

3 Soho Square WI

Dear sirs,

I think you are being very thoughtless by making Quadrophenia a certificate X. This is exactly the kind of film young kids from 12 to 18 want to see. If you are going to make a film about teenagers why not let teenagers see it. The Mods and Rockers situation is the same as the Teds and Punks today.

You cannot justify your action by saying it has bad language in it because if you walk into a playground of almost any secondary school you will probably hear more grunts and four letter words than in any film made.

Maybe it has sex in it, do you know the average age girls lose their virginity is 14! It must be violence, I think to myself. I do not go to a particularly rough school yet almost every day there are fights, some are serious. Also kids can see as much violence as they like on T.V. and it does not shock anyone, except perhaps their parents. I know that many kids between 12 and 18 are going to try to get in and some will succeed. If one will try, and my parent entirely backs me up.

Yours irately

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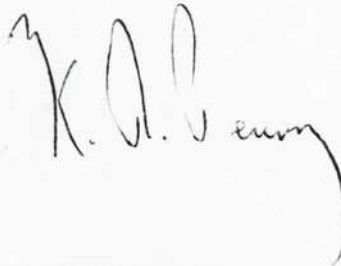
Thank you for your letter regarding the film QUADROPHENIA.

The arguments that you use to justify the 'AA' category for this film are the very arguments that we used for passing it in the 'X' category. The bad language is excessive even for an 'X' category film, the mob violence tends to stimulate even an adult audience, and the sex scene in which a young couple are roused by the violence taking place in the adjacent street is not an idea that we wish to 'sell' to younger audiences.

The Board, which is a non-statutory body, gives an advisory national category which the majority of local authorities accept. This is because the authorities trust in the judgment of the Board. On those occasions when local viewing committees view films, possibly as a result of reading sensationalised newspaper articles, they normally either reject the film or place it in a higher category.

We know that had we passed QUADROPHENIA in the 'AA' category most local authorities would have reclassified it 'X' category or even rejected it.

Yours sincerely,



Assistant Secretary