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To: Councillor Boulton, Convener; and Councillors, Cameron, Carle, Forsyth, Jaffrey, Lawrence, Dickson and Grant.

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 10 August 2012

LICENSING BOARD

The Members of the **LICENSING BOARD** are requested to meet in on **TUESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2012 at 9:30am for 10.30 am.**

JANE G MACEACHRAN
CLERK TO THE LICENSING BOARD

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Meeting 21 August 2012 at 10:30am in the Council Chamber, Town House, Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1AQ

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

New Grant(s)			
Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
1 MASTRICK GROCER 9 GREENFERN PLACE ABERDEEN AB16 6JR	UNION SPARK LTD C/O GRAPHITE STUDIO CHARTERED ARCHITECTS 7/3 EAST TRINITY ROAD EDINBURGH EH5 3DZ	19 June 2012	Premises offering alcohol for consumption off the premises. Monday to Saturday 10:00 to 22:00 and Sunday 12:00 to 22:00. Capacity 17m2
REDDYS 110 - 112 ROSEMOUNT VIADUCT ABERDEEN AB25 1NX	JINKALA SUDHEER REDDY	22 April 2012	Premises offering alcohol for consumption off the premises. Monday to Sunday 10:00 to 22:00

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Provisional(s)			
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3 HAZLEHEAD PARK CAFE HAZLEHEAD PARK ABERDEEN AB11 5BP	COFFEE SOCIETEA LIMITED C/O JAMES & GEORGE COLLIE SOLICITORS 1 EAST CRAIBSTONE STREET ABERDEEN AB11 6YQ	16 May 2012	Premises offering alcohol for consumption on the premises and conference facilities, restaurant facilities, bar meals, receptions, club meetings, recorded music, live performances, dance facilities, films, gaming, indoor/outdoor sports, televised sports, outdoor drinking facilities.
4 TESCO SUPERSTORE WOODEND HOSPITAL ROUSAY DRIVE ABERDEEN AB15 6LT	TESCO STORES LIMITED C/O HILL BROWN SOLICITORS 3 NEWTON PLACE GLASGOW G3 7PU	30 May 2012	Premises offering alcohol for consumption off the premises and restaurant facilities, recorded music, sale of food, non food items, and other household goods and the provision of ancillary consumer services. Monday to Sunday 10:00 to 22:00. Capacity 252.8m2

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Variation (Major)(s)			
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5 FUSION 10 NORTH SILVER STREET (GROUND AND FIRST FLOOR) ABERDEEN AB10 1RL	MARK JAMES CAVANAGH C/O PETERKINS SOLICITORS 100 UNION STREET ABERDEEN AB10 1QR	19 June 2012	Variation to open on Mondays from 11:00 to 01:00 and Sundays from 11:00 to 00:00 (premises is currently closed on these days)
GOALS GREAT SOUTHERN ROAD ABERDEEN AB11 7XY	GOALS SOCCER CENTRES PLC	11 May 2012	Varied From: in the company of an adult and during operating core hours for young persons and until 20:00 for children. Varied To: Children in the company of adults and unaccompanied children will be permitted access up until 19:00. Young persons in the company of adults will be permitted access when present during all core hours. Children and young persons in the company of adults will be permitted access for the purposes of attending privately booked functions at all times.

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7 KIRKGATE BAR 18 UPPERKIRKGATE ABERDEEN AB10 1BA	TOWN HOUSES LIMITED	20 January 2012	Amend operating plan to include recorded music to allow for a juke box and also indoor/outdoor sports to take account of a dart board.	
8 NIRVANA 23 CROWN TERRACE ABERDEEN AB11 6HD	AJM FUNDING LTD	28 May 2012	The addition of adult entertainment in general for both male and female patrons. (Currently restricted to female patrons only)	
PALM COURT HOTEL 81 SEAFIELD ROAD ABERDEEN AB15 7YU	G1 GROUP PLC C/O G1 GROUP PLC VIRGINIA HOUSE 62 VIRGINIA STREET GLASGOW G1 1TX	21 May 2012	Vary core licensed hours from 11:00 to 00:00 Monday to Saturday and 12:00 to 00:00 Sunday to 10:00 to 00:00 Monday to Sunday. (Note: Function Suite for Private Functions only the terminal hour will be 01:00 daily)	
10 POLMUIR BOWLING CLUB POLMUIR ROAD ABERDEEN AB11 7RS	POLMUIR BOWLING CLUB C/O MARGARET MUIRHEAD THE SECRETARY POLMUIR BOWLING CLUB C/O 9 CROOKFOLD GARDENS BRIDGE OF DON ABERDEEN	11 June 2012	Receptions/Club or Other Group Meetings to be provided outwith core hours.	

