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To: Councillor Boulton, Convener; and Councillors Cameron, Councillor Donnelly, the Depute Provost, Lesley Dunbar, Grant, Greig, McLellan, Townson and John.

Town House,
ABERDEEN
5 November 2018

LICENSING BOARD

The Members of the **LICENSING BOARD** are requested to meet in **Committee Room 2 - Town House** on **TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2018 at 10.30 am.**

FRASER BELL
CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

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LICENSING BOARD

ABERDEEN, 4 September 2018. Minute of meeting of the LICENSING BOARD.
Present: Councillor Boulton, Convener and Councillors Cameron, Councillor Donnelly, the Depute Provost, Lesley Dunbar, Grant, Greig, McLellan, Townson and John.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 3 JULY 2018

1. The Board had before it for its consideration the minute of the meeting of 3 July 2018

The Board resolved:-

To approve the minute.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS

2. The Board had before it, for its consideration, the applications as listed in 3 - 18

APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE - SHELL COCKET HAT SOUTH, NORTH ANDERSON DRIVE, ABERDEEN

3. Andrew Hunter, Solicitor, addressed the Board in support of the application.

The Board resolved:

to grant the application subject to the local condition relating to CCTV.

APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE - LINX ICE ARENA BEACH ESPLANADE, ABERDEEN

4. The Board heard from Mr Alexander Munro, Legal advisor, that there had been no objections or representations received in connection with the application.

The Licensing Board resolved:

To grant the application subject to the local condition relating to Drugs Policy

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APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - BANKHEAD INN, 165 BANKHEAD ROAD, BUCKSBURN, ABERDEEN

5. The Board heard from Mr Alexander Munro, that a Police letter for representation had been withdrawn following amendments by the applicant.

The Licensing Board resolved:

To grant the application as amended.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - CAFE BOHEME, 23 WINDMILL BRAE, ABERDEEN

6. The Board heard from Mr Alexander Munro, Legal advisor, that there had been no objections or representations received in connection with the application.

The Licensing Board resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - COGNITO THE DELI, 245/247 UNION GROVE, ABERDEEN

7. The Board heard from Mr Alexander Munro, Legal advisor, that there had been no objections or representations received in connection with the application.

The Licensing Board resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF A PREMISES LICENCE - DIZZY'S, 70 CARDEN PLACE, ABERDEEN

8. Mr Alexander Munro, Legal advisor, informed the Board that the application for transfer had been granted by Officers using delegated powers.

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APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - DIZZY'S, 70 CARDEN PLACE, ABERDEEN

9. The Board had before them for their consideration undated letter of representation/objection from a member of the public and a letter dated 22 August 2018 from a member of the public. The Objectors were not present at the meeting.

Thereafter the Board heard from Janet Hood, Solicitor speak in support of application. Ms hood advised that the applicant had agreed to the following conditions for the use of the balcony;

Hours of operation

1. Monday- Fridays 6 pm - 10 pm
2. Saturdays and Sundays 12 noon - 10 pm

Use

The balcony will be used only as a seating area - food and drinks may be served to the public on the balcony from the current licensed part of the premises - no cooking will take place on the terrace, no bar will be set up on the terrace unless and until appropriate local authority and licensing board consents are sought and obtained.

Staffing

The balcony will be staffed at all times with at least one member of staff to ensure proper monitoring and control of customers.

Music

No music to be played or streamed on the balcony.

The Board resolved:

To grant the application subject to the conditions noted above.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - HAZLEHEAD STORES, 1 HAZLEHEAD CRESCENT, ABERDEEN

10. The Board had before it for their consideration a letter of objection dated 15 August 2018 from a Member of the public. The Objector was not present at the meeting.

The Board heard from Janet Hood, Solicitor speak in support of the application.

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The Board resolved:

to grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - MORRISONS, 215 KING STREET, ABERDEEN

11. The Board heard from Mr Alexander Munro, Legal advisor, that there had been no objections or representations received in connection with the application.

The Licensing Board resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES - THE KINGS BAR, 97 KINGS STREET, ABERDEEN

12. The Board heard from Mr Alexander Munro, Legal advisor, that there had been no objections or representations received in connection with the application.

The Licensing Board resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - THE MUSIC HALL, UNION STREET, ABERDEEN

13. The Board heard from Mr Alexander Munro, Legal advisor, that there had been no objections or representations received in connection with the application.

The Licensing Board resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - THE TOWN HOUSE, 1 GOLDEN SQUARE, ABERDEEN

14. The Board heard from Mr Alexander Munro, that a police letter of representation had been withdrawn following amendments made by the applicant.

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The Licensing Board resolved:

To grant the application as amended and with a restricted capacity as requested by the applicant.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - REVOLUCION DE CUBA, UNIT 1, THE ACADEMY, ABERDEEN

15. The Board had before it for their consideration a letter dated 7 August 2018 from Police Scotland.

The Board heard from Janet Hood, Solicitor speak in support of the application and thereafter heard from. Sergeant Gill Flett speak in support of the letter.

The Board resolved:

To grant the application subject to late night conditions and a condition that entertainment be provided between the hours of 01:00 and 02:00.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - WHITE COCKADE, 2 OSCAR ROAD, ABERDEEN

16. The Board had before it for their consideration a letter of representation dated 17 August 2018 from Police Scotland.

The Board heard from Janet Hood speak in support of the application and thereafter heard from Sergeant Gill Flett speak in support of the letter.

Councillor Cameron moved: -

to grant the application subject to a condition that entertainment is provided during the hours 23:00 to 00:00 Sundays to Tuesdays and from 00:00 to 01:00 on Fridays and Saturdays.

Councillor Townson moved as an amendment:

to refuse the Friday and Saturday hours.

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on a division there voted: for the motion (6) The Convener and Councillors Cameron, John, Donnelly, McLellan and Dunbar and for the amendment (3) Councillors Greig, Grant and Townson.

The Board resolved:

to adopt the motion.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE - FIERCE BEER, 4-6 EXCHEQUER ROW, ABERDEEN

17. The Board heard from Mr Alexander Munro, Legal advisor, that a letter of representation from the LSO and Police Scotland had been withdrawn following amendments from the applicant.

The Licensing Board resolved:

To grant the application as amended.

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE - DOUBLETREE BY HILTON ABERDEEN TREETOPS, 161 SPRINGFIELD ROAD, ABERDEEN

18. The Board heard from Mr Alexander Munro, Legal advisor, that there had been no objections or representations received in connection with the application.

The Licensing Board resolved:

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL LICENCE - AC5356

19. The Board had before it for their consideration a letter dated 18 July 2018 from Police Scotland.

The Board resolved: -

to defer consideration of the application to its meeting to be held on Tuesday 13 November 2018.

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APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL LICENCE - AC5359

20. The Board had before it a letter dated 4 July 2018 from Police Scotland. The Board heard from the applicant and thereafter heard from Sergeant Gill Flett who spoke in support of the letter.

The Board resolved:-

To grant the application.

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL LICENCE - AC5352

21. The Board had before it a letter dated 21 June 2018 from Police Scotland. The Board heard from the applicant and thereafter heard from Sergeant Gill Flett who spoke in support of the letter.

The Board resolved:-

To grant the application.

AC3467 - REPORT OF CONDUCT INCONSISTENT WITH LICENSING OBJECTIVE

22. The Board had before it a letter dated 23 April 2018 from Police Scotland.

In the absence of the applicant,

The Board resolved:

to revoke the licence.

PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINATION OF OCCASIONAL LICENCE OR EXTENDED HOURS APPLICATIONS

22.1. The Board had before a report by Alexander Munro, Solicitor which sought to establish a procedure for the determination of Occasional Licences or Extended Hours applications that require to be considered by a Sub-Committee of the Board in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation.

The Report recommended: -

That the Board agree on either Option ONE, Option TWO or Option THREE as detailed in the report as the procedure for the determination of applications.

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Councillor Cameron moved: -

To adopt option 2

Councillor Donnelly moved as an amendment: -

To adopt option 1

On a division there voted: - for the motion (6) The Convener and Councillors Cameron, Greig, Grant McLellan and Townson, for the amendment (3) Councillors Donnelly, Dunbar and John.

The Board resolved:

To adopt the motion.

GAMBLING POLICY STATEMENT

23. The Board had before it a report which advised them that the three-year Statement of Policy in terms of Section 349(1) of the Gambling Act 2005 ('the Act') requires to be reviewed, revised and consulted upon.

The report recommended: -

- 1) That the Board notes the contents of the report; and
- 2) Approves the policy statement for public consultation.

The Board resolved: -

To approve the recommendations.

LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT - LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

24. The Board had before it a report which provide information on the procedures for the statutory triennial review of the Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policy and sought approval of the draft Policy to be issued for consultation.

The Report recommended:-

That the Licensing Board: -

1. notes the contents of this report;

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2. approves the terms of the draft Statement of Policy (Appendix One);
3. allows Appendix One to be issued for consultation with interested parties until 31 October 2018;
4. agrees the locality or localities on which to consult in terms of the on-sales overprovision supplementary policy and instruct the Chief Officer of Governance to undertake the necessary consultation exercise; and
5. schedules a special meeting in the week beginning 5 November 2018 to analyse consultation responses in respect of items 2.3 and 2.4 and prepare a final draft Statement of Licensing Policy for approval at the Board Meeting on 13 November 2018.

The Board resolved: -

to approve the recommendations.

