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FOR THE ATTENTION OF BRENDA FLAHERTY

Dear Madam

FESTIVE GUIDELINES 2009 – Licensing Committee

I refer to the above subject and seek the support of Aberdeen City Council Licensing Committee by implementation of previously used guidelines, for Late Hours Catering establishments within the City Centre.

The Chief Constable is committed to promoting well-being and safety in our communities and to enhance the quality of life of all those we serve.

Grampian Police continue to work with others to achieve delivery of these principles and whilst the Chief Constable recognises that holders of Late Hours Catering Licences may wish to seize the opportunity for enhanced trading periods, it has been evidenced in recent years that failure to disperse customers from within the designated City Centre area has led to increased numbers of alcohol fuelled incidents. Sadly, incidents of alcohol related violence and disorder have risen.

I am concerned that should Late Hours Catering licence holders receive extended trading periods, this will encourage greater volumes of alcohol fuelled individuals to remain within the City Centre. With this in mind, I seek the assistance of Aberdeen City Licensing Committee in restricting Late Hours Catering establishments to the terminal hour of 4am on both Christmas and New Year's Day.


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I believe the adoption of the foregoing recommendation will ensure that a vibrant, joyful, trouble free environment maintained, not only for the citizens of Aberdeen, but for those visitors wishing to participate in Aberdeen's Festive Season activities, and seek the assistance of the Aberdeen City Licensing Committee to work to promote this position.

Yours faithfully



 George MacDonald
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For and on behalf of the Chief Constable