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11 TGI FRIDAY'S 14 FIRST LEVEL MALL UNION SQUARE ABERDEEN AB11 5RG	TGI FRIDAY'S UK LIMITED C/O BRODIES LLP SOLICITORS 23 CARDEN PLACE ABERDEEN AB10 1UQ	17 May 2012	Variation to terminal hour from 23:00 to 00:00 Monday to Sunday.
12 TONIK UNIT 10 THE GALLERIA BON ACCORD STREET ABERDEEN AB11 6FB	BLU INNS LIMITED C/O JAMES & GEORGE COLLIE SOLICITORS 1 EAST CRAIBSTONE STREET ABERDEEN AB11 6YQ	21 May 2012	To licence unit 6 in the Galleria to operate as a cocktail lounge bar with table service only. Area will operate from 18:00 for sale and supply for alcohol. Patrons will not be permitted to take alcohol from new area to existing Tonik Premises. Corresponding variation to capacity and layout plan. It is proposed to carry out the following activities outwith the core hours: provision of coffees, teas, soft drinks and snacks. Addition of Mixology Classes. Children and young persons will be allowed entry to all public parts of unit 6 from 0800 to 17:00 when partaking

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Personal Licence(s)	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
Premises			
	JUSTIN WARE C/O WINCKWORTH SHERWOOD LLP SOLICITORS MINERVA HOUSE 5 MONTAGUE CLOSE LONDON SE1 9BB	26 April 2012	

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Mr Zulfiqar Ahmad

9 August 2012

Legal and Democratic Services
Corporate Governance
Aberdeen City Council
Business Hub 6 L1S
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We are writing to register our objection for premises licence by Union Spark Ltd for Mastrick Grocer, 9 Greenfern Place, Aberdeen, AB16 6JR. Our Objections are detailed below.

Overprovision of licensed premises in the locality

The licence proposes that alcohol be sold for consumption off the premises between 10:00 until 22:00 seven days a week. Granting a licence would provide a further source of alcohol within an area already populated by a public house, and four off licenced premises (Spar, a convenience store on Springfield Road and two further stores in Clunnie Place).

Securing public safety and public nuisance issues

The profile data for Mastrick shows that a large proportion of this community is heavily reliant on a variety of pensions and benefits payments which are accessed through a Post Office. Our elderly customers in particular tell us that they feel "intimated" by the rowdy atmosphere in the shopping precinct and feel that they have to be on their guard when they come to collect their benefits. For example, they will tend to use our internal ATM machine rather than the one sited outside the Clydesdale Bank as they feel it is safer to do so. The link between access to alcohol and crime and disorder is well established and we believe that a licence would serve to dilute community safety.

Aberdeen City Council has invested heavily in regenerating Mastrick Shopping Centre (new paving, benches, lighting etc). Littering, vandalism and other public nuisance issues are likely to result from this grant.

Protecting and improving public health

The Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) is the Scottish Governments official tool for identifying concentrations of multiple deprivation. 2009 data, reveals that Mastrick is among the most deprived (combined domain) data zones in Scotland. It is particularly interesting to note that Mastrick scores poorly within the crime and health domains and has emerged as one of Aberdeen City Councils "hot spots" for anti-social behavior and community safety issues including alcohol and drug abuse and youth disorder. Underage drinking outside Lewis Road shops, Mastrick Community Centre and Mastrick Church are issue that are presented to Mastrick, Summerhill & Sheddocksley Community Council time and time again. Making alcohol more readily accessible is likely to fuel this problem further.

