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To the Licensing Officer, Northampton Council

My name is Lucy Hart and I work at Urban Tiger as a dancer. I've been dancing for 7 years and in that time I have worked in 40 lapdancing clubs in the UK. During my time of being a dancer I've never been pressured or forced to work, its always been of my own choice. As a single mother the job enables me to provide for my child, and it suits my lifestyle.

I can work as and when I like. The wages can be extremely rewarding, and the friends, staff and customers I have met through my work have been fun, friendly, respectful, and I have made some long-term friends in this job.

Urban Tiger is a beautifully designed club which attracts a classy clientele. Its rules, which are upheld by management and staff, are some of the best I've seen to protect myself and the customer. If Urban Tiger was closed down it would be a great shame as I would lose my place of work, but also this would pander to naive arguments that this industry is bad for women, and I believe this is not true.

I never hear of people complaining about ladies' nights with male strippers, where there the rules are a lot less controlled and often the stage shows are a lot more explicit. I think this is very sexist and unfair.

I also think the rules in lapdancing clubs are very strict when compared to regular clubs where you get people dancing on bars, having sex in the toilets, drinking till they pass out. This just does not happen in lapdancing clubs. Lapdancing clubs are very controlled and any bad behaviour from customers is not tolerated at all. This is why I feel that Urban Tiger is a very good club to work in.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Hart