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Dear Ms Wilson

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Variation of a Premises License
Mains of Scotstown, Jesmond Square East, Bridge of Don, AB22 8WT**

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 and Young People from Harm.**

The premises seek a number of amendments to the operating plan but those that concern us most are:

- Q6(b) Please remove the words “consuming food”
- Q6(e) The proposed amendment “Allow children and young persons access to the public bar area between the daily opening of the premises and 1800.”

We are concerned that children and young people could be exposed to a drinking environment where no food is consumed under the current wording of the variation. We also have concerns about children and young people being present in an environment that could become quite rowdy or loud if patrons are watching televised sport or playing pool. We suggest it would be more appropriate to amend the statement provided in paragraph 6(d) of the Operating Plan to give more clarity to staff and patrons. As a result we suggest that the following statements could be considered.

Proposed change of wording:

“Children and young people are only allowed in the Bar area between 1100 and 1700 Monday through to Friday. Children and young people will not be allowed entry during public holidays and/or televised sporting events should they fall on any of these week days.” Children and young people must be accompanied by an adult ordering food from the restaurant/bar menu”.

In making this statement we wish to convey the preferred option of eating food with drinking alcohol and setting a good example to children and young people.

I understand that the Licensee has also discussed with my colleague, Heather Wilson, the possibility of developing a “Responsible Parenting Policy” which would restrict adults with children to 2 drinks. We would welcome the introduction of such a policy and would be happy to assist in developing this further.

I also understand that dedicated mother and toddler events, Halloween parties, Christmas parties and other events primarily involving children will be restricted to the Conservatory area of the premises which is separate from the Restaurant and Bar.

Actions that limit the availability and access to alcohol can only assist in improving health outcomes for the Aberdeen City population.

For this reason, and in terms of Section 22(1) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, the Public Health Directorate of NHS Grampian submits this letter of representation as the granting of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives, namely Protecting and Improving Public Health and Protecting Children and Young People from Harm.

Yours sincerely

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