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Dear Ms Wilson

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Application for a Variation of a Premises Licence
Henry’s Bar Café, 4 – 6 Exchequer Row, Aberdeen, AB11 5BW**

I refer to the above application and in terms of Section 22(1) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005; I make the following representation under the licensing objectives:

**Protecting and Improving Public Health
Protecting children & young people from harm**

The premises will be undergoing substantial change to the physical layout and service provided to customers. The provision of food within licensed premises can be viewed as a protective factor as this slows the absorption of alcohol and also offers patrons the choice of eating. Removing the provision of food is therefore viewed in a negative way. I have no further comment to make to the changes to the physical layout of the building but wish to comment on the amendment to the access for children and young people. The Operating Plan states a change to allow *“all Children and Young People access until 8pm only, and only if accompanied by an adult.”*

We wish to convey that the low risk preferred option is for eating food along with drinking alcohol. I would strongly encourage the premises to re-assess their position and ask that they are able to provide a range of food items. By providing this the focus of the premises would be more family friendly. Should the premises be willing to amend their food offering we suggest the statement at Q6d of the operating plan could be amended to state *“Both children & young people and accompanying adult must be partaking of a meal or substantial snack, to comply with admission policy.”*

For these reasons, and in terms of Section 22(1) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Public Health Directorate of NHS Grampian submits this representation to the application as the granting of it would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives, namely Protecting and Improving Public Health.

Yours sincerely

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