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Dear Sir/Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE
AUARA & BARBARLLA, 5 BRIDGE PLACE, ABERDEEN, AB11 6HZ.
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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 amending on sales operating hours to 1300-0300 hours daily.

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 same Act, I wish to object to the application on the grounds that the terminal hour sought from Sunday to Thursday falls out with Board Policy for Aberdeen city centre licensed premises.

The latest terminal hour, as set out within Aberdeen City Licensing Board's Policy Statement for all on sale licensed premises, located within Aberdeen City Centre, is 0200 hours from Sunday to Thursday and, should the Board be minded to grant this application, this may set a precedent where other licensed premises in Aberdeen city centre would be likely to seek to replicate.

Alcohol fuelled violence and disorder continues to be a problem in Aberdeen city centre, particularly in the late evening and the early hours. In almost every crime of assault or serious assault recorded by the Police, which has taken place within the city centre, the perpetrator, victim, or both, have been under the influence of alcohol which was consumed within licensed premises. Recorded crime figures demonstrate that the longer and later licensed premises are open, the higher the likelihood of crimes of violence occurring.

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The terminal hour sought for Sunday to Thursday will put additional pressure on Police Scotland and NHS Grampian resources that are already stretched and in the interests of Preventing Public Nuisance, Preventing Crime and Disorder, Protecting and Improving Public Health and Securing Public Safety, I object to this application.

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

Yours faithfully

Graeme Mackie

Chief Superintendent

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