

Representations in Support of the Application:

1.	Dear Licencing Committee, I am writing in support of the licence renewal application for Within Temptation in Torquay. Within Temptation is a well-managed adult lifestyle venue that provides a private and consensual environment for like minded adults. In my personal experience, the club is professionally run with clear rules and responsible management. and an emphasis on ensuring that members and guests behave reasonably and appropriately. The venue itself also brings visitors to torquey from around the country. Many who specifically travel to attend events hosted by the club, filling local hotels, restaurants, cafes, pubs and using the local amenities during their stays (Taxis, public transport and trains), shopping in the local high street during their stay. I personally wouldn't want to put a figure to the financial benefits that Within Temptation has brought to the local area, but if I were to guess we would easily be looking at the thousands over the period of a year. Helping to support local shops, independent hotels as well as other establishments within the local community beyond Within Temptation not just in the summer months when the area is filled with holiday makers, but throughout the year, when trade and visitors numbers fall. Having personally filled completely empty resultants when coming to visit in the depths of winter. Again on a personal note as somebody with disabilities, I have always felt welcomed and represented at the venue which sadly can not be said for some establishments within the area. Adult lifestyle venues such as Within Temptation cater to a specific community and provide a regulated private space for consenting adults. This continued operation of a well-managed venue helps to ensure these activities take place in a safe and controlled environment. Based on my own experiences, I believe that Within Temptation is operated responsibly and continues to make a positive contribution to local visitor economy and Torquay's diverse leisure offing. I therefore support the renewal of its licence and respectfully ask the Licencing Committee to give favourable consideration to it's application. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I hope in your infinite wisdom, that you make the right choice. I have very much enjoyed visiting Torquay, many times over the last year and I hope to be back many times more in the future.
2.	As a regular customer of Within Temptation, it has provided a unique and safe place to socialise and share common values with likeminded individuals. I would commonly recommend this place to my friends as a 'pub with safeguarding'. The owners, employees and licensing provide a safe atmosphere for all types of people that set foot through the door. I know that there's an economic benefit to the local community, in regards to hotels and restaurants within the local area, as there are a lot of patrons that travel far and wide to attend nights at Within Temptation. Some events held at this establishment can cater more than 80 people on occasion without local emergency services needing to be called. I've been attending since December 2025 and there's not been a single occurrence of police or medical services being needed. This has become my local spot to attend because of the culture provided being safe and well maintained by the owner and staff present. They have always maintained a strict policy on customer safeguarding and satisfaction which is upheld at all points of opening hours.

	To see this place closed would be a great disappointment to the community and local businesses within the area. There have been a loss of third spaces within my community that has greatly impacted the way that my generation behaves, I know that the sea front of Torquay town is well monitored by police and medical services, but Within Temptation is an exception due to the safety it holds for both staff and customers. Please strongly consider the acceptance of the license, this is the one establishment that my friends and family don't have to worry about me attending and know that I will return home safe and in good spirits
3.	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing in support of the licence renewal application for Within Temptation in Torquay. Within Temptation is a well-run, professionally managed venue that has consistently provided a safe, welcoming, and well-organised environment for its patrons. The management takes its responsibilities seriously, maintaining high standards of operation while ensuring the venue is run in a manner that respects both its customers and the wider local community. My partner and I organise Solero Parties, and we regularly hire Within Temptation as the venue for our events. Our parties typically attract at least 100 attendees, many of whom travel from outside the local area specifically to attend. Time and again, we have found the club to be an excellent venue, with professional and accommodating management who work closely with us to ensure every event is run safely and successfully. The venue makes a valuable contribution to the local economy. Because many of our guests travel significant distances, they frequently book local hotels or other accommodation, dine in local restaurants, visit pubs and cafés, and use local taxi services and other businesses during their stay. Their visits generate additional income for a range of businesses in Torquay, extending the economic benefits well beyond the venue itself. Within Temptation helps attract visitors to Torquay who may not otherwise come to the area, supporting the town's tourism and hospitality sectors. By encouraging many guests to stay overnight, the venue also promotes safer travel choices while providing additional business for local accommodation providers. Based on our experience of working with the management and hosting numerous successful events at the venue, I believe Within Temptation is a positive asset to Torquay. It is responsibly managed, professionally operated, and delivers both social and economic benefits to the local community. I therefore fully support the renewal of its premises licence and respectfully ask that the application be viewed favourably.
4.	I write to express my full support for the application for a Sex Entertainment Venue Licence for the above premises and respectfully urge the Council to grant the licence. I am a regular attendee at this venue and have visited on numerous occasions. As someone with direct experience of the premises, I have consistently found it to be professionally managed, well organised and operated in a safe and respectful manner. My comments are based on my own observations and experiences over multiple visits. This venue provides lawful adult entertainment in a professional, safe and well-managed environment. Licensing exists to regulate this type of business, and a properly licensed venue offers protection for performers, customers and the wider public through clear operating standards and robust licence conditions.

