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Aberdeen City Council
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12th April 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to an application for a Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) licence by House of Ginza, 21 Crown Terrace, Aberdeen.

In preparing this note of objection, we have noted the recently approved Council Policy on such venues.

We note that the appropriate upper limit for this city centre location is six premises. We are unsure if this number would be exceeded were the application to be successful.

In terms of the character and vicinity of the locality, Crown Terrace is a largely residential street containing three Christian churches and a mosque. There is also a dance school for young people in the street. These are all within 750 metres of the proposed SEV. There are no security cameras in the Terrace. We have in the past had problems with a late night drinking and adult entertainment establishment in terms of rowdy behaviour, noise and vandalism. Ultimately that establishment was forced to close.

There is a late night Sports Bar nearby but even without 'adult entertainment' being involved, we are frequently woken at night by loud, rowdy customers either leaving that bar or congregating outside to smoke. Without casting blame on any one establishment there was a recent incident of large scale vandalism to parked cars in the Terrace. This incident was reported to the police. Littering, public urination, shouting and fighting are examples of anti-social behaviour regularly experienced by us and other residents.

We note that the applicant has chosen not to apply for an Occasional Use permit which implies that 'Sexual Entertainment' is to be a primary function. There are a number of similar establishments down the steps on Bridge Street with which we have no major concerns. Unlike Crown Terrace, Bridge Street is generally busy, well-lit, less residential and much more 'suitable' for such venues.

In conclusion, despite being in the City Centre, we consider Crown Terrace to be a completely inappropriate location for a SEV and trust that your team will agree.

Yours faithfully,