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Dear Madam

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005**

**Application for Occasional Licence – W.G. Sports Complex, Bath Street, Hawick. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

**Applicant – Malcolm John Cooper, Coopers Bar, 20-22 High Street, Hawick, TD9 9EH.  
SB/PREM/389**

With reference to the above subject I object to the granting of this licence with the hours applied for (11 a.m. to 9 p.m.) on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The event being catered for is given as an Orange March with 500 persons attending along with a flute band. It is thought that the Proposed Orange March is in fact to take place around the streets of Hawick and the application therefor relates to pre and post march refreshments.

It is my opinion that if this is the case then the hours applied for are in effect excessive and could lead to noise, nuisance and disturbance. The numbers given are stated as being 500, while the premises, described as a sports complex and regularly used for a variety of social events, are unlikely to be able to accommodate that many attendees. (These premises previously held a Public Entertainment Licence which had a maximum capacity of 220.)

The Orange March coupled with the excessive consumption of alcohol are in my opinion likely to cause nuisance and disturbance within and around the venue.

It is my opinion that granting this occasional licence would be contrary to the Licensing Objectives of Preventing Public Nuisance and Preventing Crime and Disorder.

However if the Board are minded to grant a licence I would ask that consideration be given to applying the following conditions to the licence:-

1. Adequate and appropriate SIA stewarding should be put in place at the entrance as well as in and around the venue.
2. The hours granted for the consumption of alcohol should commence 1 hour prior to the commencement and terminate 1 hour after the completion of the planned march.
3. There should be a means of controlling numbers within the venue and the safe capacity should not be exceeded.
4. A strict Challenge 25 policy should be put in place at the entrance to the venue.

5. A zero tolerance policy should be in place and strictly adhered to as regards drunkenness and any Sectarian activity with staff briefed accordingly.

Yours Faithfully

  
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