

Any Other Comments

1. It is increasingly difficult to trade in Aberdeen City with massive increase in costs and hidden costs.
Aberdeen nightlife gets a boost from universities however this is typically after midnight, this leaves 2 hours during the week for potential profit.
More should be done to help licensed venues than hinder trade, it will increase in tourism, employment and events.
2. N/A
3. This service is poor and no context is provided. Suggest returning it with context and reasonings provided.
4. Aberdeen isn't safe to drink out in.
More crimes ranging from violence to rape.
Awful.
5. I have read through the draft and I am in agreement with its contents.
6. The answers are there in front of the board, but hiding from the facts and situation, this leaves the board as much responsible for the negative behaviour than those who do.
So you want it changed, maybe start with the boards vision and if it can't be changed then either the individual or the complete board needs an overhaul to what is not only needed, but expected!!
7. No. As a club we feel that we comply with all licensing requirement and abide by the current legislation.
8. Since there is no introductory section in the draft it is difficult to comment.
However, this is the section where significant statements can and should be made about the context in which the licensing process operates and the aspirations of the Board in relation to the impact in the City of alcohol use generally.
Examples of issues which should be mentioned are
 1. Changes as a result of Covid - increase in off sales, online ordering and deliveries.
 2. The change in the economic environment and the need to balance the rights of residents alongside the need to ensure Aberdeen is economically successful. The night time economy is part of this but not the entire picture.
 3. The gradual but relentless trend towards the normalisation of alcohol consumption as an adjunct to all social situations. This is demonstrated by the increasing number of applications to serve alcohol with breakfast/brunch and with afternoon tea in hitherto alcohol free premises and the reluctance of some sections of the population to visit the City and/or some premises in the City.
 4. The rise in mental health problems during Covid and the risk posed when mental health problems are accompanied by alcohol use.The fact that the latest Scottish Government Guidance removes the requirement for a causal link between an application and any one of the licensing objectives opens the way and legitimises the opportunity for the Board to consider wider contextual factors when making decisions. This fact ie of removal of the need for a causal link, should be made clear in the policy so that applicants are aware of it prior to submitting an application. This allows the Board to consider alcohol related harm more broadly and as a result have more impact on the impact of alcohol use for the City.