In summary, we believe that the premises are unsuitable as they are positioned directly opposite to a Post Office and that a licence could lead to increased public nuisance, increased crime and disorder and may well be detrimental to public health in Mastick.

Yours faithfully /

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR ERIC ANDERSON

Dear Sir

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 - APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A
PREMISES LICENCE
TESCO STORES LIMITED, TESCO HOUSE, DELAMARE ROAD, CHESNUT,
HERTFORDSHIRE
WOODEND HOSPITAL, ROUSAY DRIVE, ABERDEEN, AB15 6LT**

I refer to the above application and in terms of Section 21(4)(b)(i) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I have to advise you that the applicant has been convicted of the following relevant offence(s).

Date	Court	Crime/Offence	Disposal
2001	Edinburgh Sheriff Court	Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 s.1	Fined £6,500
09/07/2007	Crawley Magistrates Court	Offence s.146 Licensing Act 2003	Fined £10,000
8/12/2008	Cheltenham Magistrates Court	(1) Contravention of Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, s.2 (2) Contravention of Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations	(1) Fined £15,000 (2) Fined £5,000
2/03/2009	Oldham Magistrates Court	(1) Contravention of Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, s.3 (2) Contravention of Provision and Use of Work Equipment	(1) Fined £10,000 (2) No penalty

		Regulations	
23/03/2009	Haverford West Magistrates Court	(1) Contravention of Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, s.2 (2) Contravention of Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations	(1) Fined £15,000 (2) Fined £3,500 on each charge
25/03/2009	Blackpool Magistrates Court	Contravention of Licensing Act 2003, s.147(a)	Fined £6,000
24/04/2009	Sheffield Magistrates Court	Contravention of Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, s.2	Fined £25,000
15/06/2009	Solihull Magistrates Court	(1) Contravention of Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, s.2 (2) Contravention of Electricity at Work Regulations 1989	(1) Fined £20,000 and £13,600 (2) Fined £2,000
21/07/2009	Middlesbrough Magistrates Court	Contravention of Licensing Act 2003, s.136	Absolute discharge: no penalty
6/08/2009	Abertillery Magistrates Court	(1) Contravention of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (2) Contravention of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (3) Contravention of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999	(1) Fined £3,200 (2) Fined £3,200 (3) Fined £3,200
15/04/2011	East Berkshire Magistrates	Contravention of Licensing Act 2003 s. 136(1) Carrying on licensable activity other than in accordance with authorisation	Fined £1,000 with costs

2/3/2012	Leicester Magistrates Court	Contravention Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 s.3	Fined £20,000 with costs
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For clarity, I can confirm that no connected person has been convicted of any relevant offence.

I am unable to confirm the existence of any foreign offence in respect of the applicant or any connected person.

Yours faithfully



Martin Mackay
Chief Inspector

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To, Licensing Board (Alcohol Licensing)

Firstly i would like to introduce myself. i'm Barry Thomson, Aberdeen City Youth Councillor and British Youth Councillor.

I'm writing to you to place my Objections to the application for a licence from Tesco, as i cannot stop the store going ahead, i can however try my hardest to at least give local shops a fighting chance.

i would like to say that i am very disappointed in the amount of notices for the application as i've only seen 3 of them around the area.

i'm fighting for all of the small businesses around the area (not directly affiliated with them) areas that this application will affect are Woodend, Summerhill, Sheddocksly, Mastrick and possibly Northfield, Byron and stockethill.

i know from consulting all of the businesses that they are all Very Worried about how having Tesco there will Harm there Business.

1. Tesco have approximately 2975 Alcohol Licences Across the UK 7 of which are in Aberdeen they don't need 1 more
2. We do not need anymore Permitted Licences in Aberdeen as we already have a huge number of Licence Premises per head of population in the UK.
3. Denying the application would give local shops (20+) a fighting chance of survival in the communities affected
4. Granting the application would effectively cause 20+ local Businesses to close their doors leading to a Large number of Job Losses, although Tesco will be Hiring a lot of staff, a very large number of these will be part time positions which a single person cannot live off of alone so its not really going to be helping the economy by hiring large numbers of people.
5. Aberdeen City Council seems to of been Bullied Quite A lot by Tesco, Now is the time to stand up to them and say that we will not be Pushed over and will not grant your Application because We Support All of our Local Shops, because there are a lot of them that are feeling that they are insignificant to the City Council compared to a Large Supermarket Chain.

