

Objections to the licensing variation at the SALTOUN ARMS 69 FREDERICK STREET ABERDEEN
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I object to the extension of licensing hours as it will

1) Create an increase in the public nuisance associated with the public house.

The public house is notoriously noisy on the evenings it is open late. The primary nuisance created is the noise. The noise is of two main sources. Noise from the pub either from the juke boxes karaoke and occasional entertainers or the customers particularly later in the evening as the alcohol consumptions increases. This is then followed at closing time as considerable noise and disturbance when the pub closes which can carry out for an hour or more. This is often associated with litter and spillage from the patrons as they leave. The increase in opening on weekdays and earlier on weekends will extend the time when the area is subject to the noise and increase the litter and other items deposited on the street.

2) Potentially harmful to Children

Even more worrying is the area near the Saltoun arms has numerous residences with children. These are disturbed by the noise as the pub empties. On the weekends it is annoying particularly in the summer where children will stay up at night. If this carries on mid-week it could easily be disruptive to the sleep of children and harmful to their schooling from lack of sleep, and other workers, as it often does not subside until the early morning. The impact will be compounded as the weekends are the time children should be out and socialising. There are numerous greenspaces nearby some just across from the Saltoun arms where children should be encouraged to play with friends. The idea of drinking from such an early hours on weekends would inhibit this activity which would be harmful to children

3) Harm to public health

The Saltoun Arms is situated across the street from the new Aberdeen health centre on Frederick Street. It opens early in the morning 7am and closes at 8:30 in the evening weekdays. An increase in inebriated clients and related litter and detritus to a similar level as the weekends will discourage people from using the health centre. This would partially negate the good to public health created by the new amenity.

Yours Sincerely

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