MARIE BOULTON – CONVENER

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ABERDEEN CITY LICENSING BOARD

Meeting 13 November 2018 at 10:30am in Committee Room 2 & 3, Town House, Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1AQ

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Provisional(s)

	Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
1	CITY OF ABERDEEN DISTILLERY ARCH 10 PALMERSTON ROAD ABERDEEN AB11 5RE	CITY OF ABERDEEN DISTILLERY LTD C/O JANET HOOD TRAINING & CONSULTING LTD KIRKTON OF BALFOUR EDZELL BRECHIN ANGUS	1 August 2018	Artisan Gin Distillery with Public gin making school, tasting and matchings, off sales & distribution to trade and public. On and off-sales Monday to Sundays 10:00 to 10:00. Offering receptions, club meetings and recorded music.
	DEBENHAMS THE TRINITY CENTRE 155 UNION STREET ABERDEEN AB11 6BE	DEBENHAMS RETAIL PLC C/O MARK BROWNING BA LAW LIMITED 59 PELHAM STREET LONDON SW7 2NJ	10 October 2018	Off-sale Premises Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 to 19:30, Thursday 10:00 to 21:00, Saturday 10:00 to 20:00 and Sundays 10:00 to 18:00.
3	HOME BARGAINS UNIT 3, BERRYDEN RETAIL PARK ABERDEEN AB25 3SG	T J MORRIS LTD C/O DWF LLP SOLICITORS 5 ST PAUL'S SQUARE OLD HALL STREET LIVERPOOL L3 9AE	4 September 2018	Purpose built retail store operating on 1 level offering off sales Monday to Sunday 10:00 to 22:00 and recorded music.

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Provisional(s)

Premises

Applicant

Date Received

Comments

4	LIDL STORE 48-50 HUTCHEON STREET ABERDEEN AB25 3TB	LIDL UK GMBH C/O HARPER MACLEOD LLP SOLICITORS THE CA'D'ORO 45 GORDON STREET GLASGOW G1 3PE	21 August 2018	Supermarket offering offsales Monday to Friday 10:00 to 22:00 and recorded music.
5	THE GYM 33 HUNTLY STREET ABERDEEN AB10 1TJ	AMY CHRISTIE & SARAH PATERSON	3 October 2018	Gym premises offering on sales Friday and Saturdays 10:00 -21:00 and 12:00 to 17:00 on a Sunday. Also offering receptions, club meetings, recorded music, indoor/outdoor sports, conference facilities, outdoor drinking facilities.

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Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Variation (Major)(s)

	Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
6	ALMONDINE 39-43 THISTLE STREET ABERDEEN AB10 1UY	ALMONDINE	26 September 2018	Addition of Sunday operating hours 12:00 to 22:00 hours; addition of restaurant facilities and additional of off sales hours Monday to Sunday 10:00 to 22:00 Monday to Sunday.
	BREWDOG 17 GALLOWGATE ABERDEEN AB25 1EB	BREWDOG RETAIL LIMITED C/O HILL BROWN LICENSING LLP RWF HOUSE 5 RENFIELD STREET GLASGOW G2 5EZ	28 August 2018	Variation of on & off-sale hours from 12:30 to 11:00 on Sundays.
8	CHEERS BAR 2-8 EXCHANGE STREET ABERDEEN AB11 6PH	CARLTON ROCK LIMITED T/A PRIME PROPERTIES ABERDEEN C/O LEDINGHAM CHALMERS LLP SOLICITORS JOHNSTONE HOUSE 52-54 ROSE STREET ABERDEEN AB10 1HA	27 September 2018	Variation to the commencement of operating hours Monday to Saturday from 11:00 to 12:00 and from 12:30 to 12:00 on Sundays. Variation to terminal hour on Sundays to Thursdays from 00:00 to 02:00 and from 01:00 to 02:00 Friday & Saturday.

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Variation (Major)(s)

Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
9 COOPERS BAR 43 JOHN STREET ABERDEEN AB25 1LN	GREENE KING BREWING & RETAILING LIMITED C/O TLT LLP 140 WEST GEORGE STREET GLASGOW G2 2HG	9 August 2018	Variation to the terminal hour on a Tuesday and Thursday night from 22:00 to 23:00.
10 JOHN LEWIS DEPARTMENT STORE 88 GEORGE STREET ABERDEEN AB25 1BW	JOHN LEWIS PLC C/O JOHN GAUNT & PARTNERS UNITS 39-41 HASLAR MARINE TECHNOLOGY PARK HASLAR ROAD GOSPORT HAPMSHIRE PO12 2AG	19 September 2018	To increase the permanent display of alcohol. To decrease the seasonal display of alcohol. To extend the seasonal period to 1st October to 31st December. To remove description "Expresso Bar" and replace with "Benugo".
11 LANE 7 1 SHIPROW ABERDEEN AB11 5BY	LANE7 ABERDEEN LTD	3 October 2018	Variation to Children's access to allow children under 5 accompanied access to the premises.

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Variation (Major)(s)

Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
12 MAINS OF SCOTSTOWN JESMOND SQUARE EAST BRIDGE OF DON ABERDEEN AB22 8WT	PUNCH TAVERNS LIMITED C/O TLT LLP 140 WEST GEORGE STREET GLASGOW G2 2HG	4 October 2018	Variation to operating plan to include outdoor drinking and to the children and young persons access to allow accompanied children and young persons access to the public bar until 18:00 and to all other public parts until 23:00. Layout Plan Amend to show outdoor area.
VOVEM 254 UNION STREET ABERDEEN AB10 1TN	PB DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED C/O LEDINGHAM CHALMERS LLP SOLICITORS JOHNSTONE HOUSE 52-54 ROSE STREET ABERDEEN AB10 1HA	26 September 2018	Amendment to operating hours of basement bar from 19:00 to 11:00 Monday to Wednesday, 12:00 Thursdays and Sundays and 13:00 on Fridays and Saturdays.

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Variation (Major)(s)

Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
14 VUE ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED LIGHTHOUSE CINEMA 10 SHIPROW ABERDEEN AB11 5BY	VUE ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED C/O POPPLESTON ALLEN LICENSING SOLICITORS 37 STONEY STREET THE LACE MARKET NOTTINGHAM NG1 1LS	4 September 2018	To amend the following in the operating plan in 6(b), 6(c) and 6(d) - screens are patrolled by team members every 30 minutes during film screenings. To replace with Regular checks throughout the cinema opening will be made of screens by members of staff wearing visual aids, which permit them to see customers in the dark. During these checks, specific attention will be paid to persons who may be consuming alcohol to ensure that they are doing so in a responsible manner and that no person under the age of 18 is being supplied with alcohol. And to amend Think 21 to Challenge 25

LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: CITY OF ABERDEEN DISTILLERY, ARCH 10 PALMERSTON ROAD, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Artisan Gin Distillery with public gin making school, tastings and matchings, off sales and distribution to trade and public.
- On and Off Consumption Monday to Sunday 10:00 to 22:00 Hours
- receptions, club meetings etc, recorded music and live performances.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- NHS Representation

LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT

The Board has devised a number of local conditions which may be attached to premises licences.

Drugs Policy

It is a condition that the licence holder has in place and enforces the drugs policy formulated by Police and attached hereto and displays a notice to the effect that such a drugs policy is in operation at the premises.

The following condition will be attached to all off-consumption premises licences unless there is cause shown why this should not be the case:

NOTE: THE APPLICANT HAS ACCEPTED THE CONDITION.

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Date 24th October 2018
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Dear Ms Wilson

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Application for a Provisional Premises License
City of Aberdeen Distillery, Arch 10, Palmerston Road, Aberdeen, AB11 5RE**

I refer to the above application and in terms of Section 22(1)(a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I make the following representation under the licensing objectives:

**Protecting and Improving Public Health
Protecting Children and Young People from Harm.**

The applicant seeks a licence for the premises, which I do not object to.

Detailed in the operating plan it is also mentioned that they will distribute “to trade and public”

Although this is not a new concept and I am aware of a range of companies who accept orders and deliver in a similar manner, this poses a number of questions.

1. What controls will be in place to restrict inappropriate deliveries containing alcohol.
2. In Scotland we have robust practice in relation to Challenge 25. What controls will be in place around this. – will this be implemented in other areas?
3. If successful this licence will be granted in Aberdeen. The Aberdeen City Licensing Board will have no means to monitor deliveries out with its licensing area. Where will complaints regarding any inappropriate deliveries be made, how will this be investigated and how will this process be conveyed to the public?

In response to Question 3 I would suggest that City of Aberdeen Distillery place a clear notice on their website and include this on any relevant paperwork thus informing the

public of the Aberdeen City Licensing Board details so that customers will know who and where to direct any complaints to.

For these reasons, and in terms of Section 22(1) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Public Health Directorate of NHS Grampian submits this letter of representation as the granting of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives, namely Protecting and Improving Public Health.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tara Shivaji
Consultant in Public Health

pp Heather Wilson
Health Improvement Officer (Alcohol & Drug

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TYPE OF APPLICATION: PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: DEBENHAMS, TRINITY CENTRE, 155 UNION STREET

DESCRIPTION

- Retail premises
- offering off-sales Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 to 19.30
Thursday 10:00-21:00, Saturday 10:00-20:00 and Sundays 10:00-18:00
- recorded music

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

None

LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT

Paragraph 6.5 – Conditions Attaching to Licences

The Board has devised a number of local conditions which may be attached to premises licences.

Drugs Policy

It is a condition that the licence holder has in place and enforces the drugs policy formulated by Police and attached hereto and displays a notice to the effect that such a drugs policy is in operation at the premises.

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TYPE OF APPLICATION: PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: HOME BARGAINS, UNIT 3, BERRYDEN RETAIL PARK

DESCRIPTION

- Retail premises
- offering off-sales Monday to Sunday 10:00 to 22:00
- recorded music

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

None

LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT

Paragraph 6.5 – Conditions Attaching to Licences

The Board has devised a number of local conditions which may be attached to premises licences.

1. The following condition will be attached to all off-consumption premises licences unless there is cause shown why this should not be the case:

CCTV

The licence holder shall provide sufficient internal and external CCTV coverage of the premises to meet the current technical requirements of the Police Service of Scotland as detailed in Aberdeen City Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policy. (all off-sales are however exempt from 4.2 relating to lip sync capability at entrance and exit doors)

NOTE: THE APPLICANT HAS ACCEPTED THE CONDITION.

