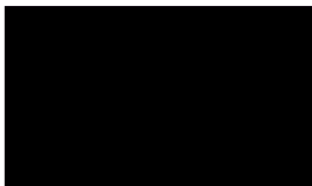


Mrs M Henderson



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Objection to Application for licence to sell alcohol
244 King Street Aberdeen AB24 5BW

I am writing to object to the request for a license to be granted for the shop at 244 King Street Aberdeen AB24 5BW. There is already overprovision of premises selling alcohol in close proximity to the shop concerned.

There are 4 shops and a supermarket selling alcohol (one is a 24 hour shop) within 2 minutes walking distance from the shop requesting the license. This specialist shop as it is described is to offer free tasting this only encourages drinking. NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Council are trying to encourage sensible eating and drinking limits. We are trying to improve and protect public health this only offers temptation to people who at times have no willpower to resist.

There are many people in this area with alcohol problems who are a public nuisance to local residents by begging money or staggering about the pavement. Drinking outside in this area happens regardless of laws forbidding street drinking. Empty alcohol bottles and cans are frequently left on the grass or side of the road. I and other members of the public including children have to negotiate and pass these people when they are in the street inebriated. Alcoholism is an illness and unfortunately free tasting will encourage people who suffer that illness to be drawn like a magnet. I would anticipate there could be trouble if they are refused I have seen nasty reactions when they are not allowed to purchase alcohol from a nearby shop because they were too drunk.

My other objection is our privacy and security in the tenement the shop is part of the tenement. I have lived in the tenement for 37 years. The intercom system was installed to provide security and privacy. The security of the

building has to be guaranteed and it must not be compromised. The shop only has access to one toilet which is through the front entrance of the tenement to the half landing toilet between basement and ground floor. Many of the flats are rented out to both male and female tenants it can be difficult for them to deal with problems as English is not their first language. We are constantly disturbed by intercom buzzers being pressed regardless of who they want sometimes it is for nobody they are just causing a public nuisance.

I am aware that not every person who visits the shop may be a problem but I have severe reservations and as I said the area is already well served with shops that sell alcohol and I do not want my home and surrounding area affected by another shop selling alcohol. I ask that my comments are taken into consideration.



Maureen Henderson