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Dear Ms Dunbar

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Application for a Variation of Premises Licence
The Queen Vic, 126 Rosemount Place, Aberdeen, AB25 2YU**

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

Protecting and Improving Public Health.

The applicant seeks to:

- Amend the on sales terminal hour on Fridays and Saturdays to 01:00

The NHS Grampian objection will focus on the following areas:

1. Aberdeen City Licensing Board, Statement of Licensing Policy
2. Integrated Alcohol Service Referral Rates for 2015
3. Scottish Health Observatory Data for post code area AB25 2YU
4. Comparison of alcohol related death rates for Aberdeen

1. Aberdeen City Licensing, Board Statement of Licensing Policy

The Aberdeen City Licensing Board Statement of Licensing Policy, 2013-2016 states at Section 20.3, paragraph 2:

“The Board will not normally grant hours beyond 00:00 outwith the city centre.”

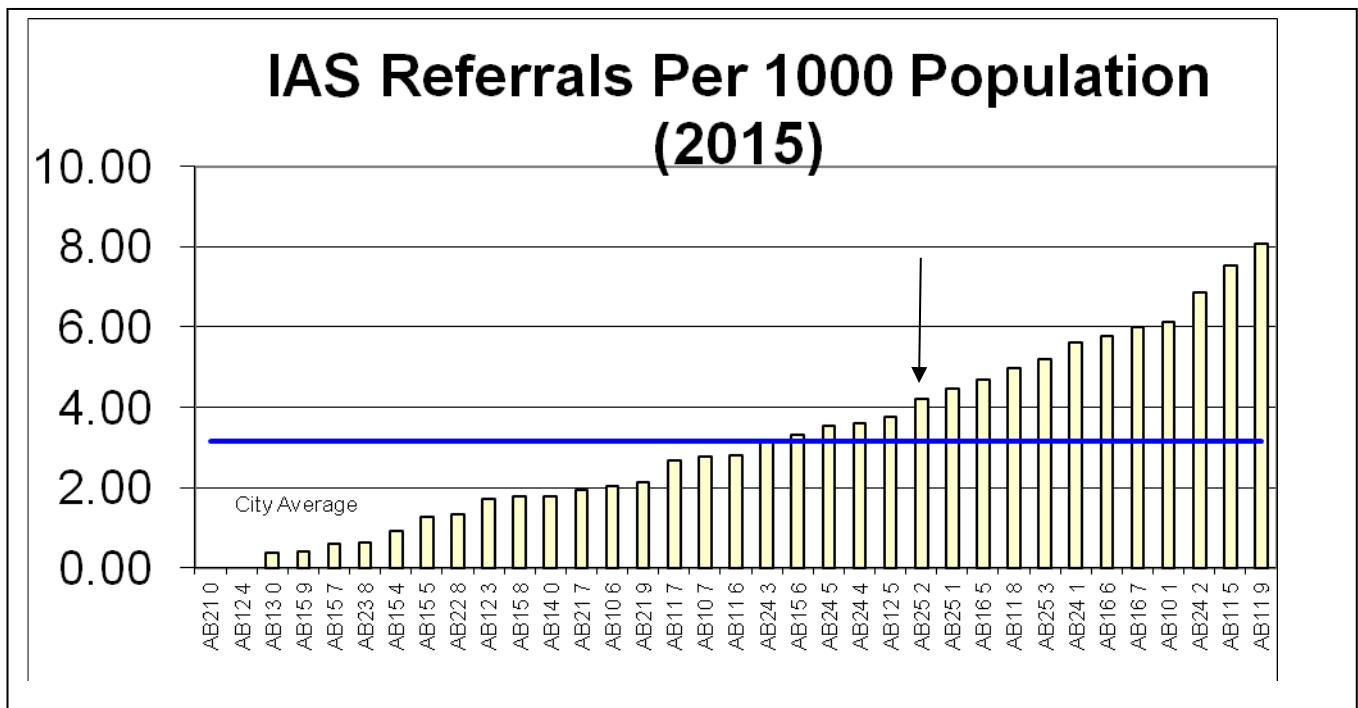
As The Queen Vic is situated outwith the city centre and has no purpose built function suite facility I do not feel it meets the required criteria for a late opening extension.

