

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  
AB11 5DQ

Please give details of objection or representation below:

I hereby object to:

- 1) Extension of opening hours from typical restaurant hours (1200 - 0100) to typical public house opening hours (opening at 1100 am) with extended hours (until 0100) on Monday to Saturday;
- 2) Extension of the license to include Sunday opening in a residential area for 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* is 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 and its residents are already experiencing considerable strain from the excessive number of tourists/visitors visiting (particularly at weekends) which negatively impacts on residents' privacy, safety and parking. Increasing the number of customers to the Silver Darling will only add to this.

My objection to 2) *extension of the license to include Sunday opening* is 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 critically, their cars, potentially until 0100 on a Sunday night. 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 some business owners encourage the use of taxis, but they have no control over customers when they leave their premises and cannot stop people from causing a public nuisance in a residential area. As a local homeowner, resident and parent it is unacceptable that **there will be no weekend respite for residents from living next to a business with primarily commercial interests.**

I am also concerned that the extension of hours to those of a typical public house/bar 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 and beach, and local schools and nurseries use regularly. Allowing and developing a venue that promotes drinking to open next to a children's playpark would put children at risk of witnessing drunkenness, as well as child protection risks for older unaccompanied children.

I understand that the current application is 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 meal accompanied by alcohol, to people who primarily want to drink. Allowing these license changes to come into effect - without advanced consultation with local residents, the city council children's services and local health services - will be **putting the priorities of a commercial business above protecting children from harm.**

26<sup>th</sup> February, 2018