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FW: Off Sales Licence - Cafe 'o' Clay - 122 Broomhill Rd

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**From:** [REDACTED]

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**To:** Licensing

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FAO [REDACTED]

I would like to object to the potential granting of a licence to sell alcohol at the above premises. The original application for the premises to be used as a supermarket was refused by Aberdeen City Council but on appeal the Scottish Government allowed the application.

There is no doubt that the appeal, as presented by a Mr David Campbell, was riddled with untruths as was clearly demonstrated in the objection which I made at the time. Notwithstanding the position of local government, the numerous objections made by local residents and the flawed representations by the applicant, the Scottish Government granted consent.

It is not long ago that the core of the Scottish Government told us how important it is to devolve governmental functions to local bodies (essentially the Yes campaign in the September Referendum) but yet were quite happy to throw out this sentiment when flexing their own muscles and crushing the Aberdeen City Council's decision, a decision which coincided with wishes of the affected people – the residents of Aberdeen.

I had always thought that politicians were supposed to govern on behalf of the people whereas what we are seeing more and more is a tendency for politicians to want to govern the people.

This is now an opportunity for the Licensing Board to do its bit for democracy by making a decision representing the wishes of Aberdeen Council and the residents of the city.

On the immediate matter of alcohol sales, the area is already awash with off sale outlets and no more are needed. Off-sales outlets tend to be a magnet for young folk to gather and these groups can become a nuisance if their behaviour becomes anti-social which I gather is already an issue in the area known as the "woodies" which is a mere stone throw from the proposed development. The immediate area around the outlet is relatively quiet but this peace could come to a halt (a) if a supermarket opens and (b) worse still if it is selling cheap alcohol 'til 10 p.m.

Please, reject this license application.