

Refusals and revocations of licences

1. The council must refuse to grant or transfer a licence to: -
 - (a) A person under the age of 18;
 - (b) A person who is for the time being disqualified from holding a licence;
 - (c) A person who is not resident in the United Kingdom or was not so resident throughout the period of 6 months immediately preceding the date upon which the application was made;
 - (d) A body corporate which is not incorporated in the United Kingdom;
 - (e) A person who has, within the period of 12 months immediately preceding the date upon which 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. The council may refuse
 - (a) an application for grant or renewal of a licence on one or more of the grounds shown in paragraph 3 below;
 - (b) an application for transfer of a licence on either or both of the grounds shown in paragraph 3 (a) and (b) below.
3. The grounds for refusal are: -
 - (a) That the applicant is unsuitable 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 that the application is made is equal to or exceeds the number which the council considers is appropriate for that locality;
 - (d) That the grant or renewal of the licence would be inappropriate having regard to: -
 - i. The character of the relevant locality;
 - ii. The use to which any premises in the vicinity are put; or
 - iii. 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 paragraph (3)(c) above.