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**PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE 170965/DPP, Silver Darling Restaurant, Pocra Quay,
Aberdeen AB11 5DQ**

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to you to object to an application for an extension to the licensing hours at the above premises.

Since its beginning, the restaurant has been a formal dining venue and has sat side by side comfortably with Fittie. However, this is as I see it, is the "thin edge of the wedge" and these extended hours will be the first step towards a change in the business, which will undoubtedly have an adverse affect on residents.

Initially, parking will be the biggest issue. Weekends are particularly busy already with visitors, and Sunday is the busiest day of the two. At the present time, it's a consideration whether or not to move our car from its parking space, for fear of not having one on returning.

There is the real danger of non access for emergency vehicles into the area due simply to the volume of traffic and careless parking. I would respectfully invite the board members to visit the area on a Sunday during the summer months to witness this, before a decision is made.

An extra 20 hours trading a week will mean added traffic to our already beleaguered village from customers, staff, deliveries, and waste disposal vehicles.

We have little choice but to accept busy days of inquisitive sightseers, and now if the increased licensing hours are granted, we will also have to deal with noise pollution going into the early hours from Sunday night, caused by customers leaving the restaurant and taxis who invariably leave their engines running.

The applicant of course has the right to look to ways to boost trade but, we as residents have the right to our peace and privacy which we increasingly have to fight to protect.

Yours sincerely