Also, at Section 20.3 paragraph 1:

“The Board will deem up to a maximum of 14 hours continuous trading in any 24 hour period to be reasonable.”

These premises would be trading for a period of 15 hours on Friday and Saturday if this application is granted, which would not comply with the terms of the Statement of Licensing Policy.

2. Integrated Alcohol Service Referral Rates for 2015



Referral rates to the Integrated Alcohol Service for the post code area AB25 2 were higher than the city average during 2014 and 2015. The graph for the 2015 data is shown above.

3. Scottish Health Observatory Data for post code area AB25 2YU

The post code sector of AB25 2YU comprises four areas; West End North (8.9%), Rosemount (64.7%), Midstocket (14.7%) and Ashgrove (11%).

Scottish Health Observatory Data has been used to compile The Health Traffic Lights document for Aberdeen City¹. Data from this document is illustrated below using health indicator areas for this community:

Key	Description
Red	5% higher than the Scottish average
Yellow	Within +/- 5% of the Scottish average
Green	5% lower than the Scottish average

Area	Alcohol related/attributable hospital patients	Alcohol related deaths	Early deaths from Coronary Heart Disease	Psychiatric Hospital Patients	Deaths from suicide	Early deaths from cancer
Rosemount (64.7%)	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green
Midstocket (14.7%)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red
Ashgrove(11%)	Red	Yellow	Green	Red	Green	Red
West End North (8.9%)	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green

With the majority of the community comprising the Rosemount data zone it is clear to see that alcohol related ill health is impacting on these citizens health and wellbeing.

Regularly drinking alcohol raises blood pressure and significantly increases the chance of people developing heart disease in the future².

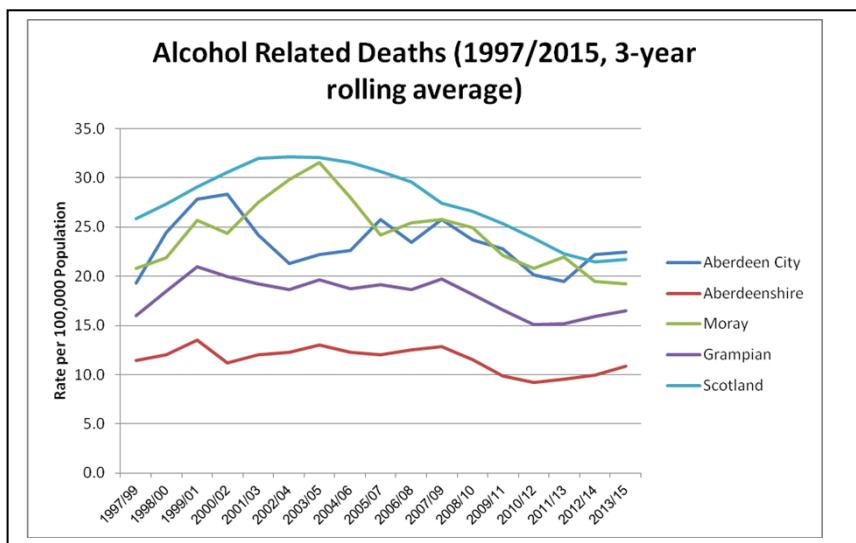
Depression shares a complex, mutually reinforcing relationship with excessive alcohol consumption². Regardless of whether heavy alcohol consumption or mental health issues came first, having one condition increases the chances of developing and likely complexity of the other.

Harmful alcohol consumption is the third most common preventable cause of cancer in the UK².

¹ http://foi.nhsgrampian.org/globalassets/foidocument/dispublicdocuments---all-documents/ABERDEENCITYTraffic_Lights_Pack_2016.pdf

² <https://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/factsheets>

4. Comparison of alcohol related death rates for Aberdeen city



The chart above illustrates the three year rolling average for alcohol related deaths with the most recent period shown being 2013 - 2015. This shows that after a fall during the early 2000s we have seen an increase in Aberdeen City alcohol related deaths that are now slightly higher than the Scottish figure.

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 letter of objection as the granting of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives, namely Protecting and Improving Public Health.

Yours sincerely

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