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Dear Ms Wilson

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Application for a Provisional Premises Licence
Cocoa Ooze, New Jasmine House, Greenbank Place, East Tullos, Aberdeen**

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 objective:

**Protecting and improving public health
Protecting children and young people from harm**

Cocoa Ooze is a chocolatier with onsite chocolate making workshop facilities. Detailed in the operating plan it is also mentioned that they will be “*spirit producers*” and will supply alcohol off sales, on site and via online and telephone distribution.

Although this is not a new concept and I am aware of a range of companies who accept orders and deliver in a similar manner, this poses a number of questions.

1. What controls will be in place to restrict inappropriate deliveries containing alcohol.
2. In Scotland we have robust practice in relation to Challenge 25. What controls will be in place around this. – will this be implemented in other areas?
3. If successful this licence will be granted in Aberdeen. The Aberdeen City Licensing Board will have no means to monitor deliveries out with its licensing area. Where will complaints regarding any inappropriate deliveries be made, how will this be investigated and how will this process be conveyed to the public?

In response to Question 3 I would suggest that Cocoa Ooze place a clear notice on their website and include this on any relevant paperwork thus informing the public of the

Aberdeen City Licensing Board details so that customers will know who and where to direct any complaints to.

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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