

Definitions and Glossary of Terms

SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENSING

Character of the Relevant Locality:

Means the character or characteristics of the locality where the premises are situated which will be instrumental in determining whether or not the granting of a licence will be appropriate. This is a proper matter for the Council's Licensing Sub-Committee to consider based on local knowledge, factors and circumstances.

Inappropriate Proximity:

A distance of 400 metres in direct line of sight between the proposed establishment and any locations listed above, or 200 metres distance if there is no direct line of sight.

Licence Holder:

A person who is the holder of a sex establishment licence.

Licensed Premises:

Means any premises, vessel, vehicle or stall which is subject to a Sex Establishment licence. The premises will be in possession of all appropriate consents and permissions required to operate.

Licensing Authority:

Surrey Heath Borough Council.

Permitted Hour:

The hours that the licensed premise are permitted to be open to the public.

Policy Statement:

Means the Surrey Heath Sex Establishments Licensing Policy and Procedure.

Relevant Locality:

The Council has resolved that the relevant locality shall be the ward in which the premises, vehicle, vessel or stall for which the application is being made is situated, or such other area as the Sub-Committee considers appropriate as the relevant locality for the application which they are hearing.

Sex Article:

The legislation defines this as:

- (3) (a) 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 sub-paragraph (4) below applies.
- (4) This sub-paragraph applies –
 - (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, which –
 - (i) is concerned primarily with the portrayal of, or primarily deals with or relates to, or is intended to stimulate or encourage, sexual activity or acts of force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity; or
 - (ii) is concerned primarily with the portrayal of, or primarily deals with or relates to, genital organs, or urinary or excretory functions.

Sex Cinema:

The legislation defines as Sex Cinema as:

- (1) Any premises, vehicle, vessel or stall used to a significant degree for the exhibition of moving pictures, by whatever means produced, which -
 - (a) are concerned primarily with the portrayal of, or primarily deal with or relate to, or are intended to stimulate or encourage -
 - (i) sexual activity; or
 - (ii) acts of force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity; or
 - (b) are concerned primarily with the portrayal of, or primarily deal with or relate to, genital organs or urinary or excretory functions,

but does not include a dwelling-house to which the public is not admitted.
- (2) No premises shall be treated as a sex cinema by reason only -
 - (a) if they are licensed under Section 1 of the Cinemas Act 1985, of their use or purpose for which a licence under that section is required; or
 - (b) of their use for an exhibition to which Section 6 of that Act (certain non-commercial exhibitions) applies given by an exempted organisation within the meaning of Section 6(6) of that Act.

Sex Establishment Licence:

A licence granted pursuant to Schedule 3 of the Act.

Sex Shop:

The legislation defines a Sex Shop as:

- (1) 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.
- (2) No premises shall be treated as a sex shop by reason only of their use for the exhibition of moving pictures by whatever means produced.

Sex Shops – Significant Degree and Sex Articles:

Licences for sex shops are required where 18R rated films are being sold, or where there is a “significant degree” of “sex articles”.

It should be noted that in respect of Mail Order premises the Video Recordings Act 1984 states at section 7 (b) & (c) that no video recording that may only be viewed by persons aged 18 or over is to be supplied other than in a licensed sex shop. Case law precludes the sale of 18R rated films by Mail Order premises which holds a Sex Shop licence because the supply of the film to a person aged 18 or over cannot be confirmed; such supply would fail to ensure that the age controls are properly enforced.

The phrase “sex articles” is defined in the 1982 Act, but the phrase “a significant degree” is not. When considering whether or not a business is selling a significant degree of sex articles and needs a licence, we will consider:

- (1) the ratio of sex articles to other aspects of the business
- (2) the absolute quantity of sales
- (3) the character of the remainder of the business
- (4) the nature of the displays in the business
- (5) turnover
- (6) other factors which appear to be materially relevant.

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 - (i) sexual activity; or
 - (ii) acts of force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity; and
- (b) anything to which sub-paragraph below applies.

This sub-paragraph applies-

- (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 of vision or sound, which -
 - (i) is concerned primarily with the portrayal of, or primarily deals with or relates to, or is intended to stimulate or encourage, sexual activity or acts of force or restraint which are associated with sexual activity ; or
 - (ii) is concerned primarily with the portrayal of, or primarily deals with or relates to, genital organs, or urinary or excretory functions.

Sexual Entertainment Venue:

The legislation defines a **Sexual Entertainment Venue** as:

- 2A (1) In this Schedule “sexual entertainment venue” means any premises at which relevant entertainment is provided before a live audience for the financial gain of the organiser or the entertainer.
- (2) In this paragraph “relevant entertainment” means—
- (a) any live performance; or
 - (b) any live display of nudity;
- which is of such a nature that, ignoring financial gain, it must reasonably be assumed to be provided solely or principally for the purpose of sexually stimulating any member of the audience (whether by verbal or other means).
- (3) The following are not sexual entertainment venues for the purposes of this Schedule—
- (a) sex cinemas and sex shops;
 - (b) premises at which the provision of relevant entertainment as

mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) is such that, at the time in question and including any relevant entertainment which is being so provided at that time—

- (i) there have not been more than eleven occasions on which relevant entertainment has been so provided which fall (wholly or partly) within the period of 12 months ending with that time;
 - (ii) no such occasion has lasted for more than 24 hours; and
 - (iii) no such occasion has begun within the period of one month beginning with the end of any previous occasion on which relevant entertainment has been so provided (whether or not that previous occasion falls within the 12 month period mentioned in sub-paragraph (i));
- (c) premises specified or described in an order made by the relevant national authority.

(4) – (12) omitted as they refer to other matters

(13) For the purposes of this Schedule references to the use of any premises as a sexual entertainment venue are to be read as references to their use by the organiser.

(14) In this paragraph—

“audience” includes an audience of one;

“display of nudity” means—

- (a) in the case of a woman, exposure of her nipples, pubic area, genitals or anus; and
- (b) in the case of a man, exposure of his pubic area, genitals or anus;

“the organiser”, in relation to the provision of relevant entertainment at premises, means any person who is responsible for the organisation or management of—

- (a) the relevant entertainment; or
- (b) the premises;

“premises” includes any vessel, vehicle or stall but does not include any private dwelling to which the public is not admitted;

and for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) it does not matter whether the financial gain arises directly or indirectly from the performance or display of nudity.

Sexual Entertainment Venues – Nudity:

Section 27 of The Policing and Crime Act 2009 defines the “display of nudity” as: -

- (a) in the case of a woman, exposure of her nipples, pubic area, genitals or anus; and
- (b) in the case of a man, exposure of his pubic area, genitals or anus.

Sexual Entertainment Venues – Relevant Entertainment:

Licences for sexual entertainment venues are required for “any premises at which relevant entertainment is provided before a live audience for the financial gain of the organiser or the entertainer”.

“Relevant entertainment” is defined in schedule 3 (as amended by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009) as “any live performance or live display of nudity which is of such a nature that, ignoring financial gain, it must reasonably be assumed to be provided solely or principally for the purpose of sexually stimulating any member of an audience (whether by verbal or other means).” An audience can consist of just one person, e.g. in a private booth.

In deciding whether entertainment is “relevant entertainment” the Licensing Authority will judge each case on its merits, but will generally apply to:

- (1) lap dancing
- (2) pole dancing
- (3) table dancing
- (4) strip shows

- (5) peep shows
- (6) live sex shows

Adult entertainment not classed as “relevant entertainment” may still require regulation under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Act:

Means Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (as amended by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009).

The Council:

Means Surrey Heath Borough Council.