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TYPE OF APPLICATION: PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: LIDL STORE 48-50 HUTCHEON STREET

DESCRIPTION

- Retail premises
- offering off-sales Monday to Sunday 10:00 to 22:00
- recorded music

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- NHS

LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT

Paragraph 6.5 – Conditions Attaching to Licences

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Dear Ms Wilson

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Provisional Premises License
Lidl Store, 48 – 50 Hutcheon Street, Aberdeen, AB25 3TB**

We refer to the above application and in terms of Section 22(1)(a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I make the following representation under the licensing objective:

Protecting and Improving Public Health

The applicant seeks a license for a new Lidl Store at the above address. Data provided within this letter will focus on the evidenced health harms. The Licensing Board should be aware that there is also a high concentration of student accommodation within this area with blocks at Causwayend, Spring Garden and George Street. The Lidl store would be an additional resource to this community but we need to be mindful of the additional harm this could pose with the increased availability of alcohol. The purpose of this representation is to consider measures which could be incorporated into the design of the store which could help mitigate future harms.

This representation will focus on the following points:

1. Traffic Light Health Data
2. Referrals to Integrated Alcohol Service
3. Hospital admission rates for wholly attributable alcohol- related conditions.
4. Alcohol related deaths by neighbourhood areas.
5. Alcohol related hospital admissions by neighbourhood areas.
6. Distance between existing off sales premises in the area.
7. Information from the Centre for Research on Environment, Society and Health (CRESH)

8. Health Impact Assessment commissioned by Aberdeen City Licensing Forum

1. Traffic Lights Data

Scottish Public Health Observatory Data has been used to compile The Health Traffic Lights document for Aberdeen City¹. Post code data from sector **AB25 3** has been extracted from this document and is illustrated below using health indicator areas for this community:

Key	Description
	5% higher than the Scottish average
	Within +/- 5% of the Scottish average
	5% lower than the Scottish average

Area	Alcohol related/attributable hospital patients	Alcohol related deaths	Early deaths from Coronary Heart Disease	Psychiatric Hospital Patients	Deaths from suicide	Early deaths from cancer
IZ024 (40.6%) George St						
IZ026 (45.5%) Ashgrove						
IZ029 (4.5%) Froghall/Powis & Sunnybank						
IZ033 (8.2%) Hilton						

Across the IZ024 area it is clear to see that the health harms attributed to alcohol are clearly higher than the Scottish Average. The population from this area will be the target footfall customers for this Lidl store although we also anticipate that customers will also travel by car and public transport to access the facility. Although further away from the location of the store, across the IZ026 area 4 out of the 6 alcohol related health indicators are higher than the Scottish Average. Areas IZ029 and IZ033 comprise less than 13% of the total area population

Regularly drinking alcohol raises blood pressure and significantly increases the chance of people developing heart disease in the future².

Depression shares a complex, mutually reinforcing relationship with excessive alcohol consumption². Regardless of whether heavy alcohol consumption or mental health issues came first, having one condition increases the chances of developing and likely complexity of the other.

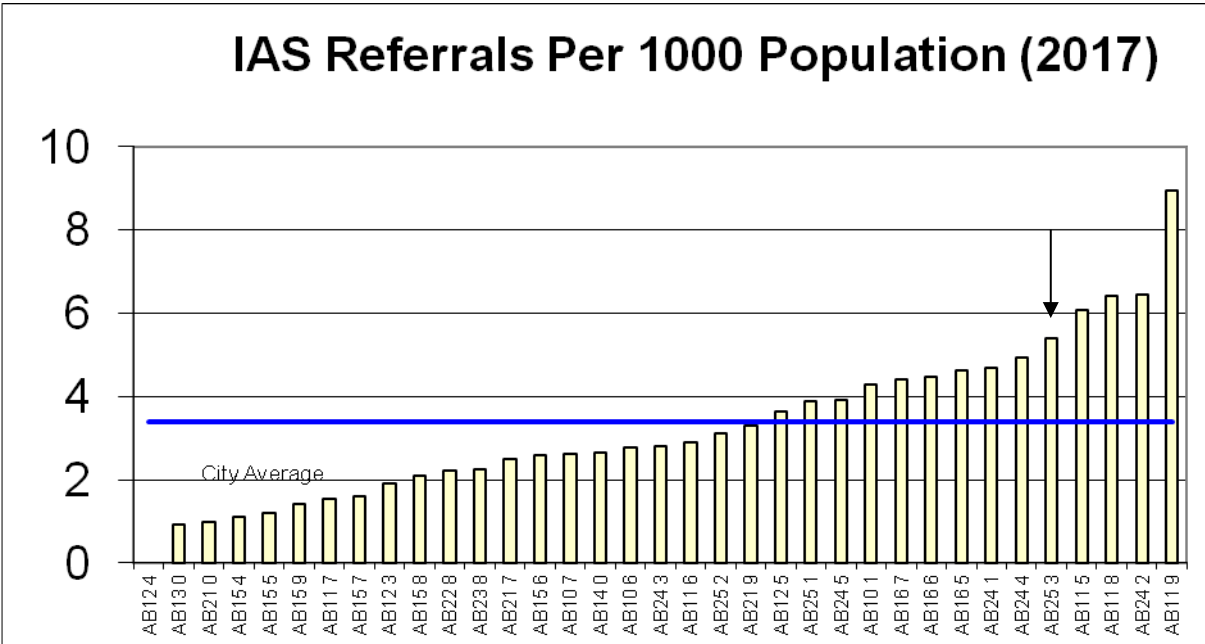
Harmful alcohol consumption is the third most common preventable cause of cancer in the UK².

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http://www.nhsgrampian.org/nhsgrampian/gra_display_simple_index.jsp?pContentID=3146&p_applic=CCC&p_service=Content.show&

² <https://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/factsheets>

2. Referrals to the Integrated Alcohol Service, Aberdeen



3. Hospital admission rates for wholly attributable alcohol- related conditions.

Trends in wholly-attributable alcohol-related hospital admissions in Grampian have been generally consistent with those seen nationally. The absolute numbers of people admitted to hospital each year as a result of alcohol rose since the late 1990s and in recent years, has fallen slightly. This fall is largely accounted for by young adults being admitted because they are intoxicated after a one off heavy drinking episode which was the most common cause of hospital admission. The decrease in admissions of intoxicated young adults hid the fact that over the same period, the number of middle aged and older people admitted to hospital with chronic health conditions caused by exceeding sensible drinking guidelines over weeks, months and years has increased. The change in patterns of harm are compatible with the context of people purchasing alcohol from off sales to drink at home and regularly exceeding low risk drinking guidelines.

The types of chronic health harms include liver cirrhosis, pancreatitis and alcoholic gastritis. How much alcohol and how often it needs to be drunk to cause this type of long term damage vary from person to person. As many as a third of people with liver cirrhosis do not have alcohol dependency.

Alcohol-related Hospital Statistics Local Authority: Aberdeen City

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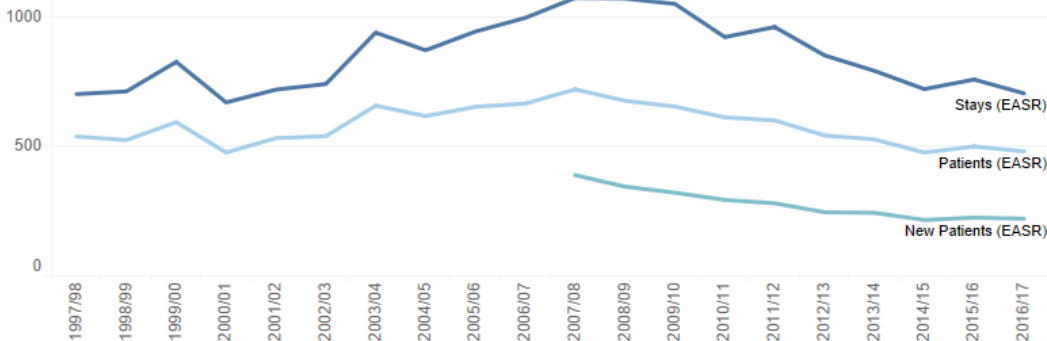


