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Dear Madam

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

Extended Hours Application – Royal British Legion Scotland, Galashiels Branch, 22 Park Street, Galashiels. TD1 1BZ

Applicant – RBLs, Galashiels Branch per. SB/PREM/188, [REDACTED]

With reference to the above application I object to the granting of the requested extension on the following grounds:

The hours applied for, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday 11th November 2018, are outwith the Licensing Boards Current Policy. The premises operate with core hours for the On Sale of Alcohol commencing at 11 a.m. and terminating at 12 midnight on the date applied for. The Licensing Boards Policy also states "the Board will not normally grant applications for more than 14 hours in any 24 hour period". To grant the application would create a trading period for On Sales of 15 hours on the date applied for.

The reason given for extending the core hours from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. is to provide refreshments to invited guests prior to the Annual Remembrance Day Parades in Galashiels. The current Operating Plan for these premises allow their use during the hours applied for without the sale of alcohol. It may be considered more appropriate on this occasion to offer non- alcoholic refreshments prior to the solemn processions and ceremonies that follow. There will no doubt be the customary gathering at the premises after the parades and ceremonies when alcohol will be available.

In my opinion if the application was to be granted it would be contrary to the Licensing Objective 'Protecting and Improving Public Health'.

Yours Faithfully

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