6. Crime in the area Will be Increased, According to reports all over the internet and Police Reports across the country where there is a Tesco Store or Supermarket there are Much Higher Levels of Anti-Social Behaviour and other Crimes which leads to a More Demanding Police Presence.
7. By Rejecting this application it would keep if not reduce the levels of Binge Drinking in the local Communities as there will not be the "Store Brand" Alcohol Alternatives Available.

to conclude.

Please Protect the Local Businesses by Denying the application and Supporting the Locals by giving them a chance to be able to Keep their Businesses alive and Keeping People In Much Needed Jobs.

I may have more to add to this, if so then i will email the edited Objection by Close of day Friday 13th July.

Hope your all settling in well to your posts as councillors and i look forward to working more with you in the future.

P.S could someone Call Me and or Wright to me With the Decision

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Barry Thomson
Aberdeen City Youth Councillor
British Youth Councillor



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Date: 8 August 2012

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR ERIC ANDERSON

Dear Sir

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE
TONIK, UNIT 11, THE GALLERIA, LANGSTANE PLACE, ABERDEEN, AB11 6FB

I refer to the above application for the variation of a premises licence under terms of Section 29(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

The variation consists of a request to include a separate existing unlicensed cafe bar/coffee shop situated at unit 6 in The Galleria as an 'annexed' part of the existing premises licence.

The new licensed area will comprise of the floor space within unit 6 along with an outside seating area which will extend into the public concourse of the shopping mall. Both the interior floor space and exterior seating area are to be included within the licensed area, as delineated by a red line within the layout plan accompanying the application. It is proposed that the additional licensed area will operate as a cocktail lounge bar with table service. Non alcoholic drinks and food will be available from unit 6 from 0800 to 1700 hours daily, with alcohol only being served after 1800 hours. Children and young persons are to be allowed entry to the new area from 0800 to 1700 hours only.

In addition, the variation requests that the existing Tonik outside seating area be included within the licensed area as delineated by a red line in the layout plan. Non alcoholic drinks and food will be available from 1200 hours.

For both the existing and sought after new licensed areas, the variation states that patrons will not be permitted to take alcohol from the new licensed area to the existing Tonik premises. It is assumed that this restriction has been proposed to ensure full compliance with the Aberdeen City Council (Drinking in Public Places) Byelaws 2009.

In terms of Section 29(5) of the Act this request can be considered a variation.

In terms of Section 22(1)(a) of the same Act, I make the following objection on behalf of the Chief Constable.

At present the premises licence relates solely to Tonik at Unit 11 The Galleria. The existing layout plan shows that the licensed area, as delineated by a red line, extends only to the perimeter of unit 11 and not beyond the building line. There is no natural curtilage extending into the shopping mall itself. The licensed area does not include the outside courtyard seating area.

The use of the existing unlicensed outside courtyard seating area, and consumption of alcohol by customers within it, has been subject of dialogue between Grampian Police, the Clerk to the Licensing Board and the agent for the premises. In order to avoid patrons of the premises committing an offence in terms of the Aberdeen City Council (Drinking in Public Places) Byelaws 2009 by drinking alcohol in the area, an agreement was reached whereby this could only be done from 1800 hours onwards daily, provided that all other businesses in the shopping mall were closed and that Door Stewards employed by Tonik were in place to manage entry and egress from the mall, effectively making it temporarily a private place and not a 'designated place' as defined in the Byelaw.

The crux of this agreement was the acceptance by the premises licence holder and their agent that without this arrangement that customers would be committing offences at all other times and that the premises licence holder would fall foul of the Prevention of Crime objective as a result.

This agreement has worked well in practice but is not currently specified in the existing premises licence or the variation sought.