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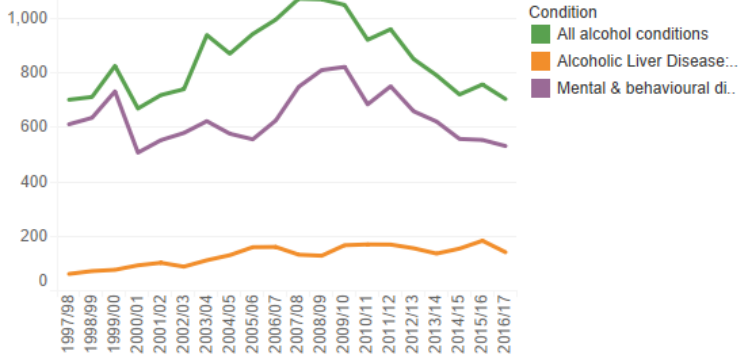
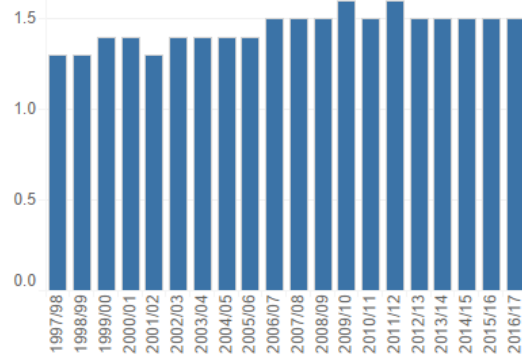
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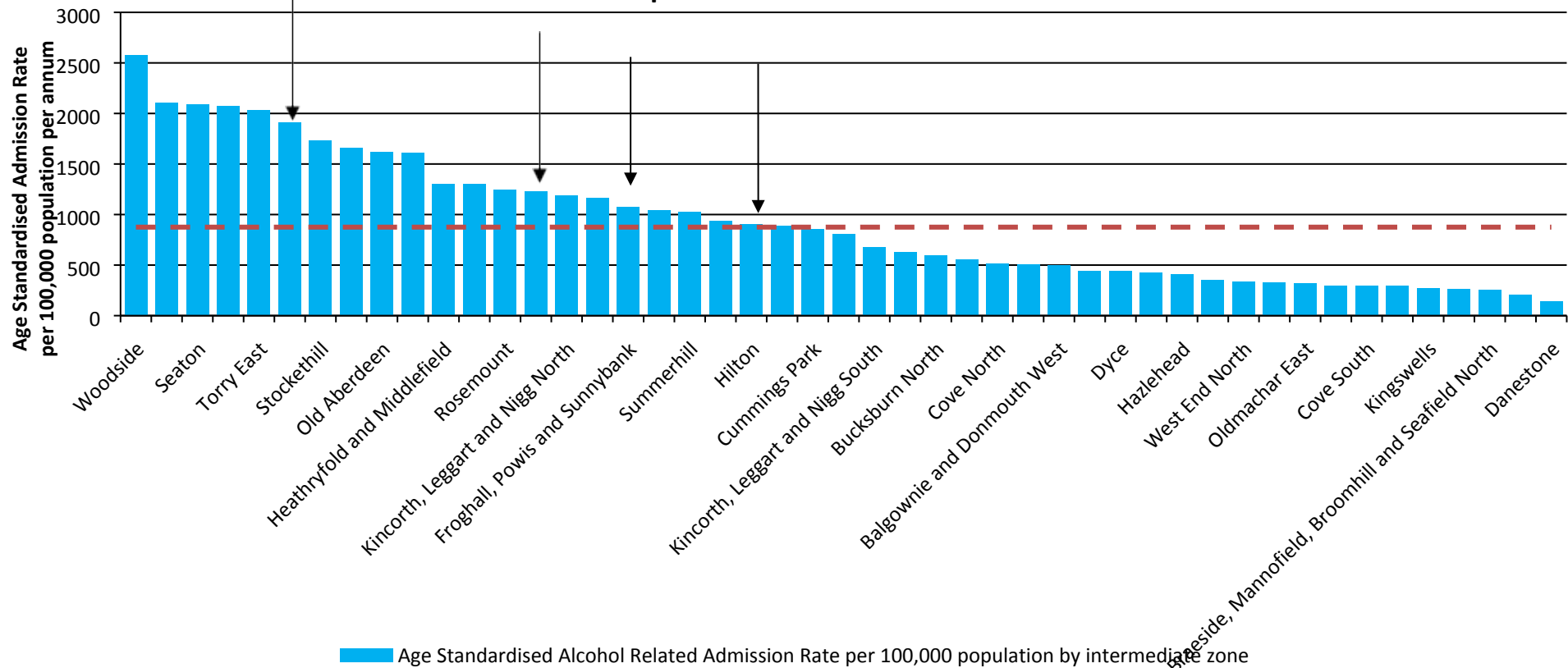


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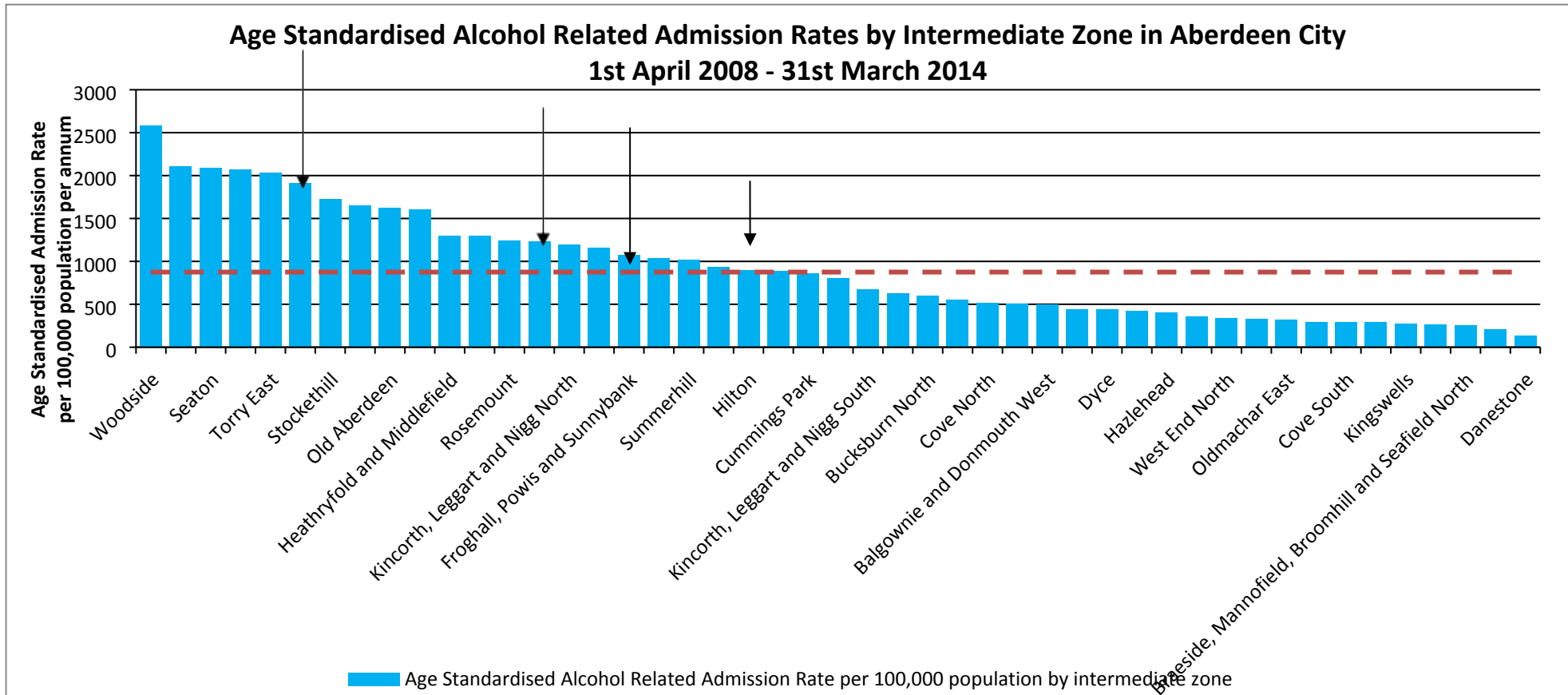
³ <http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Drugs-and-Alcohol-Misuse/Publications/2017-11-21/visualisation.asp>

4. Alcohol related deaths by neighbourhood areas.

**Age Standardised Alcohol Related Admission Rates by Intermediate Zone in Aberdeen City
1st April 2008 - 31st March 2014**



5. Alcohol related hospital admissions by neighbourhood areas.



6. Distance between existing off sales premises in the area.

Within the immediate vicinity of the Lidl Store, 48-50 Hutcheon Street, there are 8 off-sales premises, all within a short 10 minute walk.

Address	Capacity M²
Co-op, 466 George St	29.366
European Food, 568 George Street	2.68
Icon Stores, 569 George Street	11.78
Grosik, 530 – 532 George Street,	8.85
489 George Street	12.58
L & M Stores, 134 Hutcheon Street	7.68
Mathews Foods, 136-138 Causewayend	7.08
Total Capacity	80.01

If the license is granted the Lidl store will increase the alcohol capacity figure for this area to 139.91m² which represents an increase of approximately 75%.

There are at least a further 3 stores within the AB25 3 postcode zone which are out with a 10 minute walk. These are:

Address	Capacity M²
Spare, Ashgrove Road	13.33
McColls, Back Hilton Road	31.06
Sainsburys, Berryden Road	188.28
Morrisons	228.11

7. Information from the Centre for Research on Environment, Society and Health (CRESH).

Using the CRESH⁴ database the following figures have been provided and are based on the Off Alcohol Sales for 2016 using the buffer distance of 800m from the centre of this datazone, which equates to an approximate 10 minute walk. The statistics detailed below are based on the IZ024 (40.6%) George Street area and are compared to the Scottish Average.

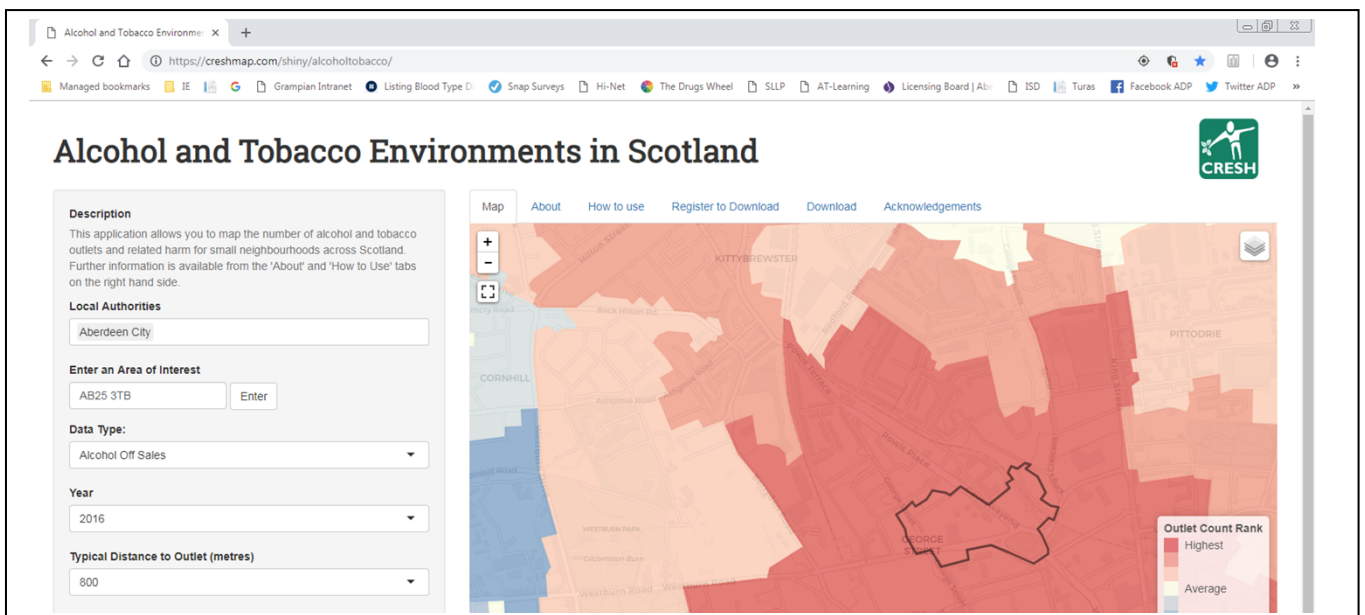
Outlet Count

The number of outlets around the population centre is 30 which is 550% of the Scottish average.

