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Aberdeen Licensing Board,

This objection is in reference to the application for variation of premises licence (major) of The Adelphi Kitchen, 28 Adelphi, Aberdeen, AB11 5BL (ref AC0217). The objection, which will be elaborated on below, is made of the grounds that the application:

"Addition of off-consumption 12:00 – 22:00 Monday to Sunday; amend Q5 of operation plan to include live performances and the provision of takeaway facilities between 12:00 – 22:00"

is inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives as found in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

Preventing public nuisance and protecting public health.

a) Noise

Despite the city centre location, Adelphi is largely a residential road and nearby properties are especially sensitive to noise disturbance. Noise disturbance is particularly noticeable in the evenings and weekends when the majority of local residents are at home.

My property is directly above The Adelphi Kitchen and live performances would create a major disturbance to me personally due to the noise. Voices and background music currently travels from The Adelphi Kitchen to my property, on occasion causing headaches. Live performances will be louder than the current noise level so will cause a worse nuisance. The level of noise generated by the patrons will also intensify because of the sound and excitement of the live performance. As the Adelphi Kitchen spans two blocks of flats it also directly below another property that would be affected in the same way. I believe this property is currently vacant and for sale so the owner may not have made an objection.

People come and go from The Adelphi Kitchen throughout the evening. Patrons also enter and exit to smoke outside. Every time the door opens the noise from the performance will spill out on to the street, affecting more residents.

Traffic and pedestrian movements from the takeaway facilities will also create increased noise and disturbance.

b) Traffic

Adelphi is a narrow cobbled road with only one entry and exit and very limited parking for nearby residents. It is common for all parking spaces to be fully utilised on evenings Monday – Saturday and all day Sunday. The road is already subject to blockages because drivers cannot know that parking is full until they enter Adelphi. I have witnessed cars reversing on to Union Street because they have been unable to turn on Adelphi or there is another car trying to leave which blocks their path. I fear additional traffic will pose a safety risk as well as nuisance to residents wishing to park.

If only minimal additional traffic and pedestrian movements will be created by the addition of off-consumption, I am happy for The Adelphi Kitchen to be granted this variation.

I however ask that the Licensing Board fully consider the ramifications of live performances to the local residences, in particular my own as it is directly above The Adelphi Kitchen. If the variation is granted I hope it will be dependant on extensive sound proofing and restriction of hours. Duration of performances, frequency of performances and time of day of performances should all be considered. I accept there is a difference between the inconvenience of a live performance once a fortnight for a few hours versus all evening until 10pm or multiple times a week.

Kind regards,

