

LICENSING BOARD INFORMATION SHEET

TYPE OF APPLICATION: VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE

PREMISES: 66 GARTHDEE DRIVE

DESCRIPTION

- Change of name to Nisa Local
- Expansion and refit of premises resulting in an increase in the area to be used for the sale of alcohol.
- Amend the operating plan to expand the description of other activities that take place on the premises to include reference to the Post Office and types of produce sold such as hot and cold take away products.

OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

- NHS Grampian

LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT

LICENSING OBJECTIVE – PROTECTING AND IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH

27.1 The Board supports the Health and Wellbeing Outcome in the Community Planning Aberdeen Single Outcome Agreement 2013 that people in Aberdeen who consume alcohol drink responsibly and within sensible drinking guidelines and negative outcomes are reduced. The Board will have particular regard to the views of the relevant bodies responsible for, and interested in, the protection and improvement of public health in Aberdeen. It will take advice from those relevant bodies represented on Aberdeen City Licensing Forum.

27.2 Applicants will be expected to consider measures designed to protect public health such as making available information with regard to sensible drinking, the effects of excessive alcohol consumption and contact points where assistance is required with problem drinking.

27.3 N/A

27.4 The Health Board states that increased access and availability to alcohol through increased numbers of premises and/or opening hours or decreased pricing is linked to increased consumption, which in turn potentially leads to increased harm. 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. Alcohol availability is affected by outlet density, outlet distance, opening hours and price. The Board acknowledges this statement and recognises that the Health Board is in the best position to advise on the detrimental effects of alcohol on health. A major concern about excessive alcohol consumption is its impact

on health.

There is ignorance of the advisable daily and weekly units of alcohol which may be consumed. There is also ignorance of the number of units in commonly consumed drinks. The Board considers that greater awareness of this issue would be achieved by a more overt display of information. It wishes to impress upon licence holders the importance of this issue and will expect prominent informative signage to be displayed in appropriate places within the premises. If necessary, and as the result of a relevant representation, such a requirement may be imposed by way of a condition on a premises licence.

27.5 The measures identified by an applicant may depend on the individual characteristics of the premises. The Board will be receptive to conditions which are proposed by individual applicants in respect of the promotion of this licensing objective. This might include the use of drink mats with sensible drinking messages and the use of posters on areas of circulation and in the toilet areas.

27.6 The Board is very aware of the risk of harm to children's health and this will be of paramount consideration when determining applications. Children may be adequately protected from harm by the action taken to protect adults but they also may need special consideration. It is recognised that no policy can anticipate every situation but applicants will be expected to consider measures designed to protect children's health while in or around their premises.