

Aberdeen City Licensing Board
Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, Section 22
Notice of Objection or Representation

Name:
Address:
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Name and address of premises to which the objection or representation refers:

Silver Darling Restaurant
North Pier
Aberdeen
AB115DQ

Please give details of objection or representation below:

I would like to make an objection to;

- 1) Extension of opening hours from typical restaurant hours (1200 – 0100) to typical public house opening hours (opening at 1100) with extended hours (until 0100) on days Monday to Saturday.
- 2) Extension of the licence to include Sunday opening in a residential area in a business that has previously been closed on a Sunday and Monday.

My objection to 1) *changing the opening hours to 1100 opening Monday to Saturday* are because this will change the nature of the restaurant from lunch and evening dining to all day dining including 'brunch'/late breakfast bringing additional customers who would previously have accessed early dining opportunities at cafes along the beachfront. Footdee village and its residents are already experiencing considerable strain from the number of tourists/visitors visiting (particularly on weekends) which affects residents' privacy, safety and parking. Extending the number of customers to the Silver Darling will only add to this. NB. Supposedly this business has already had considerable success with 110 covers on a single weekend day in February; this is unarguably going to increase in warmer weather when more customers will be inclined to visit. Aberdeen City Council has been aware of issues relating to the number of visitors in Footdee for a number of years and should be carrying out thorough consultation with residents about potential changes i.e. extending opening hours to a business within the village - that will amplify these problems.

My objection to 2) *extension of the licence to include Sunday opening* are also because of increasing pressure on residents from an increased number of customers who will access the restaurant by walking through the village or drive down New Pier road. The Silver Darling has never been open on Sundays previously. This change will bring more customers (and cars) potentially until 0100 on a Sunday night. NB. Saturday nights can already be noisy in the village as people who have been drinking walk through the village on the home. I

understand that these business owners encourage the use of taxis, but they have no control over customers when they leave premises and cannot stop people from causing a public nuisance in a residential area. It is unacceptable that **there will be no weekend respite for residents from living next to a business with primarily, commercial interests.**

Further to these objections I am very concerned that that the extension of hours to typical public house opening hours will change the nature of this business from solely a restaurant to a place to get some food but primarily to drink alcohol. The Silver Darling is located next to a local authority playpark that many children from Footdee, visitors to the village/beach and local schools and nurseries use regularly. Allowing a venue which promotes drinking to open next to children's playpark would put children at risk of normalising drinking, witnessing drunkenness as well as child protection risks for older unaccompanied children.

I understand that this application is solely to extend the licensing hours of a restaurant, but these changes will inevitably change the nature of the customers visiting the venue from people who want to have a 'sit down' meal accompanied by alcohol to people who primarily want to socialise and drink at a bar. Allowing these licence changes to come into effect - without advanced consultation with local residents, ACC children's services and Health services - will be **putting the priorities of a commercial business above protecting children from harm.**



Date: 26th February, 2018.