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Application for Variation of Premises Licence

Address: Prince of Wales, 7 St Nicholas Lane, Aberdeen AB10 1HF

The application seeks to increase 'Children and Young Persons' access until 2200 hours.

For assessing this application and having regard for the licensing objective – 'Protecting Children from harm', I would like to refer to the 'Children' and 'young persons' access separately.

In terms of Section 22 (1) (a) I object to the part which requests 'Children' have access until 2200 hours.

The Prince of Wales describes itself as a 'pub with character' providing pub meals, as stated on their website. Currently they have children's access whilst accompanied by an adult until 2000 hours. Generally, children would have access to this type of premises (pub) in order, to consume a meal or partake in a sporting event. The application does not appear to include any reasoning as to why there is a need for children to access the premises until 2200 hours. In my view 'Children' should not be permitted on the premises after 2000 hours. Within the premises, specific areas – especially during certain times in the evening are predominately for vertical drinking, in my opinion, this would not be consistent with the licensing objective 'protecting children from harm'. The Licensing Standards Officer team recognises that during the day the premises has a different environment and is more family friendly.

I would also like to make the Licensing Board aware that during my research online, I noted that the premises apparently permits children over 5 years of age into the pub until 9pm. I refer to the section below which was taken from the Prince of Wales website;

"As well as the shoppers, it's the first port of call for families (children over five welcome until 9pm), local business people, real ale drinkers and tourists keen to experience the character and charm of a bar that's been on the go since 1850"

This may not be in operation at present; however, it is advertised on their website, contradicts their operating plan and is misleading to the public.

I have no objection to 'young persons' being granted access until 2200 hours.

This memo is submitted for your attention when considering the application.

Licensing Standards Officer