- This datazone is in the **top 10%** of neighbourhoods in Scotland.

Health

- The standardised mortality ratio for alcohol related deaths is between 180 and 587, which is in the **top 10%** of neighbourhoods in Scotland.



As you can see from the snapshot taken of the CRESH mapping tool, the AB25 3TB post code area is ranked among the highest in Scotland for alcohol off sales outlets. Across the whole of Scotland, neighbourhoods with the highest alcohol outlet availability had significantly higher rates of alcohol-related health harm and crime⁵.

⁴ <https://creshmap.com/shiny/alcoholtobacco/>

⁵ <https://www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/media/310730/alcohol-outlet-availability-and-harm-in-aberdeen-city.pdf>

8. Health Impact Assessment commissioned by Aberdeen City Licensing Forum

The impact assessment spoke with individuals in recovery from alcohol dependence.

People in recovery described the path to dependence

“I just think the way growing up, I grew up on drink. See my parents there. I seen everyone there. Ken, when you turn 13, you want to be an adult. You think, let’s just do what adults do. I think it’s how you feel as well. If you’re emotional or stressed, you’re much more likely to go looking for a drink”

Drinking to cope was a core feature of the impact assessment, people in Aberdeen City who were experiencing emotional, financial, physical, relationship difficulties in life told us how they used alcohol to cope.

The path to dependence was described as something that “*crept up on you*”

“From an early age, I never thought I was going to be an alcoholic. No, I truthfully didn’t. I started to drink very early but, if someone had of said to me at 18, 19 xxx, you’re an alcoholic. No way! No way, I’m an alcoholic at my age? So kids, we get that denial. We denied that we were drinking so much”

People in recovery also described their experiences at their lowest moments

“it’s not pubs because pubs are too dear. You only go to a pub for a special event. So, problem drinking is done from supermarkets, local shops. If you’re only needing a bit of milk and a loaf of bread you cannae get it without passing alcohol”

Whilst it might be an individual’s choice to buy a drink and relapse, it is very difficult to try and rebuild lives whilst simultaneously faced with the prospect of relapse.

“the script is, you know: you go in, I’m nae buying, I’m nae buying, I’m nae buying; you’re paying for what you bought you’re being really good. You bought everything that you need, you bought food: bingo! Here’s a bottle of vodka”

The proximity of shops does make a difference. Some people in recovery would walk whatever distance it took until they were able to buy a drink, others said that having fewer shops in the local area would act as a disincentive.

“Well, I used to like liquor myself, ken and... at the end of the day at 5 when you’re knackered with whatever you’re working on and you think cool. If I had to go walk a few miles to go get it to the big supermarket I’d be like no, ken?”

On the basis of the high levels of health harm, and close proximity of numerous other premises, we conclude that additional provision would further contribute to the already high levels of harm in this area.

Actions that limit the availability and access to alcohol can only assist in improving health outcomes for the Aberdeen City population. We would request that Lidl give consideration to:

- Reducing the capacity figure to between 35 and 49 square metres for this store to be consistent with other Lidl stores in Aberdeen City.
- Not positioning alcohol on the end of aisles
- Placing the display of alcohol in a part of the store whereby it is possible to enter the store, purchase other items and pay without having to pass through the alcohol section.
- Not using island gondolas for the display of alcohol products
- Not positioning alcohol near products aimed at children, or for use by children (e.g. baby products, etc)

For these reasons, and in terms of Section 22(1) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Public Health Directorate of NHS Grampian submits this representation to the application as the granting of it would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives, namely Protecting and Improving Public Health.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tara Shivaji
Consultant in Public Health

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Health Improvement Officer (Alcohol & Drugs)

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LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION PROVISIONAL PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: THE GYM, 33 HUNTLY STREET, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Hairdressing Salon
- On Sales Friday and Saturday 10:00-21:00 and Sunday 12:00-17:00
- Also offering receptions, club meetings, recorded music, indoor/outdoor sports, conference facilities, outdoor drinking facilities

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Member of the Public
- NHS

LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT

The Board has devised a number of local conditions which may be attached to premises licences.

Drugs Policy

It is a condition that the licence holder has in place and enforces the drugs policy formulated by Police and attached hereto and displays a notice to the effect that such a drugs policy is in operation at the premises.

The following condition will be attached to all off-consumption premises licences unless there is cause shown why this should not be the case:

NOTE: THE APPLICANT HAS ACCEPTED THE CONDITION.

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Dear Ms Wilson

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Application for a Provisional Premises License
The Gym, 33 Huntly Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1TJ**

I refer to the above application and in terms of Section 22(1)(a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I make the following representation under the licensing objectives:

Protecting and Improving Public Health

The applicant seeks a licence for the premises, which I do not object to. We would request that they offer snacks to accompany the drinks that will be on offer. We request this as having a snack is a way to slow down the speed of drinking and would be consistent with providing alcohol for consumption in a low risk way. We would also suggest that a range of low and no alcohol products are also available in addition to soft drinks.

For these reasons, and in terms of Section 22(1) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Public Health Directorate of NHS Grampian submits this letter of representation as the granting of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives, namely Protecting and Improving Public Health.

Yours sincerely

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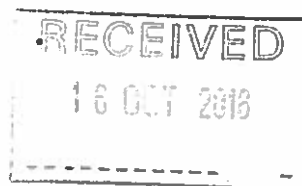
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Our Ref: HL.MG Your Ref: AC936 15 October 2018
Clerk to the Licensing Board

Dear Sirs,

Aberdeen City Licensing Board
Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005
Premises – The Gym, 33 Huntly Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1TJ
Type – On Sales
Applicant: Amy Christie & Sarah Paterson

We refer to your letter of 12th October 2018 and would advise that, on behalf of the Landlords of 33 Huntly Street, Aberdeen, we would object to the Application for Licence as it is not permitted in terms of the Lease.

Yours faithfully,

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LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: ALMONDINE, 39-43 THISTLE STREET, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Variation to the operating plan to add Sunday operating hours 12:00-22:00.
- Addition of restaurant facilities
- Addition of off sale Monday to Sunday 10:00-22:00

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- None

POLICY

The following condition will be attached to all off-consumption premises licences unless there is cause shown why this should not be the case:

CCTV

The licence holder shall provide sufficient internal and external CCTV coverage of the premises to meet the current technical requirements of the Police Service of Scotland as detailed in Aberdeen City Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policy. (all off-sales are however exempt from 4.2 relating to lip sync capability at entrance and exit doors).

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LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: BREWDOG, 17 GALLOWGATE, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Variation to the operating plan to alter on and off sale hours currently commencing at 12:30 to commencing at 11:00.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- None

POLICY

N/A

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LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE
PREMISES: CHEERS BAR, 2-8 EXCHANGE STREET, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Variation to the commencement of operating hours Monday to Saturday from 11:00 to 12:00 and from 12:30 12:00 on Sundays.
- Variation to terminal hour on Sundays to Thursdays from 00:00 to 02:00 and from 01:00 to 02:00

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police Scotland
- Environmental Health

POLICY

Hours of trading –extended

Premises in the City that provide significant entertainment (to the satisfaction of the Board) may apply and be granted hours until 02.00 Sunday – Thursday and 03.00 on Fridays and Saturdays. The Board regards significant entertainment to be entertainment which is of such a nature to be the principal attraction for patrons to attend the premises and where alcohol is served to patrons only as an ancillary accompaniment to their attendance and /or participation in the entertainment provided. The Board considers in these cases that the entertainment is the principal reason for patrons attending the licensed premises and that the consumption of alcohol would therefore be ancillary to such entertainment. In order to be consistent with the licensing objectives. This would apply to premises such as nightclubs (with dance floor areas/facilities included in their operating plan and detailed in their layout plan) where recorded or live music for dancing is provided. Other examples of where significant entertainment may apply are discos, DJs, adult entertainment, and live music for concerts, cabaret and theatrical plays. Some examples where the Board does not consider there to be significant entertainment are pool, darts, dominoes, leisure facilities and background music. The Board are entitled to distinguish between premises of different descriptions offering different facilities or activities. e.g. Section 27(9) of the 2005 Act allows the Board to impose conditions in relation to the sale of alcohol on a premises to which a licence relates or any other activity carried on in such premises. In light of the evidence before the Board on the levels of alcohol consumption in the city and the levels of alcohol related crime the Board wish to promote in terms of the objectives the types of premises which can operate where the service and sale of alcohol is not the primary objective thus contributing to the

positive night time economy in the City but not adding to the health or crime related harms associated with are premises which focus wholly or mainly on alcohol consumption.

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17 October 2018

Your Ref:

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Iain Livingstone QPM
Chief Constable

North East Division
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE
CHEERS BAR, 2-6 EXCHANGE STREET, ABERDEEN, AB11 6PH**

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

The variation requested consists of the following requests, namely:

1. Amending the core on-sales hours from 1100-0000 hours on Monday to Thursday, 1100-0100 hours on Friday and Saturday and 1230-0000 hours on Sunday to between 1200-0200 hours from Monday to Sunday;
2. Amending the core off-sales hours from 1100-2200 hours on Monday to Saturday and 1230-2200 hours on Sunday to between 1200-2200 hours Monday to Sunday;
3. Amend Q5 to include the provision of Live Performances during core hours;
4. Amend Q5(g) intimating the decibel level will exceed 85db and that more customers will be standing than seated.

