

## Licensing

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 February 2017 19:43  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to Babylon's application to extend opening hours

Good morning

I would like to object to the application lodged to vary the premises licence for Babylon nightclub, Alford Place, Aberdeen.

The application is to extend the opening hours on Friday and Saturday until 4am and I object for the following reasons:

- I live directly opposite the nightclub at [REDACTED] My flat is directly level with the nightclub and I am severely affected by the noise levels over the weekend when the club is open until 3am. My standard of living would be further affected if this were to stay open for another hour.
- The music is very loud every weekend and I have done everything I can in the past to speak to the manager of the premises with very little effect. Diane Sande and I met with the manager in 2015/16 and he was advised to take further measures to mitigate the noise – sound reducing curtains, closing the doors and asking the bouncers to move people on. Unfortunately, the venue has taken no steps to resolve the problem and have shown a complete disregard towards my worries and concerns; leading to countless sleepless nights. I have no confidence that the premises would put in place any other measures to reduce the noise as they have shown in the past that they have not. Instead, they have chosen to ignore all my concerns and failed to put into place simple measures to assist.
- In addition to the noise of the nightclub, there is a great deal of noise from those attending the club. I appreciate living in a city centre flat, street noise is inevitable, however, bouncers do not move people on from outside the club following closure. People hang about outside calling taxis and screaming and shouting, sometimes until 5am. This would only get worse if the club opened for longer.

I have done everything I can in the past to discuss concerns with the management of this establishment but am not confident that they will do anything to deal with my concerns. My standard of living in the flat is already affected by the noise with the club open until 3am; I have no doubt it will be severely effected should it open until 4am. I would ask you to consider the impact that this nightclub already has on nearby residents and the inevitable disturbance that it would cause if it were to be allowed to vary the licence.

Best wishes

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