rest of London has about Croydon would be further damaged by allowing such types of business into our town.
- Selsdon Road has many families living on this road, who have young children and teenage children, having a shop like this so close to my home is unsafe, indecent and detrimental to the area.
- St Peters Church is also located extremely close to this sex shop and those going in and out of the church are exposed to this type of shop.

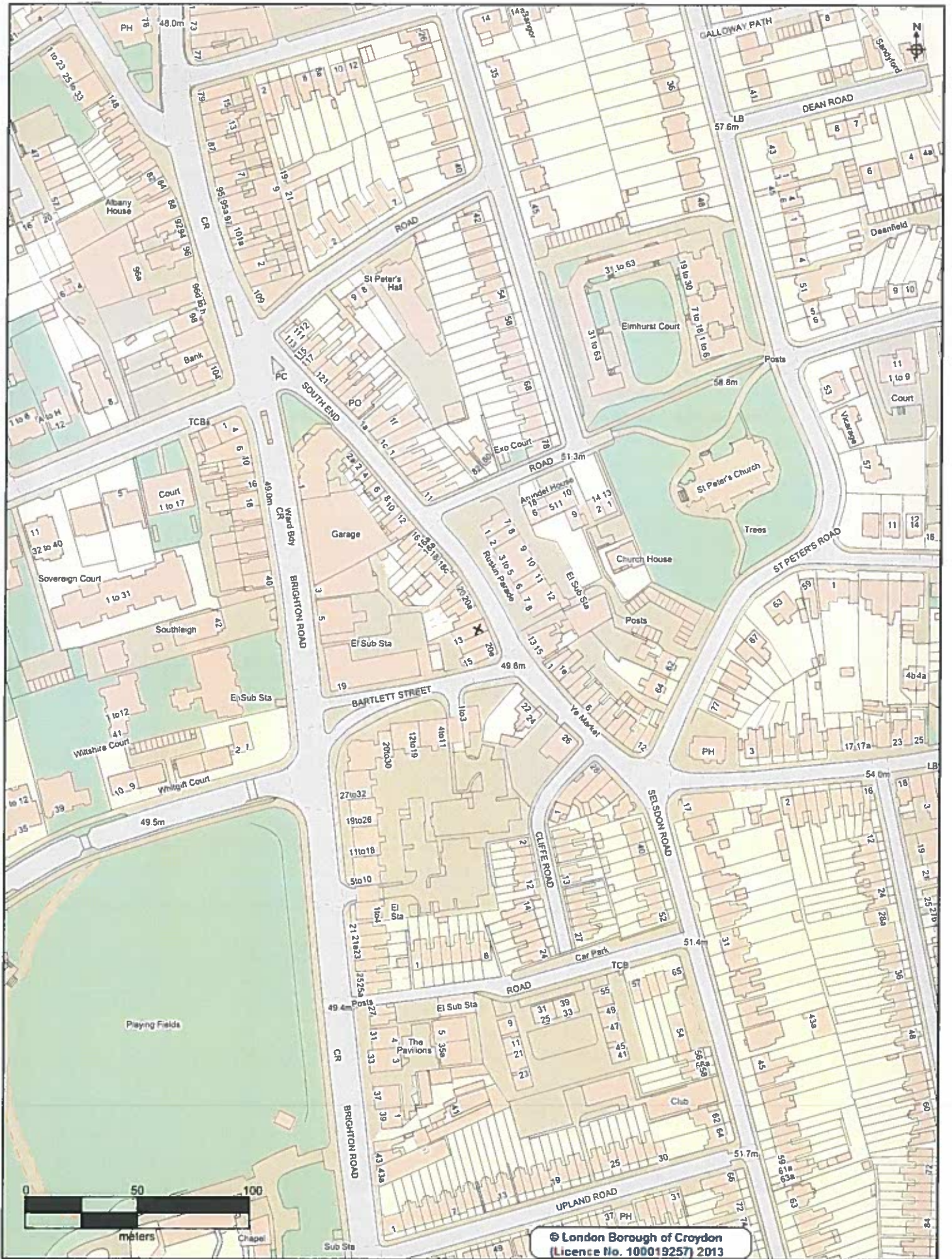
Please do not allow this business to trade in Selsdon Road based on the reasons above.

I urge Croydon Council to reject this application in the best possible interest of the town's already damaged reputation, as a moral duty to the people of Croydon, and because of the objection of its ratepayers. Therefore on the reasons provided I strongly feel that the location of the store is unsuitable and object to Darker Enterprises being granted a licence on these grounds.

Kind regards,



Local resident of 



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