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

In relation to points 2-4, I have no adverse comment to make.

In relation to point 1 and in terms of Section 22(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the same Act, I make the following representation.

In the event the premises are not considered premises to which the Licensing Conditions (Late Opening Premises) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, Section 3(2)

applies, I request the variation be granted subject to the conditions that CCTV, Door Supervisors and Radiolink are in effect from 0100 hours.

It is anticipated that when considering this application, the Board's current policy will be almost superseded. The guideline hours within the current policy indicate that 'significant entertainment' should take place for the applicant premises to qualify for such terminal hour. I leave this matter to the Board to consider.

Yours faithfully

Iain Livingstone QPM
Chief Constable

For enquiries please contact the Licensing Department on 01224 306468.

MEMO

Environmental Health and Trading Standards

Communities, Housing and Infrastructure

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To	Litigation & Licensing , Legal & Democratic Services , Corporate Governance , Business Hub 6, Level 1 South, Marischal College	
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Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Application for Variation of Premises License – Cheerz Bar 2 to 8 Exchange St Aberdeen AB11 6PH

Dear Sir/Madam,

The above variation application has been assessed by this Service in respect of potential for noise impact on neighbouring residences and disturbance.

The assessment focussed on extension of the core hours terminal hour from midnight to 02:00 Hours from Sunday to Thursday nights and from 01:00 Hours to 02:00 Hours on Friday and Saturday nights and the proposed inclusion of live performances with music to exceed '85dB' during core hours. This significant change is considered to have increased risk of adverse impact on neighbouring residences.

It is naturally desirable to avoid a situation that would result in this Service serving formal notices to abate activities that have caused statutory nuisance. Having carefully considered the matter based on the information submitted this Service is unable to support the proposals in the interests of protecting amenity of neighbouring residential properties from noise.

Should however, a detailed noise impact assessment produced to the satisfaction of this Service and by a suitably qualified independent noise consultant be submitted to support the proposals, this Service can review the application and provide a response.

This assessment should identify the likely sources and levels of noise arising from the premises and any noise attenuation measures required to ensure music noise is inaudible (essentially 10 dB(A) below background L_{A90} noise levels) in the closest neighbouring residential properties during the periods in question. Any required noise attenuation measures identified must be installed prior to the proposed activities being undertaken.

I trust this information is of use. If you have any queries, please contact me on the number below.

Kind regards

Mark Nicholl
Environmental Health Officer

LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: COOPERS BAR, 43 JOHN STREET, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Variation to the terminal hour on a Tuesday and Thursday night from 22:00 to 23:00

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Environmental Health
- NHS

POLICY

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Dear Ms Wilson

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Variation of a Premises License
Coopers Bar, 43 John Street, Aberdeen, AB25 1LN**

I refer to the above application and in terms of Section 22(1)(a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I make the following objection under the licensing objectives:

Protecting and Improving Public Health

The applicant seeks to extend the terminal hour of the premises from 2200 to 2300 on a Tuesday and Thursday. As the premises are already trading from 0800 on both of these days, extending the terminal hour means that they will be exceeding the reasonable trading times recommended by the Licensing Board of 14 hours.

The Aberdeen City Licensing Board Statement of Licensing policy, 2013 – 2016 states at Section 20.3, paragraph 1:

“The Board will deem up to a maximum of 14 hours continuous trading in any 24 hour period to be reasonable. This is in accordance with the aforementioned Government Guidance which further states that any application for licensed hours for more than 14 hours should require further consideration to the effect of granting extra operating hours.”

The Board has already stated that the *“14 hour maximum trading period is not exceeded in order to help reduce alcohol related crime and health harms.”*

The health harms of alcohol in Aberdeen City are both substantial and increasing. Since 1997, a five-fold increase in the rates of hospital stays as a result of the harmful use of alcohol has been recorded for Aberdeen City Council residents.

Alcohol-related Hospital Statistics Local Authority: Aberdeen City

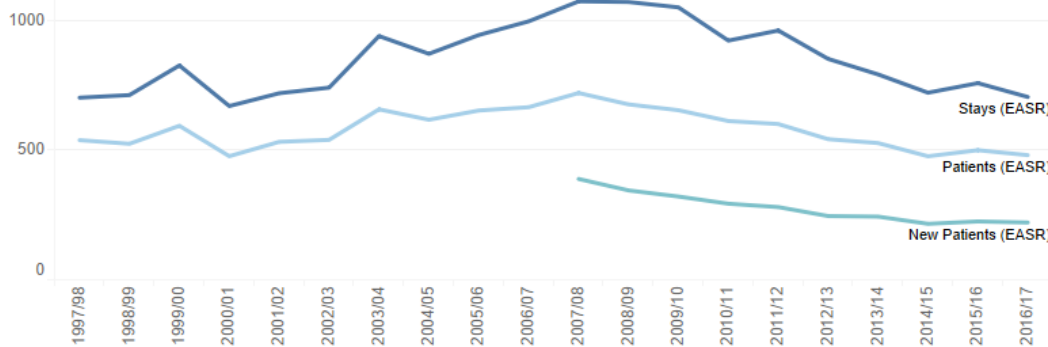
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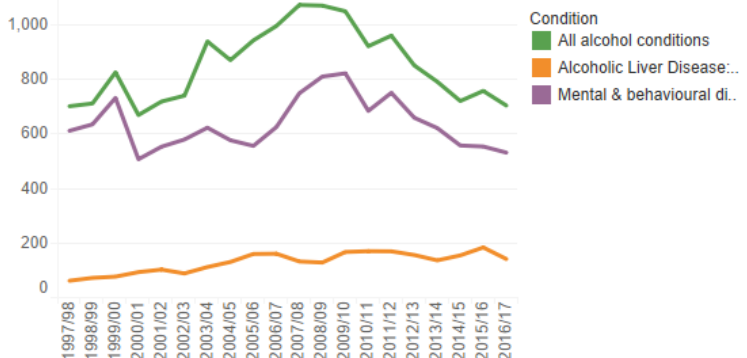
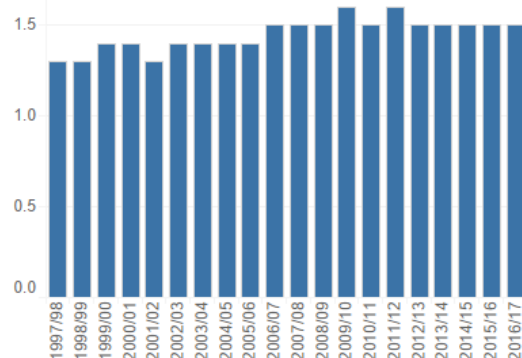
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Aberdeen City
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Aberdeen City: Stays (General acute)
Main conditions
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Although alcohol related hospital stays appear to be on a decreasing trend there is evidence of an increasing trend in alcoholic liver disease stays – see graph above. This figure is currently over double the rate recorded in 1997/98¹.

Recently published data on Alcohol Related Deaths for Aberdeen suggest an upward trend in the numbers of people dying as a result of alcohol².

When consideration is given to the health harms caused by alcohol for Aberdeen City Council residents I would request that this application for trading in excess of the reasonable 14 hours is not granted.

Actions that limit the availability and access to alcohol can only assist in improving health outcomes for the Aberdeen City population.

¹ <http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Drugs-and-Alcohol-Misuse/Publications/2017-11-21/visualisation.asp>

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For this reason, and in terms of Section 22(1) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Public Health Directorate of NHS Grampian submits this letter of objection as the granting of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives, namely Protecting and Improving Public Health.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tara Shivaji
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MEMO

Environmental Health and Trading Standards
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Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

**Application for Variation of Premises Licence: extend opening hours to
22:00hrs to 23:00 hrs on Tuesdays and Thursday.
Coopers Bar, 43 John Street, Aberdeen, AB25 1LN**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The above application has been assessed by this Service pertaining to noise emitting from Coopers Bar, such as live performances and karaoke.

Coopers Bar is currently subject to an abatement notice. Whilst I have no objection to the extension in opening hours from 22:00 hrs to 23:00 hrs on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, I would recommend that no live performances take place during these hours and only background music is played.

I trust this information is of use. If you have any queries, please contact me on the number below.

Kind regards

Barbara Hill
Senior Authorised Officer

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LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: JOHN LEWIS, 88 GEORGE STREET, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Increase in permanent alcohol display area
- Decrease in seasonal display area
- Extend the seasonal period from 1st October to 31st December
- Remove description of “Espresso Bar” and replace with “Benugo”
- Corresponding variation to layout plan

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- None

POLICY

N/A

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LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: LANE 7, 1 SHIPROW, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Variation to children's access to admit under 5's when accompanied before 8pm only

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

POLICY

N/A

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LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: MAINS OF SCOTSTOWN, JESMOND SQUARE EAST, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Variation of operating plan to include outdoor drinking
- Variation to children and young person access to allow children access when accompanied by an adult in the public bar until 18:00 and all other public parts until 23:00.
- Layout plan amendment to show outdoor area.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- Police Scotland
- LSO
- NHS

POLICY

LICENSING OBJECTIVE – PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HARM

28.1 The Board wishes to see child safe premises thriving in the city. It welcomes applications from those who wish to operate licensed premises which accommodate children and families. In determining any such application the risk of harm to children will be paramount.

28.2 Where applicants wish to operate such premises, the Board expects them to appreciate that this places additional responsibilities upon them at the same time as recognising that parents and other adults accompanying children also have responsibilities.

