

In relation to the application for an occasional licence for The Draft Project, 363 Union Street I would like to make the following representations on behalf of Environmental Health & Trading Standards.

Officers from the Environmental Health & Trading Standards team have visited the premises on a number of occasions and have found that the business is generally compliant with the requirements of the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 and the preceding regulations.

As a result of issues that occurred during the showing of the Scotland v Serbia football match on 12th November 2020 a total of 91 complaints were received by the service – this was from members of the public, councillors and MSPs. A spreadsheet is attached with details of these complaints. I have also attached some video clips that were received from some of the complainers.

As a result of issues seen in the video clips this service issued three directions under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 to remove all television screens and any and any similar receiving equipment from the venue for a period of 21-days. This is to prevent an increased risk to public health during the televising of sporting and any other events, so as to ensure patrons maintain physical distancing from each other whilst on the premises. The directions were identical and were issued to Barry Clarkson, Paul Clarkson and PB Development Company Ltd. The restriction is from 1200 hours on 15/11/2020 and expires at 1159 hours on 06/12/2020.

Another allegation is that on 12th November the marquee at the Draft Project was an indoor venue and therefore should have closed by 2000 hrs. In normal use the gable ends of the marquee are removed which makes the walls 54% open and classifies the premises as 'outdoors'. The allegation is that at least one of the gable ends was covered but examination of the video footage is inconclusive. Investigations will continue into this allegation.