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**CHESTER HOTEL-Licensing(Scotland) Act 2005-Application for variation of premises license-07/10/14**

Dear Ms Dunbar

I wish to formally lodge an objection to this application.

I have not previously objected to the applications made by the Chester Hotel believing that commercial enterprise should not be stifled. However, I am unsure that that was the correct decision since the increase in the noise coming from the premises has been substantially more than expected and I was lead to believe. During the summer, especially at weekends, I found that it was no longer relaxing to sit in my garden because of the noise coming from raised voices in the hotel grounds especially later in the evening and early night. This noise is very intrusive. The noise is coming from the external licensed areas of the hotel. To allow an increase in the numbers of people allowed to use the raised area next to the restaurant in the hotel would dramatically increase that noise level. Bear in mind, that since the area is on top of the premises, there are no natural barriers to the sound travelling to all of the surrounding Residential Area. These raised noise levels would undoubtedly continue well into the early hours of the morning especially on a Friday and Saturday when the license is extended until 1am.

One of the Licensing Board's main objectives, clearly stated in the legislation, is to prevent Public Nuisance. The Licensing Board has already accepted variations to the license for the Chester Hotel. The Board have a duty of care to the local Residents and to allow the large numbers of people proposed in this outside area at the Chester Hotel would not be showing a duty of care to those Residents because there is no doubt it would be a serious public nuisance.

I would therefore request that this application is refused.

Yours sincerely

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Michael Wood

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