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Dear Sir/Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005  
APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE  
THE QUEEN VIC, 126-128 ROSEMOUNT PLACE, ROSEMOUNT, ABERDEEN,  
AB25 2YU**

I refer to the above application for the variation of a premises licence under terms of Section 29(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

The variation requested consists of amending the core on sales hours from 1000 to 0000 hours on Monday to Saturday and 1230 to 0000 hours on Sunday to 1000 to 0000 hours Monday to Thursday, 1000 to 0100 hours on Friday and Saturday and 1230 to 0000 hours on Sunday.

In terms of Section 29(5) of the Act this request can be considered a variation.

In terms of Section 22(1)(a) of the same Act, I make the following objection in relation to the application.

The premises are situated outwith the city centre area, as defined in Appendix 3(a) of the Aberdeen City Licensing Board Statement of Licensing Policy 2013-2016. The premises are in a mixed retail, business and residential area and immediately adjacent to the premises are residential properties.

Having regard to Appendix 4 of said Policy, it is the view of the Police Service of Scotland that the facility offered by the premises is that of 'not-significant entertainment', and as such, is not entitled to enjoy a terminal hour beyond that contained within said guidelines. Additionally, should the later terminal hour be granted, this would result in the premises trading for a continuous period of 15

hours contrary to the guidelines of a maximum of 14 hours continuous trading in any 24 hours period, as stipulated at 20.3 of the Policy.

If granted, the Chief Constable is of the opinion that this would set a precedent which other licensed premises outwith the 'city centre' area as defined, would be likely to seek to replicate.

Enclosed with this letter is an Anti-Social Behaviour Report prepared by an analyst within the Community Safety Partnership, which focusses on crimes of disorder and violence. Whilst this data relates principally to the 'city centre' area it clearly demonstrates that the longer and later licensed premises operate, the higher the incidence of crimes of violence and disorder.

Any extension to the operating hours for the applicant premises, or any other premises enjoying similar licensed hours, may exacerbate this and could result in an increase in crime and disorder and it is for this reason, in terms of Section 22(1)(a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and in support of the Preventing Crime and Disorder and Preventing Public Nuisance licensing objectives, that the Chief Constable objects to the grant of the variation.

This letter is submitted for your attention when considering this application.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Constable

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