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Dear Ms O'Hare

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Application for a Provisional Premises Licence
244 King Street, Aberdeen, AB24 5BW**

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

Protecting and Improving Public Health.

This store has applied for a Provisional Premises License. The main focus of this shop will be the sale of cigars, specialist tobacco and associated products (not cigarettes) alongside the sale of specialist whiskies and craft beers. Also included is the sale of coffee products and gentlemen's accessories which are identified as shaving products and similar.

The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) Health & Wellbeing Profiles for Aberdeen City¹ identify Alcohol related hospital stays as being "statistically significantly worse" than the National average.

ScotPHO² data also identifies that the Aberdeen City alcohol related death rates have remained essentially stable, in contrast to Scotland's falling rate.

¹ <https://scotpho.nhsnss.scot.nhs.uk/scotpho/homeAction.do>

² <http://www.scotpho.org.uk/>

I appreciate that this is a specialist shop which is not intending to sell cheap alcohol and will be attracting a clientele who will be attracted by the specialist nature of the products stocked and not necessarily used by local residents.

I am aware that there are a number of traditional licensed premises in the immediate vicinity of this store and have detailed addresses below.

Address	Distance from 244 King Street	Walking time from 244 King Street
The King Street Shop, 148 King Street	0.19 kilometres	3 minutes
Dobry, 176 King Street	0.14 kilometres	2 minutes
Wilson's Newsagent, 226 King Street	0.03	Less than 1 minute
A & C Smart, 314 King Street	0.17 kilometres	2 minutes
Morrisons, 215 King Street	0.14 kilometres	2 minutes
74 Urquhart Road	0.3 kilometres	4 minutes
91 Urquhart Road	0.56 kilometres	7 minutes
Keystone Express, Summerfield Terrace	0.44 kilometres	6 minutes
Brunswick Stores, 20 Beach Boulevard	0.68 kilometres	8 minutes

As you can see from this list there is an abundance of stores already selling alcohol in this area. I would ask that the Licensing Board consider applying the following condition when considering this application.

1. This premises restricts its alcohol stock to specialist whiskies and craft beers as described in the Operating Plan.

For these reasons, and in terms of Section 22(1) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Public Health Directorate of NHS Grampian submits this representation to the application as the granting of it would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives, namely Protecting and Improving Public Health.

Yours sincerely

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