

Sex Pistols show banned in Derby

The Sex Pistols rock group refused to give a private weekend performance for 12 "censor" councillors in Derby and were banned from appearing at their *Anarchy* in the U.K. concert on Saturday night.

The councillors, including two women, waited for two hours hoping that the Sex Pistols would appear so they could judge whether they should be allowed to give their performance.

But the rock group did not turn up and sent a message to the councillors saying that they were considered too old to appreciate the group's music.

Coun. Les Shepley, chairman of Derby Leisure Committee, announced: "The manager of the Sex Pistols says that they refused

point-blank to appear for a preview. They don't think we are fit and proper persons, being of the wrong age group."

The Sex Pistols issued a statement saying: "We feel it is unreasonable to expect our performance to be judged by people unconnected with and unfamiliar with our music. We prefer to be judged by those who see our concerts and listen to our records."

A promoter, Mr. Nick Bowbanks, of Birmingham, said he was worried about reaction to the group's refusal to appear for the preview.

Although bookings had been cancelled in Birmingham, Newcastle and Norwich, he was hoping the band would appear in the next fortnight in Birmingham, Leeds, Norwich, Liverpool, London and Middlesbrough or Sunderland.