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Dear Sir/Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE
REVOLUTION, 25 BELMONT STREET, ABERDEEN, AB10 1JS**

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 a change of the 'on sales' terminal hour on Friday and Saturday from 0100 to 0200.

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

In terms of Section 22(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the same Act, I make the following representation.

Currently, the premises operating hours with are consistent with the guideline operating hours for premises offering 'not significant entertainment' as detailed within Appendix 4 of the Aberdeen City Licensing Board Statement of Licensing Policy 2013 - 2016. Meanwhile, the Operating Plan pertaining to the premises has indicated that the activity of 'live performances' may take place during the core hours. 'Live performances' is not further described in said Plan. The Operating Plan which accompanies the application does not indicate any change in the activities that may take place.

Following contact with the Premises Manager, it is understood that the additional hour on Friday and Saturday is sought for the purpose of allowing patrons to enjoy an extra hour of live music, in particular, live percussion bands, and an area will be identified to allow for patrons dancing. The current Operating Plan and that which accompanies the application indicates that there are no dance facilities.

The section of the Plan which relates to premises which open after 0100 has been completed with the responses 'N/A'. As the premises are seeking to open after 0100 hours, I am of the view that this section ought to be more accurately completed.

In March 2017, in connection with very similar applications for other licensed premises within the city centre, Police Scotland objected to such applications in support of the Preventing Crime and Disorder licensing objective and in doing so, provided ample, detailed evidence that demonstrated that the longer and later licensed premises are open, the higher the likelihood of crimes of anti-social behaviour, violence and disorder occurring, particularly the commission of crimes of serious assault. Police Scotland reserves this position, however, acknowledges that Aberdeen City Licensing Board are entitled to grant such variations if satisfied that premises are offering 'significant entertainment' as defined within said Policy.

To that end, in terms of Section 22(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I make representation that the variation is granted subject to condition that pre-booked significant entertainment, to the satisfaction of the Licensing Board, is to take place during some part of the additional hours sought, that is between 0100 and 0200 on Friday and Saturday.

Additionally, in the event the applicant premises are not considered premises to which the Licensing Conditions (Late Opening Premises) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 applies, I recommend that the variation be granted subject to the conditions specified at 6.5 of Aberdeen City Licensing Board's Statement of Licensing Policy 2013 - 2016, specifically in respect of CCTV, Door Supervisors and Radiolink .

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

Yours faithfully

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