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Dear Madam

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, Section 69(3) – Licensing Standards Officer Report.

Extended Hours Applications – County Hotel, 35 High Street, Peebles, Saturday 24th June, Saturday 1st July and Saturday 8th July 2017

Applicant – Greene King Retailing Ltd. per Belhaven Pubs, Atrium House, 6 Back Walk, Stirling FK8 2QA. SB/PREM/106

With reference to the above applications I object to the granting of the requested extensions on the following grounds:

The hours applied for are out with the Licensing Boards Current Policy Statement, the premises currently operate with core hours for the On Sale of Alcohol commencing at 11 a.m. and terminating at 1 a.m. on the dates applied for. The Licensing Boards Policy states at Section 7.3, "the Board will not normally grant applications for more than 14 hours in any 24 hour period". To grant the applications would create a trading period for On Sales of 17 hours on each of the dates applied for.

The reason given for extending the hours as applied for is to accommodate the viewing of the British Lions Test matches being played in New Zealand which have a kick off time of 8.35 a.m. U.K. time. There is no indication in the applications to indicate the reason being anything other than to allow the consumption of alcohol while viewing the rugby, the applicant is claiming that the sale of alcohol is to be ancillary to the purchase of a breakfast, it would be difficult to see how this could be the case for the duration of a rugby match. There is no indication in the application that access is to be restricted, other than the requirement to purchase a breakfast. This would have the obvious effect of allowing anyone whether interested in rugby or not to commence the consumption of alcohol at a time that no other premises in the Boards area are permitted.

In my opinion if the applications were to be granted it would be likely to be contrary to the Licensing Objective 'Protecting and Improving Public Health'