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Dear Sir/Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
EXTENDED HOURS APPLICATION
BRIDGE STREET SOCIAL CLUB, BRIDGE STREET, ABERDEEN, AB11 6JJ**

I refer to the above premises and an application for extended hours to be granted from 0200 to 0500 hours on Monday 5 February 2018 (the trading day of Sunday 4 February 2018).

The applicant currently holds a premises licence allowing the sale of alcohol between 1100 - 0200 hours Monday to Thursday, 1100 - 0300 hours Friday and Saturday and 1230 - 0200 hours on Sundays.

Section 68(1)(b) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 allows applications for extended hours to be granted if the Licensing Board consider it appropriate to do so in connection with a special event or occasion to be catered for on the premises or a special event of local or national significance.

The applicant has indicated that the extended hours requested are required to facilitate the televised NFL Super Bowl final, which takes place in Minneapolis, USA. This event is expected to be available to view by customers who subscribe to Sky TV and also broadcast free on a BBC terrestrial television channel.

Police Scotland reserves the position that alcohol fuelled violence and disorder with Aberdeen city remains a concern. Crime statistics still demonstrate that the longer and later 'on sales' premises trade, the higher the likelihood of crimes of disorder and violence occurring and in general, is not supportive of an extension to licensed hours into the early hours of the morning.

However, having regard to the information provided by the applicant, I am of the view that these particular premises singularly and uniquely have an involvement in American football locally and have an established customer base who attends the premises specifically to watch such televised fixtures during the American football season.

Whilst I have a concern that the granting of this application may set a precedent and that similar applications from other premises in Aberdeen will be made, I am of the view that these premises have demonstrated a connection to the event that cannot be equalled by any other premises in Aberdeen and it is for this reason that I offer no objection to the application.

Yours faithfully

Philip Gormley QPM
Chief Constable

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