

## General Extension Consultation Response

### Response 1

Good ~Morning

I hope you are well after the festive period.

So, I have a couple of dates where I think the extension could be good.

Can we please have an extension on Christmas Eve please. This is probably the second busiest day of the year at Murdos and normally the community round about us are busy as well. This year we had to stop at 12 midnight this year and a lot of our regular custom were disappointed as for the last few years we have opened till one.

Also, can we please look at the dates of March 26<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> to have an extra hour on both these nights as Scotland has the chance of joining England, Wales, Northern Ireland and republic of Ireland at Euro 2020. This would be the first time in 22 years that this would have happened. These are on a Thursday and Tuesday nights, and I know there is about 30 of my customers already either booked holidays or taken the next day off in preparation for this.

In addition, if Scotland do qualify then 23<sup>rd</sup> June would be a great game to have an extra hour for as it maybe then Scotland could qualify for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

You will be glad to know that this al that I have!

Best regards

David McNair  
General Manager  
Murdos

### Response 2

Good afternoon. My name is simon Cruickshank owner and premises manager of the ploughman peterculter and owner of Richmond arms peterculter. There used to be a policy in place years ago that for the Xmas fortnight all pubs could stay open till 1 am which covered everything and worked very well. Xmas eve is my busiest day of the year and I really need to open till at least 1 am. I never realised until too late that I could have applied for a 1 am. You have in all previous years had 1 am for Xmas and Hogmanay which was incorporated in my operating plan. Thanks very much and hope you will take my points on board. Thanks, simon

### Response 3

Name: JP McGivney

Venues: Unit 51 - Underground - Bridge Street Social Club

Although some general extensions are welcome i would say 90% are out of date for the current market place and go unused by almost every venue.

The below dates are KEY trading dates for 99.9% of city centre bars and clubs.

I have listed them in importance of operators

#### KEY DATES 2020

1. HALLOWEEN - SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER
2. MAYDAY SUNDAY 3RD MAY - Now with no bank holiday Monday this year maybe not as important BUT in future years 100%
3. FRESHERS WEEK - MONDAY 31ST AUG - SUNDAY 13TH SEPT - These dates for would be USED unlike the unwanted hours at Christmas - What makes the board think WE or our WORKERS want to work until 4am on Boxing night?
4. ST PATRICKS - TUESDAY 17TH MARCH
5. NYE - THURSDAY 31ST DECEMBER

Now other date EG Superbowl which we apply for every year can still be applied, its same for other venues individual important dates can be applied for BUT the date above are what we call EVERGREEN these are our KEY sessions.

\*\*\* Applications MUST have quicker responses YES or NO because we are planning for events and running a BUSINESS.

Thank You for taking the time to take our views on board.

Best Regards  
JP McGivney

#### **Response 4**

Two possible dates where the public may wish to celebrate are the 75th anniversaries of VE Day (8th May - declared a public holiday this year) and VJ Day (15th August and often forgotten). It may well be that a licensing extension would not be relevant.

Regards,

Peter Roberts  
Secretary Cults Bielside and Milltimber Community Council

#### **Response 5**

Hi there,

Please find below dates that our Senior Management have decided upon as notable dates for general extensions to be granted for 2020:

Sunday 3rd May - May Day

Saturday 31st October - Halloween

Friday 4th December\*  
Saturday 5th December\*  
Friday 11th December\*  
Saturday 12th December\*  
Friday 18th December\*

Saturday 19th December\*

\*busy weekend nights within December

Thursday 24th December - Xmas Eve

Saturday 26th December - Boxing Day

Thursday 31st December - Hogmanay

Please do not hesitate to get back in touch should you have any questions or require any other information.

Kind Regards

Sarah Wheeler  
General Manager

Soul Bar

### Response 6

Good afternoon,

We have been instructed by Stonegate Pub Co Ltd ("Stonegate"), to respond to the email below and apologise that these remarks are being sent late due to an IT glitch on Friday. We would be grateful if they could still be considered.

Stonegate are a British pub company who operate over 690 pubs and bars across the UK, 7 of which are in Aberdeen. They operate a wide variety of bars; from small community pubs to large late-night venues.

On a number of their licences automatic extensions are included for the undernoted dates and they would be grateful if the Board would consider these dates for the Aberdeen general direction.

- *Burns Night*
- *Valentine's Day*
- *St David's*
- *St Patricks*
- *Maundy Thursday*
- *Good Friday*
- *Easter Sunday*
- *Easter Monday*
- *Early May BH Monday*
- *Spring BH Monday*
- *Summer BH Monday*
- *St Andrews*
- *Christmas Eve*
- *Christmas Day*
- *Boxing Day*

- NYE
- NYD
- 2<sup>nd</sup> January

All of these dates represent times where the trade is busier than usual, and it is in our clients' opinion that it is reasonable to cater to this demand with additional hours.

In particular they would like to draw your attention to Christmas Eve which was not included in last year's extensions. This is a date, particularly with the community pubs outside of the city, which is very popular and many clients, including Stonegate, were surprised not to see it included last year.

A number of Stonegate licences also have a condition which states that the premises will benefit from *'an additional 30 mins or one hour before the start of events of national or international significance and 30 mins or one hour after the event has ended'*. We appreciate this may be difficult to implement as there is no defined list of events of national or international significance, but it could be that the direction each year takes into account sporting or other events in the forthcoming year and includes automatic extensions for any they consider to be relevant.

Stonegate have no issue with the current approach of granting extensions for those who conform to the Policy.

Kind regards

Audrey

**Audrey Junner**  
**Partner**

### **Response 7**

Only general extension is the May Day one

Haven't used any other ones in years gone by

Thanks

Stuart McPhee

Director  
Siberia Bar & Hotel