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Dear Ms Wilson

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Application for a Variation of Premises Licence  
Sing City, 74-78 Chapel Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1SN**

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

**Protecting and Improving Public Health.**

The applicant seeks a terminal hour of 3am on Fridays and Saturdays. This extension to operating times concerns NHS Grampian as it increases the availability of alcohol.

The Aberdeen City Licensing Board Statement of Licensing Policy, 2013-2016 states 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 variation is granted, which would not comply with the terms of the Statement of Licensing Policy.

In addition, in order for a facility to be granted additional late opening times the board should be satisfied that significant entertainment is being provided. Detailed information on this topic is available within Appendix 4 of the Statement of Licensing Policy. The following example of “**Not Significant Entertainment**” is provided

“ *For example karaoke, billiards, pool, snooker, darts, dominoes, leisure facilities, background live or recorded music*”

Within the operating plan it is stated that entertainment activity includes:

***Recorded music is in the form of background music, or from the karaoke machines in the private karaoke rooms.***

***Live performance: the occasional social evening with the provision of mobile DJ or musical act.***

Although live performance is mentioned there is no indication of the regularity. We are not of the opinion that significant entertainment is provided by this venue. 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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