

Planning Application Licensing Reference Number: AC0191

Applicant:

Granite City Hospitality Limited
c/o James & George Collie, Solicitors
1 East Craibstone Street
Aberdeen, AB11 6YQ

Premises:

Silver Darling Restaurant, North Pier, Aberdeen, AB115DQ

Details of Proposed Application to Vary a Premises Licence:

Variation to commencement of 'on sale' hours to 11:00hrs on Mon-Sat
Addition of 11:00 hours to 01:00 on Sundays.

Objection to Application to Vary the Premises Licence

Whilst generally in favour of the Silver Darling's continuation as restaurant, I am concerned that the changes to the format of the new business and especially changes in the licensing and opening hours may be more disruptive to the Footdee residents in future.

The previous owner was considerate to his neighbours and well respected in the village. The business was lower key with more limited opening hours, despite existing late night licence hours on weekdays. It therefore had a limited impact on the local community. A change in management would probably aim at an increased turnover, which could result in longer opening hours until 1am every night. Since it is unlikely that food will be ordered much after 11pm, the remaining hours until closing time would mainly mean alcohol consumption.

I strongly object to the application for extended licensing hours, especially on Sundays, for the following reasons:

- The whole village will face even more congestion on Sundays, when there is already lots of traffic and footfall from sightseers, bus-loads of tourists and other visitors.
- Immediate neighbours will have even more parking problems, as not all customers will come by taxi.
- Noise from traffic and footfall will increase late on Sunday nights, when most people need to sleep (and with potentially longer opening hour on any other day of the week, too).
- Any provision of outdoor seating could mean increased noise for immediate neighbours.
- Volume of traffic will increase along New Pier Road, especially on Sundays; Footdee resident know well that the existing "Access only" and "20m speed limit" signs are totally ignored by drivers, including delivery vehicles, taxis and occasionally even lorries and buses.
- There seems to be no restriction that alcohol cannot be consumed without food, potentially allowing to change the Silver Darling from a restaurant to into a pub-style drinking venue in the evenings.

I wish the Silver Darling Restaurant success for the future. I think, however, that the restaurant's location in such a tightly packed residential and Conservation area obliges the management to respect and accommodate the needs of the local community in any licencing application.

Sincerely,