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Dear Mr Anderson

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Application for a Premises Licence  
Farmhouse Inn, ABZ Business Park, 1A International Avenue, Dyce, Aberdeen**

I refer to the above application and in terms of Section 22(1) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and make the following representation under the licensing objectives:

**Protecting and Improving Public Health  
Protecting Children & Young People from harm**

The applicant is requesting

*“Children (aged 0 to 15 years) will be allowed in the premises from 0700 until the termination of the core hours under adult supervision. Young persons (aged 16 and 17 years) will be allowed in the premises from 0700 until 2200 without adult supervision at the discretion of the Duty Manager and until the termination of the core hours under adult supervision.”*

The premises operate as a restaurant with the provision of bar meals. It also proposes to provide limited live or recorded music, dancing (on an occasional one-off basis for special occasions) and quiz nights may be offered from time to time. Although being marketed as a “restaurant” the “quiz nights” give a pub feel to the premises. There will be an area in the premises where people can sit if they wish to purchase alcohol and not buy a meal but I understand that the main trading focus will be on the carvery meals.

I am concerned that young persons (aged 16 and 17 years) will be allowed in the premises from 0700 until 2100\* without adult supervision at the discretion of the Duty Manager. I am not aware of any requirement to order food and fear that young people could be exposed to a drinking environment where no food is consumed under the current wording

of the variation. For example, if people are attending a music event, quiz night or are just visiting the premises to drink alcohol without purchasing a meal.

**Proposed change of wording:**

*“Children (aged 0 to 15 years) will be allowed in the premises from 0700 until the termination of the core hours under adult supervision. Young persons (aged 16 and 17 years) will be allowed in the restaurant area of the premises from 0700 until 2100\* without adult supervision, **when ordering food items**, at the discretion of the Duty Manager and until the termination of the core hours under adult supervision. “*

Aberdeen City already has a higher incidence of wholly attributable alcohol related hospital admissions when compared to Aberdeenshire, Moray and the rest of Scotland. Alcohol related deaths are slightly lower than the Scottish average but are still higher than, Moray, Aberdeenshire or England & Wales. Even small reductions in the availability of alcohol can contribute to health gain and reduce violence and harm to the population generally, as well as to the drinker themselves.

For these reasons, and in terms of Section 22(1) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Public Health Directorate of NHS Grampian asks that the Licensing Board give consideration to the terms of admission of young people to these premises. I feel the granting of the current conditions would be inconsistent with the Protecting and Improving Public Health and Protecting Children & Young People from harm licensing objectives.

Yours sincerely

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\*After discussion with the legal representative we have been advised that the access to young people has been reduced from 2200 to 2100.