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Dear Councillor Boulton,

Objection to Application for Outside Seating by Brew Dog, Union Street

At the most recent meeting of the Disability Equity Partnership (DEP) concern was expressed about the plans to allow the Brew Dog pub on Union Street to have tables and chairs on the pavement outside. We deem certain aspects of the license application to be contravention of the Council's Licensing Objectives and we therefore wish to bring these matters to your attention as Convener of the Licensing Board.

The major concern of the DEP is on the grounds of public safety. There is unlikely to be enough residual pavement available for wheelchairs and walkers to get past safely. This problem will be particularly acute for the sight impaired and especially those who rely on Guide Dogs who may find themselves forced off the pavement and on to the road. This situation is likely to be exacerbated at busy times when there is likely to be more people on the pavement than there are seats for who will spill out further across the pavement leaving no room to pass without going on to the very busy road. If it is particularly busy it may become very difficult for people with disabilities to get back on to the pavement after using the pedestrian crossing.

The DEP are also concerned about the threat to public health and harm to children who will be brought into close contact with people drinking alcohol and smoking.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Anne Begg
Chair
Disability Equity Partnership

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