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FW: Aberdeen City Licensing Board - Culter Mills Sports & Recreation Club

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Sent: 31 December 2014 10:29

To: Licensing

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Your ref AC0651

I write with reference to [REDACTED] letter dated 8th December 2014 in respect of the Application for Variation (Major) by Culter Mills Sports & Recreation Club for the applied variations contained within the said letter.

My wife and I reside at [REDACTED] and our back garden directly abuts the Club's external garden area.

I am aware of the criteria required for the Variation of a Premises Licence.

In general, we do not have any objection to the internal access arrangements, however, my wife and I do have a strong objection to extend the licensed area to the bowling green and external garden areas.

Despite a number of noise issues in the past we have never complained as we are keen to maintain a neighbourly relationship with the Club and we are also aware that the Club provides an important social arena for Peterculter.

There are currently two separate noise issues associated with the Club; The first being the noise at closing time with Members leaving the building (this issue has been partially resolved within the last 12 months following the closure of the Cairn Road pedestrian access). The second issue being the general ongoing noise disturbance during functions due to the age and inefficient acoustic baffling of the building. This is further blighted when the windows are opened, the result being sound traveling even further afield.

The fire escape on the Club's east elevation is directly across from our garden boundary and in the summer time this door is frequently open. If the Club's garden area was to be licensed, this would only increase the noise levels and use where currently we enjoy a relatively quiet outlook. There is also the inevitable issue of raised voices, swearing etc which comes as a result of alcohol consumption. We have had first hand experience of this during this year's Gala day when a number of Club members gathered in the external garden area, consumed alcohol (whether this was permitted or not) and there were a number of empty bottles in our garden the following morning (I may add we did not make any fuss!).

There will likely be a number of other objections from neighbours and I hope Aberdeen City Council will take all the concerns on board and arrive at a sensible decision.

In summary, this letter is a formal objection to the variation to extend the licensing area to the bowling green and external garden areas.

Finally, I would appreciate confirmation that this written objection has been received.

Yours Sincerely,