	Granting the licence ensures that the Council retains effective oversight of the business and can continue to hold it to the highest standards. In my experience, there is no evidence that this venue has had a detrimental impact on the local area. Where concerns are sometimes raised about adult entertainment venues, these should be supported by objective evidence rather than assumptions or moral objections. Licensing decisions should be based on the way a premises is managed, its compliance with the law, and its actual impact on the locality. The venue also makes a positive contribution to the local economy by attracting visitors from outside the area. Those visitors frequently stay in local hotels and other accommodation, dine in local restaurants, purchase food and drinks in local bars and pubs, and use local taxi services. Their spending extends beyond the venue itself, supporting a range of local businesses and contributing to the wider evening and night-time economy. A well-run venue creates employment and provides performers with a safe, regulated workplace where standards of welfare, security and safeguarding can be monitored and enforced through the licensing regime. Granting the licence helps ensure those protections remain in place and that the business continues to operate within a clear regulatory framework. Refusing an application simply because the premises offers adult entertainment would undermine the purpose of the licensing framework. Parliament has provided a mechanism for these venues to operate lawfully, subject to appropriate regulation, and where an applicant demonstrates that they are responsible, compliant and capable of meeting the Council's requirements, the licence should be granted. Having considered the application and based on my own experience of the venue, I believe it has demonstrated that it is capable of operating responsibly and in accordance with the standards expected by the Council. There is no compelling evidence to justify refusing this application. On the contrary, the venue is well managed, contributes to the local economy, supports employment, attracts visitors to the area and operates within a regulatory framework that protects performers, customers and the wider public. I therefore strongly support this application and respectfully request that the Council grants the Sex Entertainment Venue Licence.
5.	Dear Licensing Committee, I am writing in support of the licence renewal application for Within Temptation in Torquay. Within Temptation is a well-managed adult lifestyle venue that provides a private, consensual environment for like-minded adults. In my experience, the club is professionally run, with clear rules, responsible management, and an emphasis on ensuring that members and guests behave respectfully and appropriately. The venue also brings visitors to Torquay from across the UK. Many people travel specifically to attend events hosted by the club, booking local hotels or other accommodation, eating in local restaurants, visiting pubs and cafés, using local taxi services, and shopping in the area during their stay. This generates additional income for a wide range of local businesses and contributes positively to the local economy beyond the venue itself. Adult lifestyle venues such as Within Temptation cater to a specific community and provide a regulated, private space for consenting adults. The continued operation of a well-managed venue helps ensure these activities take place in a safe and controlled environment. Based on my experience, I believe Within

	Temptation is operated responsibly and makes a positive contribution to both the local visitor economy and Torquay's diverse leisure offering. I therefore support the renewal of its licence and respectfully ask the Licensing Committee to give favourable consideration to its application.
6.	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing in support of the licence renewal application for Within Temptations in Torquay. My Wife and I regularly attend Within Temptations to meet open minded people with similar interests to ourselves. We've never had a bad experience in the 3 years we have been attending. This venue offers lawful adult entertainment in a professional, safe and well-managed environment. Licensing exists to regulate this type of business, and a properly licensed venue offers protection for performers, customers and the wider public through clear operating standards and robust licence conditions. Granting the licence ensures that the Council retains effective oversight of the business and can continue to hold it to the highest standards. Based on our own experiences of the venue, I believe it has demonstrated that it is capable of operating responsibly and in accordance with the standards expected by the Council. There is no compelling evidence to justify refusing this application. The venue is well managed, contributes to the local economy, supports employment, attracts visitors to the area and operates within a regulatory framework that protects performers, customers and the wider public. In addition the venue makes a positive contribution to the local economy by attracting visitors from outside of the area. Those visitors stay in local hotels, dine in restaurants, purchase food and drinks in local bars and pubs use local taxi services and the local car parks. Their spending extends beyond the venue itself, supporting a range of local businesses and contributing to the wider economy. Many Thanks
7.	I have been through years of sexual and relationship abuse over my life time and found this to be a safe place for my sexually and to talk to others about subjects that you couldn't talk about in a normal pub setting. For many it has built confidence and friendship whilst supporting others with mental health support.
8.	Support for the Application for a New Licence – Within Temptation I am writing in support of the application for a new licence for Within Temptation because I have genuine concerns about the impact its closure has had on a diverse section of the local community. I served for 13 years in the British Army and later as a police officer. Throughout those years I worked alongside and served people from every walk of life. Those experiences reinforced my belief that a fair and democratic society is one in which people are treated equally, with dignity and respect, regardless of whether others agree with their lawful choices or lifestyles. As a former police officer, I have attended Within Temptation on numerous occasions as a private individual. Throughout those visits, I have never personally witnessed criminal activity, disorder or behaviour that caused me concern. My observations have consistently been of a well-managed venue where consent, respect and personal responsibility were actively promoted. I also found the management and staff to be approachable, professional and genuinely committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment. They were visible, engaged with members and

