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Dear Sir/Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005  
APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE  
BARARCADE (FORMERLY SHACK), 44-56 JUSTICE MILL LANE, ABERDEEN,  
AB11 6EP**

I refer to the above application for the variation of a premises licence under terms of Section 29(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

The variation requested consists of the following requests, namely:

1. Change of premises name from Karma to BarArcade;
2. Amend premises description with the wording provided at 3(d) of the application form;
3. Amend the layout of the premises as detailed in the plans provided:  
On first floor there will be a reconfiguration of the seating arrangements and the introduction of arcade games and removal of the DJ booth. On the second floor there will be a reconfiguration of the seating arrangements, creation of a DJ booth box, erection of half height partitions and the creation of an adult ball pit, together with the creation of two karaoke rooms.

In terms of Section 29(5) of the Act this request can be considered a variation.

In terms of Section 22(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I make the following representation.

The Local Authority Environmental Health Officer must be satisfied with detailed Risk Assessments in respect of the activities being sought and which have, not yet, been made available to Police Scotland.

No policy appears to be in place which indicates how sobriety of participants is to be assessed.

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In respect of point 3, above and the activity of an Adult Ball Pit, I request the following conditions be considered by the Board:

1. The Adult Ball Pit area to be secured when in use;
2. The above area to be subject to a terminal hour of 2200 hours daily or earlier if deemed appropriate by the Board;
3. A system to be in place which records assessment of each participant in terms of sobriety/intoxication and no person under the influence of alcohol or any other suspected substance to be permitted to participate in the activity;
4. Signage to be clearly displayed indicating that no alcohol is to be consumed prior to entering the designated activity area or participating in said activity;
5. The equipment to be used in accordance with a suitable risk assessment document;
6. The Adult Ball Pit area to be covered by CCTV.

In support of the licensing objectives, and in the absence of any Risk Assessment documents, I therefore recommend that the Board hear this application to be satisfied that suitable control measures are agreed at any hearing and that they be imposed as a condition of the licence.

This response is subject to government guidance or measures in place at the time of the event, in respect of COVID-19.

This letter has been submitted for your attention when considering this application.

Yours faithfully

Kate Stephen

T/Chief Superintendent

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