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FW: 122 Broomhill Road, Aberdeen / Alcohol Licence Application

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**To:** Licensing

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Dear Licensing department

I would like you to take a long hard thought before you even consider the Pro's and Con's of approving the application for an Alcohol Licence for the above property.

Firstly, this application had already been refused last year, little or nothing has changed since last time, other than we are now seeing even more negative publicity on the financial burden on our hospitals and government to curtail the after effects - you can see below that even the greater majority are struggling to handle the effects - by then its too late i regret.

My opinion i am sure will be relayed to you all in one version or another by other neighbourhood residents who along with yourselves see the obvious negative effect alcohol has on our community, probably more so yourselves being at the front end of any Alcohol related complaints and side effects caused by it.

You just have to look along our Aberdeen main streets and look at the people walking and see the "many human wrecks" that have obviously succumbed to the effect of having plenty money and had a good time too many times! and the one left to sort this out will be the NHS!

Please realise we are at a turning point where the reliance on alcohol could be nipped in the bud with your help.

Please do take a serious read of the letters and emails, understand what the senders are trying to get across, the writers are your eyes and ears of the city, this is not a case of being concerned about a particular businesses' profits.

They have already decided to consider this site as a business, regardless of whether it sells alcohol at all.

I have attached a portion of the headlines from today's BBC internet news for you to consider what we are blindly walking into - if no further steps are taken to listen to the NHS

I think if all alcohol selling outlets were charged with re-paying all the NHS drink affected expense and the effects of alcohol abuse, they would only then realise the minimal profit there actually is selling the stuff!

Its a shame that if someone arrives at work with a hangover they are told to either go home or go have a black coffee? where if there are a drug taker are likely to be immediately fired and probably never be able to find a job again

We need to take a serious look, Alcohol is just as serious as drugs - we don't realise it yet!!

Please take onboard the content below, it is directly from the BBC internet news pages - not tampered by myself in any way

## Police should target troublesome drunks, A&E boss says



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Police should crack down on binge drinking to stop hospital staff becoming distracted by disorderly drunks, a leading doctor has said.

Dr Clifford Mann, president of the College of Emergency Medicine, said a "softer approach" adopted by police "doesn't seem to be working".

A&E staff have to deal with disorderly patients on a "daily" basis, he added.

Dr Mann said police could deal with anti-social drunkenness with increased arrests, convictions and fines.

Speaking to the BBC, Dr Mann said intoxicated patients could be arrested for being drunk and disorderly if they cause problems in hospitals.

"All I am saying at the moment is the softer approach - where we don't any longer arrest many people for being drunk and disorderly - certainly doesn't seem to be working," he said.

Dr Mann said the number of people arriving at A&E units while drunk was increasing year on year, while the number of licensed premises in the UK was also increasing and alcohol was getting cheaper.

"I think these people, by the nature of the disorder, they are distracting medical and nursing staff from looking after other patients and therefore are wasting public resources.

"I think they therefore fall into the category of being drunk and disorderly in their behaviour and the police can act to take them away," he added.

## 'Too simplistic'

In a separate interview with the Observer, Dr Mann said that if more people knew that if they got drunk they would be arrested, then fewer would drink too much in the first place.

There is "far too much acceptance" that drunkenness is "normal for a Friday or Saturday night", he said, adding: "It's not normal. It shouldn't be normal."

"Alcohol is well known to be a contributory factor in incidents of disorder but it is a complex issue and a crackdown on troublesome drunks is too simplistic an answer," he added.

He said "hauling people through the courts isn't always the answer either".

"That takes valuable time and resources to process, not just for the police, but also as people go through the courts and criminal justice system."

I hope that common sense will prevail, Broomhill Residents do not wish a Sales outlet for Alcohol.

Kind Regards