

Answers to questions taken on notice – Camden City Council

1. Question from the Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, Transcript of Evidence, page 10:

Mrs Melinda Pavey: Could you come back to us with the distance that is required between brothels in your local environmental plan?

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- Under the LEP (Clause 27 within Schedule 1), sex services premises such as brothels are permitted with consent only on certain industrial land within the suburbs of Narellan and Smeaton Grange, as mapped within the LEP. (Please let me know if you would like a copy of those maps). Further to this, under the LEP sex services premises are permitted only if the premises will not be located on land that adjoins, is directly opposite or is separated only by a local road from land zoned Residential or Recreation, or used for the purposes of a child care centre, a community facility, a school or a place of public worship. In deciding whether to grant consent to development for the purposes of sex services premises, Council must consider the impact the proposed development would have on any place likely to be regularly frequented by children.
- In addition to the above, the Camden DCP 2011 contains a number of specific controls for the assessment of DAs for sex services premises, including a control that requires Council to consider *“whether or not the operation of the sex service premise is likely to cause disturbance in the area when taking into account other sex service premises operating in the area or other land uses within the area involving similar hours of operation”*.