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THERE WILL BE NO SEX SHOP

by Pastor Jack Glass



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By MARK McGIVERN

A BID to open a sex shop in the heart of Glasgow was booted out yesterday.

Campaigners were jubilant at the decision to block porn magnate Ray Darker's plans to open a shop at 69 Gordon Street in the city centre.

Church groups and women's rights had argued that a green light would have led to a flood of similar businesses in the city.

The decision by the licensing committee of Glasgow City Council was greeted with a round of applause from a packed public gallery.

Protesters, led by anti vice campaigner Pastor Jack Glass, sang hymns and waved banners as councillors arrived for the meeting.

The application had led to 450 written objections and 20 separate opponents put their views to the committee yesterday.

Dissenters claimed Glasgow could head down the same road as Amsterdam, known for its brothels and sex shops, if the decision went in Darker's favour.

Pastor Jack Glass said: "There is no need for this kind of enterprise in Glasgow or anywhere else in Scotland. These shops pose a threat to women and children."

Anti vice campaigner Sandra White MSP said: "So many people have made their feelings known on this issue, it gave a clear signal on the kind of city centre people want. This kind of business would not add anything to the city."

Duncan Tannahill, chief executive of Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, said: "We have no firm attitude against the sex industry, we simply didn't feel this location was remotely suitable."

Darker is now considering a legal bid to force a U-turn.

Clive Sullivan, who fronted the plan, said: "We are not giving up. We will consider the matter with our legal advisers."

Sullivan, brother of porn baron and Birmingham City owner David, added: "Glasgow is the largest city in Scotland. It prides itself on being a good shopping area.

"If Glasgow does not provide people with a full range of services then it cannot make that claim. "

The city has no licensed sex shops although there are two operating without a licence.

Editor of SPV, Pastor Jack Glass' comment:

We thank God that the application to open a Sex Shop in Glasgow was thrown out by the Licensing Committee of Glasgow City Council. This is a victory for Christ and moral values over Satan and sin. The application was made by Darker Enterprises and we have no doubt the Prince of Darkness, Satan, was behind it, working through men. Our protest appeared thrice on Scottish Television, BBC Radio, in the Daily Record above, and in the Scotsman, The London Times, The Glasgow Evening Times and the Metro.