

## **Notice of Objection for Off Sales Licence**

### **My Name**

John MacLeod, [REDACTED]

### **Email Address**

[REDACTED]

### **Name and Address of Premises**

Name strangely enough omitted on Notice - but shop displays the name Max Convenience Store  
4 Clunie Place, Aberdeen AB16 5RN

### **Applicants Name**

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### **Application For**

Off Sales Licence

### **Part A - Objection to a premises licence being granted on the following grounds**

#### **Section C**

#### **Preventing crime and disorder:**

Since the opening of the original Max Convenience Store at 6 Clunie Place, there has been constant large gatherings of youths at, and around, that shop in the evenings, resulting in a huge increase in litter (mostly discarded Vape packets), underage kids smoking vapes and social disorder - including setting fire to wooden pallets and cardboard boxes at the back of the Clunie Place shops. With their know record of selling vapes to underage children, I believe that there is the strong likelihood of those same youths getting access to alcohol and thus exacerbate the current levels of antisocial behaviour that we already have to put up with. Shop currently opens until well after 11 o'clock at night.

#### **Securing Public Safety:**

Currently you would not find many pensioners, women or young children who would feel safe going to the shops after dark due to the number of youths gathering there and their demeanour, blocking the narrow pavements leading to the shops and harassing local residents attempting to do their shopping. The high risk by granting a licence to that shop - which currently opens till after 11 pm at night –would be the likelihood of alcohol becoming available to the already under-age Vape smokers, which would most certainly make the shops a No-Go area after dark for most residents.

#### **Preventing Public Nuisance:**

As highlighted above, the blight on our neighbourhood, since the opening of the original Max Convenience Store at 6 Clunie Place, would only be made worse by the granting of a licence to the their new store now situated at 4 Clunie Place (who's application was previously rejected only 6 months ago.) We already have a licensed store at 10 Clunie Place - with a responsible licence holder – and others nearby. Why risk increasing the existing public nuisance by granting a licence to a shop with a dubious track record.

### **Protecting and improving public health:**

Granting the licence could be detrimental to public health in view of the high suspicion that it could result in underage drinking given the number of antisocial and underage Vape smoking youths that currently hang around the shops at night.

### **Protecting children and young persons from harm:**

Damage has already been done to children's health by the sales of Vapes to the underage kids. If the licence were to be granted, then I for one, would not be surprised if alcohol was bought by, or bought for, the youths that gather at the shops, including after 10 pm.

### **Section D**

#### **The premises are unsuitable for use for the sale of alcohol having regard to (iii) The persons likely to frequent the premises**

The large number of youths that were attracted to Max Convenience Store at 6 Clunie Place are likely to rejoice in the possibility of being able to acquire alcohol by one way or another at 4 Clunie Place.

### **Section E**

#### **Granting the application would result in overprovision of licensed premises, having regard to the number and capacity of:**

##### **(ii) Licensed premises of the same or similar description as the subject premises.**

We already have a licensed premises at 10 Clunie Place. The licence holder is a very responsible person and has trained his staff well to not sell alcohol or Vapes to underage children.

### **Additional Comments**

I have been "going round to the shops" at Clunie Place since 1960 when I was 5 years old. I am now 70. In the time since then I have seen many shops and business's come and go. It's safe to say that the opening of the original Max Convenience Store at 6 Clunie Place 2024 has been the biggest blight on our neighbourhood. We now have large gatherings of children most nights at the shops and a huge increase in litter, especially discarded Vape packets. (Previously there were no problems with large gatherings nor litter - there were only 5 shops, P.O./Premier Store, Vacant Shop, Spice World (Bulk Spices), Vacant Shop and JAR Hairdresser, it was only when Max Convenience Store took one of the vacant units that the problems began.) Their shop is open to well after 11:00 pm at night - not 10:00 pm - 11:00 pm. There has been a large increase in anti-social behaviour and vandalism. Most elderly people, and women, are wary of going to the shops after dark or in the evenings. Max Convenience store failed in their licence application in June 2024 for their shop at 6 Clunie Place. Six months later in December 2024 they applied again for a licence for the shop that they relocating to at 4 Clunie Place. Again they failed - quite spectacularly - in their application. There has also been signs of suspicious behaviour involving Max Convenience Store. One local resident claimed she saw alcohol being sold to kids when the owner parked his car behind the shop. The owner is reported to have lost his driving licence, and has now rented a property just two door around the corner from Clunie Place in Birkhall Place. He has a white van parked on his driveway there, and some residents have seen him selling "stuff" from his van. He was abusive to one resident who challenged him.

Signed,  
John MacLeod 09/11/2025