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By DX and E-mail

Dear Sirs,

Brewdog Retail Limited
MUSA, 33 Exchange Street, Aberdeen, AB11 6PH

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a variation of premises licence by Brewdog Retail Limited for Musa, 33 Exchange Street, Aberdeen, AB11 6PH. The basis for this opposition is that varying the licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, in particular, the prevention of crime and disorder, securing public safety, prevention of public nuisance as well as protecting and improving public health.

33 Exchange Street lies within the Council's city centre area and is adjacent to many of the historical buildings. Exchange being one such listed building. It should also be noted that due to the nature of being a listed building, a majority of the properties within Exchange Street are single glazed. Noise reduction can be problematic with such windows. As such, to increase the licensed hours will be detrimental to the Council's aims and objectives, in particular Policies D1, D4 and T5, as set out in the Aberdeen Local Development Plan: 2017.

There are already at least 8 other licensed premises within a ¼ mile radius of 33 Exchange Street. Granting an increase in licensing hours would provide a further source of alcohol for longer hours within an already heavily populated area that is already known for crime, disorder and public nuisance.

Residents in this area, including myself, already suffer noise nuisance, antisocial behaviour and higher levels of crime due to the sheer amount of licensed premises selling alcohol within the area. I personally struggle on many nights to sleep and have gainful rest with the current licensed hours

due to the amount of noise and antisocial behaviour surrounding the building and licensed premises within the area. It is totally unacceptable to expect residents such as myself, to endure longer hours and increased noise nuisance than what we have already suffered.

I have also personally suffered serious distress from the crime and antisocial behaviour from the drunk patrons of the area's licensed premises. I live on the ground floor of the building and my kitchen window was smashed. I am a single female and this left my property unsecured, my welfare being affected in addition to extra costs for repairing the broken window. An increase in licensed hours causes me major anxiety and concern as I believe it would lead to increased problems with drunk and inebriated people within close vicinity of my property.

In view of the above and the licensing objections, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely,

Sonia Cheng