The Chief Constable questions the competency of the variation application as a whole, particularly the notion of 'annexing' an existing premises licence to allow the sale of alcohol from another separate premises, location or place.

The applicant premises are also situated in the 'Justice Mill area', which is within an area of overprovision as detailed within the Aberdeen City Licensing Board Statement of Licensing Policy. The Chief Constable therefore notes the terms of section 23(5)(e) of the 2005 Act.

For the reasons detailed in this letter, and in terms of Section 22(1)(a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Chief Constable objects to the variation application specifically in relation to the grounds for refusal at sections 23(5)(c) and (e) of the same Act.

If the variation is to be granted, in terms of section 22((2)(b) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Chief Constable recommends that the variation application, and therefore the operating plan accompanying the application, be modified at section 3(b) as follows:

The addition of the words 'Existing outside drinking courtyard area also only to be used for the sale and supply of alcohol after 1800 hours onwards'. This will ensure that both licensed areas operate under the same conditions and will formalise the existing informal agreement allowing the use of this area after 1800 hours.

Deletion of the words 'PLH staff' to be replaced with 'PLH staff, trained bar staff or door supervisors'. This change will allow the premises more flexibility in relation which staff are to be utilised to monitor both the existing and new licensed areas.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Mackay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Martin Mackay
Chief Inspector

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Exempt information as described in paragraph(s) 14 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

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Agenda Item 3.

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14th July 2012

FAO Councillor Marie Boulton & Eric Anderson c/o Aberdeen City Licensing Board

As a group, and a voice for a significant amount of the late night licensed venues within the city centre, Unight Aberdeen are interested in the possibility of working with the Licensing Board to re-allocate the extra hours provided for two of the Sundays of calendar Bank Holiday weekends. Normally this extra hour provision is given on the May Bank Holiday weekend and on Christmas Eve. This idea was discussed with Councillor Marie Boulton at a previous Unight Aberdeen Chair meeting at the beginning of this year, Jan/Feb 2012, with a favourable response.

We would like to put forward the motion to change the allocation of these to the St Patricks Day and Halloween weekends instead. Unight Aberdeen are convinced that this alteration would make more business sense and will encourage more people to frequent the city centre on these weekends. The member venues feel they notice that business levels for the weekends of the existing Bank Holiday provision currently only trade at normal business. These levels are regardless of the extra hour put in place. These weekends are also predominantly when people are on holiday and are most likely to be out-with the city centre.

On a positive note, the venues feel they notice that there is more positive customer interaction and less police involvement on the St Patricks' day and Halloween weekends. Unight Aberdeen feel that as a representative group of these member venues, it makes it a more practical decision to re-allocate the hours to the St Patricks' Day and Halloween dates in question.

On another note, Unight Aberdeen is also keen to see the introduction of a condition on venues licences (particularly relevant to the late night opening venues – nightclubs, casinos and other late licensed establishments) stating that they should be an active member of their local alcohol focus community project (of which Unight Aberdeen, Safer Aberdeen and Bar/Pub watch would examples.) Safer Aberdeen have pointed out that it is already an existing clause in the Shoppesafe radiolink agreement which all venues will have agreed to in order to obtain their security radios.

By active, we feel that a 60% attendance rate in any given year is not an insurmountable objective. (This equates to 7 meetings out of 12 in any calendar year.) Unight Aberdeen feel that this condition would encourage the current members of such schemes who are only members in name and currently do not actively participate. These venues gain all the benefits of being a member however, never or very rarely attend meetings to contribute to the efforts of the group. This is with particular reference to any information needed to be uploaded via Grampian Police or Safer Aberdeen to the SIRC's database. (The SIRC's database is the information sharing protocol that we currently utilize in association with Safer Aberdeen, Aberdeen City Council and Grampian Police to track criminal offenders within the city centre.)

Unight Aberdeen would welcome any feedback on these issues, as well as any alternative suggestions from the Licensing Board in both how these ideas could be feasibly introduced or alternatively achieved.

Thank you very much for your time in reading this letter.

Sincerely,

CAFowler

Chris Fowler
Vice Chairman
On Behalf of Unight Aberdeen

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