

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, section 22
Notice of Objection or Representation**

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Please refer to [Guidance Note for making Objections](#) before completing this form

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Depute Clerk to the Licensing Board
Licensing Team
Business Hub 6
Marischal College
Broad Street, Aberdeen
AB10 1AB

Your full name & address (include postcode)

[REDACTED]

Your email address

[REDACTED]

Name & Address of premises

NOX
2 Justice Mill Lane
Aberdeen
AB11 6EQ

Applicant's Name (if know)

Signature Pubs Limited

The Application is for:

Provisional Premises Licence

Premises Licence

Variation of Premises Licence

Occasional Licence

Any person may, by notice to the Licensing Board—

(a) Object to the application on any ground relevant to one of the grounds for refusal or

(b) Make representations to the Board concerning the application.

If you are OBJECTING, please complete Part A of this form.

If you are MAKING REPRESENTATIONS, please complete Part B of this form.

PART A – OBJECTION

I object to a premises licence being granted to the above premises, on the following grounds (delete any that do not apply):-

(a) The premises are excluded premises.

(b) The application must be refused because:

- the Licensing Board has refused a premises licence application in respect the premises less than a year before this application,
- Granting the application would have the effect of allowing alcohol to be sold on the premises during a continuous period of 24 hours or more or
- Granting the application would have the effect of allowing alcohol to be sold for consumption off the premises before 10:00, after 22:00 or both.

(c) Granting the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives. Please indicate which of the licensing objectives the application would be inconsistent with, along with a concise explanation why. Please delete any of the objectives that do not apply.

Objective	Objection
Preventing crime and disorder	<p>The residents emphatically assert that the number of licensed establishments is significantly linked to the occurrences of criminal activities and disruptive conduct. Amidst the COVID-19 restrictions, the residents were able to directly connect the extent of gardens intrusions, rowdy behaviour, and acts of intimidation to the closure of NOX. As soon as NOX reopened, we witnessed an immediate resurgence of these problems.</p> <p>Granting a License Variation to this establishment would only contribute to the increase in unlawful activities and promote chaos. Conversely, by nullifying the License, the residents would be able to experience tranquillity during the nights, allowing the Police to fully carry out their responsibilities towards the law-abiding households in this city centre location.</p>
Securing public safety	<p>NOX is situated on the primary late night thoroughfare at the junction of five roads. In the early hours of the morning, specifically at 3 am, a substantial number of customers overflow onto the street. These patrons are largely composed of young individuals who are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, rendering them particularly susceptible. Despite numerous appeals from BARA, there has been a failure to implement any form of crowd management or dispersal, whether in routine operations or during emergency scenarios.</p> <p>There have been innumerable instances when motor vehicles narrowly avoided accidents, signalling the imminent occurrence of a major incident involving pedestrians and vehicles. Additionally, the nearby opening of Motif in the late hours has contributed to further congestion in the vicinity.</p>

<p>Preventing public nuisance</p>	<p>A flourishing night time economy has a significant impact on urban areas, contributing to both economic growth and a vibrant cultural atmosphere. However, the region encompassing Bon Accord, Justice Mill Lane, and Langstane Place presents a bustling night time economy intertwined with numerous public disturbances. These disturbances consist of incessant noise emanating from patrons queuing up, which can persist for up to two hours, as well as noise generated during closing time. Residents in the area often witness patrons from this venue engaging in unsanitary behaviours, and behaving generally inappropriately. These undesirable behaviours often take place in grounds of family homes with children, as well as a noise-sensitive establishment where the resident has been diagnosed with Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) and is particularly sensitive to light and noise disturbances. Not only do these disturbances disrupt the amenity of this residential area, but they also have adverse effects on the overall well-being of individuals of all ages, affecting both their physical and mental health.</p>
<p>Protecting and improving public health</p>	<p>The vibrant and intense atmosphere in the late-night venues in this area, results in the bar staff being unable to actively monitor the alcohol consumption of individuals. As a consequence, there is an escalating number of heavily intoxicated individuals roaming our streets. Residents have also expressed concerns about the recent upsurge in what appears to be drug-trafficking activity on the street. Residents have observed money for drug transactions between traffickers and venue patrons who then enter the venue. It is likely then that drugs are being consumed and perhaps sold in the venue. As a result, the Justice Mill and Langstane Place area has undergone significant changes, making it increasingly difficult to ensure a guaranteed safe passage home. It's time to re-introduce the overprovision for the area.</p>
<p>Protecting children and young persons from harm</p>	<p>The Bon Accord / Langstane Place / Justice Mill Lane area is currently experiencing an excessive number of licensed establishments specifically catering to individuals under the age of 25. Consequently, this abundance of venues exposes vulnerable young people to an environment centered around the consumption of alcohol, negatively impacting their overall well-being. The conversion of 2 hotels in this very area into student accommodation will further exacerbate the problem. The licensing board has an obligation to recognize the alterations occurring among residents. The board should recognize their obligation and moral duty to protect the welfare of these young individuals. Re-introduce the overprovision for the area would be a favourable progression toward achieving a positive outcome.</p>
<p>(d) The premises are unsuitable for use for the sale of alcohol, having regard to¹—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the nature of the activities proposed to be carried on in the subject premises, (ii) the location, character and condition of the premises, and (iii) the persons likely to frequent the premises. <p>Please explain why</p> <p style="text-align: center;">..</p>	

¹ Please indicate which of the factors apply, with a concise explanation why. Please delete any that do not apply.

- (e) Granting the application would result in overprovision of licensed premises, having regard to the number and capacity of—
- (i) licensed premises, or
 - (ii) licensed premises of the same or similar description as the subject premises,

Please explain why:

PART B - REPRESENTATION

I wish to make these representations to the Board concerning the application: —

In support of the application.

As to modifications which should be made to the Operating Plan

As to conditions which should be imposed.

Other representations

Please add here any additional comments you wish to make. If you are submitting any background written materials in support of your Objection/Representation it would be helpful if you could list them here:-

Your Signature



Date

9th. September 2023

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