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**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**  
**Application for Variation of Premises Licence**  
**Address: The Priory, 27 Belmont Street, Aberdeen**  
**Applicant: The Epic Group (Scotland) Ltd**

I would like to highlight that the application lists Jonathon Wilsey as the premises manager on the Operating Plan. Jonathon left his role as premises manager before March 2016. I also note that the email address listed, is for a former premises manager, Sophie Cunnison. Sophie left her role as premises manager prior to January 2016 and no longer works for Epic Group. A minor variation was received in August 2016 to vary the premises manager. The minor variation was granted by the Board on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016 with George Douglas as the current premises manager.

As background, I would like the following to be taken into account;

In terms of Section 22 (1) (b) (iii), I make the following representation to the Licensing Board.

Based on knowledge and observations whilst completing our role as Licensing Standards officers during late night visits; we see first-hand the pro-active work being completed by the Street Pastors, Taxi Marshalls, Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service, late night food establishments, the transport companies etc.

The partnership agencies and businesses all work together to ensure that Aberdeen is a safe and 'welcoming' city. The concern would be the impact to these services if this application is granted without an appropriate consultation process. The 'consultation' idea had been mentioned at the board meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2105 and the Licensing Standards Officers believe this to be an appropriate way forward.

If the application is granted, we believe this would set precedence for other late night premises to apply for a 4 am terminal hour, leading to a significant change to the nightlife of the city of Aberdeen. We would therefore recommend a 'working group' where each partner involved in the late night industry meet to discuss the potential impact in regards to their service delivery.

It is also important for the applicant to be part of the consultation process in order for them to feel supported by the different services and discuss any concerns that may arise.

In the meantime, if the application is refused under section 30 (5) (a) of the LSA 2005 and the applicant wishes to re-apply after the set time period, I would suggest utilising that period of time to work with relevant agencies in regards to the 'consultation' idea.

Kindest regards

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