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Dear Sir/Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE
OLD BLACKFRIARS, 52 CASTLE STREET, ABERDEEN, AB11 5BB**

I refer to the above variation of a premises licence in terms of Section 29(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

The variation requested consists of a change to the terminal hour for on sales on from 0000 hours on Thursday to 0100 hours.

In terms of Section 29(5) this request can be considered a variation.

In terms of Section 22(1)(a) of the same Act, and in support of the Preventing Crime and Disorder licensing objective, I make the following objection on behalf of the Chief Constable regarding the application.

Aberdeen City Licensing Board Statement of Licensing Policy 2013 - 2016, Appendix 4, states that premises that do not offer significant entertainment, from Monday to Thursday inclusive, will have a terminal hour of 0000 hours.

Currently the premises operates with core on-sales hours of 1000 to 0000, Monday to Thursday inclusive and 1000 until 0100 on Friday and Saturday.

Aberdeen City Licensing Board Statement of Licensing Policy states, at point 20.3, 'The Board will deem up to a maximum of 14 hours continuous trading in any 24 hour period to be reasonable'.

The premises already exceeds these guidelines on Friday and Saturday, and if granted, will operate outwith the guidelines on a further day of trading.

If the application is granted, this would likely set a precedent which other premises whose terminal hour on a Thursday is 0000 hours may seek to follow.

It is well documented that alcohol fuelled violence and disorder remains a problem in Aberdeen, therefore any extension to the terminal hour of this, or any other premises in the area, is likely to exacerbate this and result in an increase in crime and disorder, and it is for this reason, in terms of Section 22(1)(a) of the same Act, and in support of the Preventing Crime and Disorder licensing objective, that the Chief Constable objects to the grant of this variation of the premises licence.

Yours faithfully

Philip Gormley QPM
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