28.4 The following examples of control measures are given to assist applicants.

- effective and responsible premises management
- adoption of best practice guidance
- imitations on the hours when children may be present, in all or parts of the premises
- imitations or exclusions by age when certain activities are taking place
- imposition of requirements for children to be accompanied by an adult
- acceptance of accredited proof of age cards with photographs, or passports
- measures to ensure children do not purchase, acquire or consume alcohol

- measures to ensure children are not exposed to incidences of violence or disorder
- appropriate training and supervision of those employed to secure protection of children from harm.
- Imposition of reasons for children to be present and/ or accompanied by a responsible person / adult who shall have responsibility for, and supervise such children and young persons will normally only be admitted to licensed premises for the purpose of consuming light refreshments or a meal, partaking in a relevant sporting activity or attending a pre-arranged function

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Chief Constable

North East Division
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE
THE NEW MAINS OF SCOTSTOWN INN
1 JESMOND SQUARE EAST, BRIDGE OF DON, ABERDEEN, AB22 8WT**

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 requested consists of the following requests, namely:

1. Amending Q5 to include the provision of outdoor drinking during and outwith core hours;
2. Amending the wording within Q5 to include the provision of 'parent and child groups, parties and private dining';
3. Amending Q6 relating to the terms in which children and young persons are permitted from only being permitted if accompanied by an adult whilst consuming food to only being permitted whilst accompanied by an adult;
4. Amending Q6 relating to the times in which children and young persons are permitted from being the restaurant until 2300 hours to all public parts until 2300 hours. Children and young persons will only have access to the public bar area from opening until 1800 hours.
5. Amending Q6 relating to the parts in which children and young persons are permitted, removing the wording of 'restaurant' and replacing it with 'all other public parts'

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

In relation to point 2, I have no adverse comment to make.

In terms of Section 22(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the same Act, I make the following representation.

In relation to point 1, I recommend that the operating plan and layout plan that accompanies the application form are modified to show clear delineation and is subject to a terminal hour of 2200 hours.

In relation to points 3-5, the applicant was contacted and he advised that the changes requested were to facilitate the activities as detailed within point 2 where the activities would be age appropriate and in a family friendly environment.

Having regard for this, I recommend the existing operating plan is modified to state that 'Children and Young Persons are permitted access accompanied by an adult for the purposes of consuming food or attending a child friendly event, where alcohol is not permitted. Child friendly events are not permitted to take place within the bar area of the premises'.

This representation is submitted for your attention in considering this application.

Yours faithfully

Iain Livingstone QPM
Chief Constable

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Dear Ms Wilson

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Variation of a Premises License
Mains of Scotstown, Jesmond Square East, Bridge of Don, AB22 8WT**

I refer to the above application and in terms of Section 22(1)(a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I make the following representation under the licensing objectives:

**Protecting and Improving Public Health
Protecting Children and Young People from Harm.**

The premises seek a number of amendments to the operating plan but those that concern us most are:

- Q6(b) Please remove the words “consuming food”
- Q6(e) The proposed amendment “Allow children and young persons access to the public bar area between the daily opening of the premises and 1800.”

We are concerned that children and young people could be exposed to a drinking environment where no food is consumed under the current wording of the variation. We also have concerns about children and young people being present in an environment that could become quite rowdy or loud if patrons are watching televised sport or playing pool. We suggest it would be more appropriate to amend the statement provided in paragraph 6(d) of the Operating Plan to give more clarity to staff and patrons. As a result we suggest that the following statements could be considered.

Proposed change of wording:

“Children and young people are only allowed in the Bar area between 1100 and 1700 Monday through to Friday. Children and young people will not be allowed entry during public holidays and/or televised sporting events should they fall on any of these week days.” Children and young people must be accompanied by an adult ordering food from the restaurant/bar menu”.

In making this statement we wish to convey the preferred option of eating food with drinking alcohol and setting a good example to children and young people.

I understand that the Licensee has also discussed with my colleague, Heather Wilson, the possibility of developing a “Responsible Parenting Policy” which would restrict adults with children to 2 drinks. We would welcome the introduction of such a policy and would be happy to assist in developing this further.

I also understand that dedicated mother and toddler events, Halloween parties, Christmas parties and other events primarily involving children will be restricted to the Conservatory area of the premises which is separate from the Restaurant and Bar.

Actions that limit the availability and access to alcohol can only assist in improving health outcomes for the Aberdeen City population.

For this reason, and in terms of Section 22(1) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Public Health Directorate of NHS Grampian submits this letter of representation as the granting of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives, namely Protecting and Improving Public Health and Protecting Children and Young People from Harm.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tara Shivaji
Consultant in Public Health

pp Heather Wilson
Health Improvement Officer (Alcohol & Drug

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Application For Variation of Premises Licence: Mains of Scotstown, Jesmond Square East, Bridge of Don, AB22 8WT

In terms of Section 22 (1)(b) (iii), I make the following representation to the Licensing Board as to the conditions which the Licensing Standards Officer considers should be imposed with this variation.

In regards to the licensing objective - Protecting Children from Harm:

The Licensing Standards Officer (LSO) and a representative from the NHS met with the management team at the Premises. At the meeting a discussion was held in regards to children's access to the bar and the proposal for the removal of the 'consuming food' element to the access terms.

The outcomes of the meeting are listed below;

1. The management team suggested that accompanied children will have access to the bar Monday to Friday from 11am to 5pm. The LSO is satisfied with the times suggested, however, we understand that this has to be agreed upon by the agent and the Licence Holder also. If no agreement is reached, the LSO will revert back to her representation and appeal to the Licensing Board for the modification to be agreed upon or explored further in order to protect children from harm.
2. We agreed that during these type of events, the bar would have the potential to be a more adult orientated environment and that it is not an appropriate time for children to have access. I am satisfied that management will take responsibility in determining whether children will have access to the premises prior to the event.
3. It was also agreed by the management team, that the adult who has the responsibility for looking after the child during the visit will have no more than 2 drinks containing 'alcohol' and the adult will be required to consume a meal. The Licensing Standards Officer supports this suggestion by the management team, this will lead to the child being exposed to alcohol in a more social and family friendly environment; by seeing the adult partake in a meal whilst restricting the amount of alcohol the parent or guardian will consume.
4. Whilst the bar is predominately 'alcohol sales' led, it was also agreed that children will not approach the bar. Children will always be accompanied by an adult.

In regards to the licensing objective - Preventing Public Nuisance:

The applicant wishes to operate an external licensed area at the Premises. The Premises is adjacent to residential properties and for this reason I have the following

points that should be incorporated into their Operating plan, in order to reduce the potential for a public nuisance concern for residents nearby.

1. Music will not be played within the external area.
2. The external area will not be in operation after 2200 hours.

The management team informed us that they would discuss the outcomes of the meeting with the Licence Holder and the agent and if all parties agreed they would therefore amend the application.

If the application is amended to include the points raised above, the LSO will have no further concern in regards to variation of Q5 and Q6 of their Operating plan.

Regards

Licensing Standards Officer
Aberdeen City Council

LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: VOVEM, 254 UNION STREET, ABERDEEN

DESCRIPTION

- Amendment to the commencement to the operating hours for the basement bar from 19:00- 11:00 Monday to Wednesday, 12:00 Thursdays and Sundays and 13:00 on Fridays and Saturdays

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- None

POLICY

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LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: VUE CINEMA, 10 SHIPROW

DESCRIPTION

- To amend the children's access terms to replace screen patrols every 30 minutes with regular checks

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- None

POLICY

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CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT TO THE
ABERDEEN CITY LICENSING BOARD
FOR THE PERIOD
1ST APRIL 2017 to 31ST MARCH 2018

Foreword

It gives me great pleasure to provide the Annual Licensing Report for 2017/18, in accordance with Section 12(A) Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions made to effective licensing regulation in the past year. Working in partnership is vital to ensure a fair and consistent approach to licensing whilst maintaining a focus on preventing alcohol fuelled violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour. Police Scotland is committed to continuing to work with partners in the 32 Local Authorities across Scotland to achieve positive outcomes.

Over the past year, Police Scotland has continued to achieve success with a focus on prevention, underpinned by early intervention and enforcement. This has only been possible with the support of the many active partnerships that exist in local areas. I will ensure that all officers and staff continue to work with the licensed trade and other key partners, utilising the range of options available to them to achieve improved licensing standards, reducing violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour across Scotland.

On 1st May 2018, Minimum Unit Pricing of Alcohol was introduced in Scotland. We will work through the Evaluation Advisory Group to assess the impact of this legislation. The coming year will present many challenges but I am confident that through collaborative working, we will meet these challenges and continue to improve licensing standards and deliver a service to the communities of Scotland.

Mr Iain Livingstone QPM
Deputy Chief Constable Designate
Police Service of Scotland

POLICE SCOTLAND LICENSING OVERVIEW

The National Licensing Policy Unit (NLPU) sits within the Specialist Crime Division – Safer Communities, based at Dalmarnock Police Office, Glasgow.

The NLPU is responsible for the two tier structure for licensing which supports both national and local priorities. They have overall responsibility for determining and delivering national licensing strategy and policy, by providing advice, guidance and support to divisional licensing teams.

Each of the 13 Local Policing divisions have locally based officers dedicated to the day to day management of licensing administration, complying with statutory requirements as well as addressing any issues that may arise within licensed premises in their local area.

Police Scotland Licensing is supported and governed by a National IT solution known as 'InnKeeper'.

The NLPU and Licensing practitioners within Police Scotland develop partnerships and identify best practice which assist in a better understanding of the challenges faced by the Licensed Trade. This approach enables us to continue to work with local communities and key partners to prevent alcohol related crime and offences.

The NLPU seek to ensure that legislation governing the sale and supply of alcohol is applied consistently across the country and all opportunities are taken to stop the illegal or irresponsible sale, supply or consumption of alcohol with the intention of preventing and reducing crime and disorder.

NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Our Priorities and Policing Plans continue to be shaped by the objectives contained within Scottish Government's Strategic Objectives and National Outcomes and the Strategic Policing Plans that are delivered locally through single outcome agreements.

Consultation and engagement is combined with our own analysis of the issues that impact on the safety of the public to provide a firm evidence base for local policing teams to prevent crime and disorder and Keep People Safe.

