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Reference AC0328

Application for Variation (Major) Premises – Victoria Bar, 1 Menzies Road, Aberdeen, AB11 9AY

Dear Fraser Bell,

I would like to express my objection to the above mentioned application for Variation of premises.

As my husband and I regularly work on Saturdays and sometimes Sundays we already have problems getting a decent rest when the bar is open and plays loud music until midnight. Especially since their patrons usually linger in the street after closing hours until much later, engaging in shouting matches. Allowing the bar to leave their door open even longer will mean that we have to listen to their music longer – we can actually hear every song, including karaoke, and feel the bass in our flat, despite there being one floor of flats in between the bar and us during peak hours – which will in the end keep us awake until 2-3am. This would be bad enough if we didn't have to work.

Due to drunken behaviour by the bar's patrons during all hours we already have to keep our doorbell unplugged. Otherwise we do get disturbed a lot by them ringing our bell continuously. Also, they do leave empty bottles and cigarettes in our door way. While the bar was refurbished, this litter had almost stopped completely. Now that it reopened it is back. With longer opening hours and possibly a higher intoxication level of people who frequent the bar, I am afraid this, and the attempts of breaking down the front door, will only increase.

As much as I am all for a lively bar scene in town, I cannot approve of longer opening hours or the addition of dance facilities to Victoria Bar.

Kind regards,