willing to address concerns whenever necessary. It was clear to me that the venue's management took their responsibilities seriously and understood the importance of operating within the conditions of its licence. I appreciate that my experience is my own, but it has been entirely positive and has given me confidence in the way the venue has been operated. Within Temptation should not be viewed solely as a venue for swingers. In my experience, it serves a much broader and more diverse community. Its members include people of different sexual orientations, gender identities, relationship styles and those within the kink community, alongside many who simply value an accepting, non-judgemental social environment. What unites those who attend is not a single lifestyle, but a shared commitment to respect, consent, inclusion and the freedom to be themselves without fear of prejudice. On a personal level, many of my closest friendships have been formed through Within Temptation. The people I have met there come from an extraordinarily diverse range of backgrounds and professions, including medical professionals, Armed Forces veterans, council employees, business owners and many others. Outside the venue they are simply ordinary members of society who contribute positively to their communities. Within Temptation provides an environment where those differences become irrelevant and everyone is treated with equal dignity and respect. For many members, Within Temptation provides something that is increasingly difficult to find elsewhere: a safe, regulated space where adults from communities that are often misunderstood or marginalised can socialise openly and responsibly. It fosters friendship, mutual support and a genuine sense of belonging. Reducing it to a stereotype fails to recognise the diversity of the people it serves and the positive role it plays within that community. The principles that underpin the Equality Act 2010 recognise the importance of dignity, equality and respect for all members of society. While not every aspect of an individual's personal relationships or interests falls within the Act's protected characteristics, I believe those principles should encourage fairness towards all people who choose to live lawfully and responsibly. Article 10 of the Human Rights Act 1998 protects freedom of expression. While this right is subject to lawful restrictions, I believe that venues such as Within Temptation help people exercise that freedom responsibly by providing a safe, licensed and regulated environment in which adults can express aspects of their identity and associate with others who share similar interests. The closure of Within Temptation has significantly reduced opportunities for many people to do so safely. I fully respect that many people will not share my views or have any desire to attend a venue such as Within Temptation. They are entirely entitled to hold those opinions, just as I am entitled to mine. However, in a tolerant and democratic society, personal disagreement with a lawful activity should not, in itself, become a reason to prevent others from participating in that activity within a properly regulated environment. Mutual respect requires that we protect the rights of those whose lawful lives differ from our own. From both my policing background and my personal experience, I firmly believe that regulated environments are safer than unregulated ones. If venues such as Within Temptation are unavailable, the community they serve does not simply disappear. Instead, people are more likely to meet in private homes, hotels or other locations where there is no licensing oversight, no trained staff, no welfare procedures and none of the safeguards that

	accompany a properly licensed premises. Having observed the venue over a number of years, I believe it has consistently supported the licensing objectives. In my experience, it has promoted the prevention of crime and disorder through responsible management and clear behavioural expectations. It has promoted public safety by providing a controlled environment where staff were present, rules were enforced and welfare was taken seriously. I have never experienced the venue causing public nuisance and, in my opinion, its existence reduced the likelihood of members of this community seeking to meet in unregulated locations. As an adult-only venue, access was appropriately restricted, supporting the objective of protecting children from harm. I also believe there is a broader public interest in supporting venues that allow minority communities to gather safely, lawfully and respectfully. A diverse and tolerant society is not measured solely by how it treats the majority, but also by how it respects minorities whose lawful lifestyles may differ from those of others. A properly licensed venue enables that diversity to exist within a framework of regulation, accountability and public safety. Throughout my service in the Armed Forces and later as a police officer, I swore to uphold the law and to serve all members of the public equally, regardless of their background, beliefs or personal circumstances. Those values did not end when I left those professions. It is because of those values—not despite them—that I believe Within Temptation deserves to be judged on the evidence of how it has been managed and operated, rather than on misconceptions or stereotypes about the community it serves. I respectfully ask the Licensing Committee to consider the wider role that Within Temptation plays within the community. It is more than simply a venue; it is a safe, inclusive and well-managed environment that enables adults from a wide range of backgrounds to meet lawfully, responsibly and without fear of judgement. For these reasons, I respectfully support the application for a new licence.
9.	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express my support for Within Temptations and its continued operation. My partner and I enjoy attending the club because it provides a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment. We always feel comfortable there and appreciate that it is a well-managed venue where people are expected to behave responsibly. We do not enjoy going to late-night pubs or bars, as we often do not feel as safe in those settings. Within Temptations offers a completely different atmosphere. Access is controlled, the door is kept locked, and everyone attending is there for the same reason, which creates a sense of security and mutual respect. It allows us to socialise with confidence and enjoy our evenings without the concerns we would have elsewhere. The club also has a positive impact on the local economy. On major event nights, many visitors travel from outside the area and use local hotels, taxis, restaurants, and other nearby businesses. This brings additional trade into the local community and supports businesses that benefit from increased customer numbers. In my experience, Within Temptations is a responsible, well-run venue that provides a safe place for consenting adults to socialise while also making a positive contribution to the local economy. I hope the council will take these points into consideration and support its continued operation.