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Dear Ms Wilson

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Provisional Premises License  
The Event Complex, Bucksburn, Aberdeen**

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

**Protecting and Improving Public Health**

The applicant seeks to trade on the following terms

- Sunday through to Thursday, 1000 until 0200 = 16 hours continuous trading
- Friday and Saturday, 1000 until 0300 = 17 hours continuous trading

The Licensing Board have already stated on page 12 of the Aberdeen City Statement of Licensing Policy that they consider 15 hours continuous trading to be reasonable within any 24 hour period and that opening or terminal hours should be adjusted accordingly to comply with this requirement.

In creating the new Statement of Licensing Policy, the Licensing Board recognised that excessive consumption of alcohol can cause or exacerbate a number of health problems. They set guidance within the policy to help address these concerns with trading hours being a key component of their strategy to address alcohol related harm within the city.

These premises are also out with the city centre boundry and would normally be subject to terminal hours of midnight Sunday to Thursday and 0100 Friday & Saturday.

We see nothing in this application that would justify these additional hours trading and suggest that the applicant adjust the licensing hours of the premises to comply with the Statement of Licensing Policy.

Premises have the option to apply for an extension to their trading times for special events and we suggest that this is the approach taken by the applicant.

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 objection as the granting of the application would be inconsistent with one or more of the licensing objectives, namely Protecting and Improving Public Health.

Yours sincerely

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