Our National Priorities are

- Violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour
- Serious organised crime
- Counter terrorism and domestic extremism
- Protecting people at risk of harm
- Road safety and road crime
- Acquisitive crime

LICENSING BOARD AREA

The Aberdeen City Licensing Board area is policed by North East Division.

Chief Superintendent Campbell Thomson is the Local Police Commander who has the responsibility for all day-to-day policing functions.

LOCAL POLICING PRIORITIES

Following our public consultation process, the policing priorities for North East Division, as set out in our Local Policing Plan are as follows;

- Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder
- Acquisitive Crime
- Protecting People at Risk of Harm
- Road Safety and Road Crime
- Serious Organised Crime
- Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

SENIOR OFFICERS

The senior officer who holds responsibility for licensing within the area of North East Division is Temporary Superintendent Richard Craig.

OPERATION OF THE LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

The North East Division Licensing Team is led by Inspector Kenny McGeough who is based at Queen Street Police Office, Aberdeen. He is supported by Sergeants Gill Flett and Kim Wood, based at Queen Street and Stonehaven offices respectively. Licensing enquiry officers and administrative staff are located across the Division in Elgin, Inverurie, Aberdeen and Stonehaven. All staff have a division wide remit and a working knowledge of all the areas covered.

PARTNERSHIPS

The North East Division Licensing team, supported by Community Policing Officers, has promoted the Police Service of Scotland's force priorities alongside the five licensing objectives, the overarching principles and aims of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

The team enjoys a strong working relationship with the Local Authority Licensing Standards Officers. Both teams meet on a regular basis to share information. Over the reporting period there were a large number of inspections carried out jointly to licensed premises in the Board area. Specific areas of concern which often prompts

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such visits can be information about a lack of robust management of premises or lack of compliance with conditions relating to CCTV.

The reporting period has a focus on inspections of licensed premises through Local Days of Action, which were led by the North East Division Licensing Team, supported by the Licensing Standards Officers.

This approach has seen a more pro-active and operational role of the Divisional Licensing Team working more closely with Community Policing Teams and has reinforced the direct partnership working required for the meaningful policing of licensed premises.

North East Division Licensing Team is represented on the Local Licensing Forum and Aberdeen Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and works alongside the following groups and organisations to jointly improve local licensing issues:

- Licensing Standards Officers;
- Unight;
- Weekend Partnership;
- Torry Alcohol Action Group;
- Purple Flag;
- Community Safety Partnership;
- Local Pubwatch initiatives;
- Local Security Industry companies;
- Best Bar None;
- Street Pastors.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Incident management is a critical aspect of our ongoing monitoring of licensed premises.

Community based Police Officers are encouraged and expected to routinely visit licensed premises within their area. Aberdeen city centre benefits from a dedicated Policing Plan to support the night time economy. Within the reporting period, there were 3450 inspections (visits) to licensed premises within Aberdeen recorded on the InnKeeper system.

Any Police Officer who attends an incident at any licensed premises is expected to submit a concise report via the Innkeeper system, particularly when the incident involves violence, disorder, anti-social behaviour, drunkenness, drug misuse, underage drinking, breaches of licensing legislation or any other matter that might impact on the safety of the public. Within the reporting period, there were 1058 incidents connected to licensed premises within Aberdeen recorded on the InnKeeper system.

The information obtained may show a causal link between the operation of the premises and the incident. An incremental intervention process allows for issues to be addressed quickly and effectively at an early stage. This includes a low level 'interaction' which may involve a discussion between the Police and the premises

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management and/or licence holder. The level of engagement from within the Aberdeen licensed trade is very good and in many instances, this approach reduces recurrence or escalation.

Premises may become 'monitored' with closer attention being paid to any incidents occurring there. This is often undertaken in conjunction with tasked, supportive visits to the premises by uniformed Police Officers.

However, where necessary, the staged process allows for more formal intervention to support premises where a need has been identified. A premises licence holder and the premises management may be asked to attend a meeting with the Police, where concerns will be discussed. This will often involve an agreed Action Plan being put in place, with a reasonable time scale for completion. The most common example of an agreed 'action' is refresher training of staff covering their responsibilities including the sale of alcohol to underage or intoxicated persons, 'Challenge 25' and the general terms and conditions of the licence held.

Should the intervention stage not bring about the necessary changes, or be otherwise unsuccessful, the next stage is the submission of a premises licence review application for the consideration of the Licensing Board.

Over the reporting period there have been eight licensed premises in Aberdeen subject to a period of monitoring or intervention. Of these eight, three were late opening venues, three were 'wet sales' led premises, one was a restaurant and one was an 'off sales' premises. The issues that were addressed ranged from sale of alcohol outwith licensed hours to duty of care concerns towards highly intoxicated patrons.

All of these 'interventions' were concluded successfully, thus negating the need to bring to the Board's attention issues which may previously have been brought before them by premises licence review application.

In the reporting period there were no premises licence review applications submitted to the Board.

The North East Division Licensing Team has a system in place which monitors certain conduct of Personal Licence holders. Should such a licence holder be charged with any offence, this is brought to the attention of the team. Should the circumstances appear to be inconsistent with any of the five licensing objectives, consideration will be given to bringing this to the attention of the Board by way of a personal licence review. In addition, should an individual be convicted of a relevant offence, this will undergo the same scrutiny.

SUMMARY

In relation to the city centre of Aberdeen, many of the most common alcohol-related crimes and offences have dropped in the past three years. However, the number of serious assaults which occurred within the city centre during the late night and early morning has not decreased. A significant number of the people who were subsequently identified as being responsible had, in most cases, come from licensed

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premises and the peak time when these crimes occur are the hours from 0100 to 0400 on weekends.

The prevention of crime is not a strategy owned exclusively by the Police and we seek the co-operation, commitment and invested involvement of our of external partners, including the Licensing Board and licensed trade to explore all avenues and options to reduce alcohol-related crime, the impact of which extends beyond economic factors.

PREVENTING THE SALE OR SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL TO CHILDREN OR YOUNG PEOPLE

Aberdeen City attracts a relatively low number of reports of underage drinking or youth congregation involving alcohol when considering other towns and cities across Scotland.

Where a person under 18 years of age is found to be either under the influence of alcohol, drinking alcohol in a public place or in possession of alcohol, the Police Officer involved will take all appropriate steps to ascertain the source of the alcohol.

Where information that cannot be fully evidenced is received regarding the sale of alcohol to children and young persons, in accordance with the national guidance contained within the 'Alcohol Toolkit', letters will be sent to licensed premises in the area reminding them of their responsibilities and requesting extra vigilance.

If such concerns were to continue in respect of specific premises, then other operational strategies would be considered.

One way in which North East Division delivers our commitment to the community is through our School Liaison Officers and School Based Officers. These Officers attend schools and other educational establishments seeking to equip our young people with the appropriate information and understanding that will allow them to make better informed decisions in key areas of their lives, both now and in the future. To this end they deliver lessons, linked to the Curriculum for Excellence, on a range of subjects including alcohol, controlled drugs and anti-social behaviour – particularly alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour and the potential for related safety issues and consequences.

In support to the Protection of Children from Harm licensing objective, applications for premises licences and variations to premises licences come under close scrutiny often resulting in the submission of letters of objection, or more commonly, of representation, in which the imposition of conditions in respect of on sales, with regard to the times and terms in which children can be on such premises, will be recommended by the Chief Constable.

TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME

Many of the processes and procedures involved in licensing applications are carried out to guard against Serious Organised Crime Groups (SOCG) infiltrating the

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licensed trade in any way. This scrutiny is further enhanced with the nation-wide InnKeeper system. This database contains details of all liquor and civic licences for every Division in Scotland, and enhances our information sharing in respect of premises and people in the licensed trade as they move about the country and work in multiple venues.

If such an SOCG were able to gain a foothold in licensed premises this would afford the criminal group a seemingly legitimate income stream, which could be no more than a veneer for other criminal activities such as money laundering, tax evasion, drug and people trafficking and other dishonest activities.

Many of the procedures currently carried out by the North East Divisional Licensing Team, particularly in relation to new premises licences and the transfer of premises licences are done to ensure complete financial transparency and to ensure there are no business related irregularities which may be indicative of SOCG involvement.

Frequent and directed Police attendance and contact with licensed premises also increases the opportunity for irregularities to be identified or reported.

As part of this, the North East Division Licensing Team regularly liaise with Police Interventions staff who are aware of SOCG activity within the Division to ensure that applicants are not affiliated in any way to such groups, before responding to the Licensing Board.

The consistent high profile approach and interaction with licensed premises in direct correlation with the aforementioned close scrutiny in the application process should reinforce the work carried out to maintain this position.

PROPOSED ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Over the forthcoming year, North East Division Licensing Team, in conjunction with Community Policing Teams, will work alongside licensed premises, to ensure that these premises are adhering to the spirit of the legislation and operate in a manner that supports the five licensing objectives.

The North East Division Licensing Team is fully engaged in the consultation process as we move towards the publication of a new Statement of Licensing Policy and will continue to provide the Board with relevant data in respect of key times and locations to assist inform policy on guideline hours in relation to certain activities taking place within licensed premises, to continue working to reduce alcohol related violence.

This aspect of our future work should build upon the success of other areas within North East Division alongside an increased focus upon the use of analytical evidence to support direct, yet proportionate reasons for requesting that short and long term public safety orientated conditions are considered for one off events and established licensed premises.

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We intend to continue carrying out Local Days of Action and other associated initiatives involving activity at and around licensed premises, with a view to further reducing the numbers of adverse incidents at such premises and to support premises licence holders and their staff too, who make a positive contribution to Aberdeen's economy and creditable reputation. These operations will be carried out in support of and in conjunction with Community Policing Teams. We will carry out this activity in partnership with other agencies, particularly the Licensing Standards Officers, ultimately to uphold the five licensing objectives to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the people of and visitors to the city of Aberdeen.

To conclude we would like to thank you for your continued support and stress the importance of this collaborative, problem solving approach which ensures that Police, licence holders and licensed premises staff have a secure understanding of their responsibilities to preserve order, reduce violence and promote safety.

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