

I refer to the variation application in respect of the above premises. It would appear that the ball pit and , less so, the arcade games request has stirred up a bit of a hornet's nest. To deal with the queries raised , I attach the risk assessments and other docs which show that the applicants have thought the request through very carefully and have the appropriate safeguards in place.

Unfortunately, I cannot copy the police into this email as they do not have an email address on their letter of representation. Perhaps the clerk could forward a copy to the relevant officer.

In responding to the police letter specifically, I have to confess to being slightly surprised at some of the conditions requested. In particular the proposed 10pm closure is odd given the nature of the proposed ball pit and further given that , as I understand it, there are premises in Aberdeen where axe throwing has been approved as a form of entertainment in a set of premises which operates until 1am. As can be seen from the Risk Assessments, the area is staffed and supervised etc when in use and clearly, anyone who was "the worse for wear" would not be allowed to use the ballpit.

The ballpit access is purchased by customers for a specific period with wrist bands provided to show who is entitled to be in. It is a bit like the way swimming pools operated (maybe still do!!) whereby the call would go out that "all persons wearing a red wristband must leave the ball pit now".

The area is covered by CCTV and, there is no drinking in the ball pit area of any description.

This is not a unique concept. Similar facilities are in use in premises in other parts of the country and operate well, safety, and are popular with the customers.

Hopefully, the attached documents and th brief summary here will allay the concerns of the officials.

Regards,
Archie