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Dear Sir/Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 REPRESENTATION
OCCASIONAL LICENCE APPLICATION**

PREMISES: MELROSE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

**MELROSE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB GR, HIGH STREET, MELROSE,
SCOTTISH BORDERS, TD6 9SA.**

APPLICANT: ANDREW JACK.

Sale of Alcohol to facilitate the Melrose 7's on Saturday 13th April 2019

I refer to the above application and in terms of Section 58(1)(b)(ii) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I make the following representation in relation to the application, and recommend that it be granted subject to following conditions:

An age identification scheme such as coloured wrist banding to be used as an age verification scheme at entry points to the event, with under 18 year olds clearly identified by the colour of the wrist band issued.

The rationale for this sits with all 5 of the licensing objectives as this event spans a considerable length of time on the day with a mixed age attendance and in particular Children and Young Persons with no requirement for adult supervision. Alcohol consumption plays a major part in the proceedings, and attendees are allowed to move freely around the arena after purchasing alcohol at various outlets within the secure area, making proxy purchasing a very real issue. Anecdotal evidence from other events in the area who already use armbands would suggest that they offer the stewards and vendors a quick visual aid when determining the age of a person. (Although identification through other means is always sought).

I would also ask that the end time of the application be reduced in line with previous years.

This representation is submitted for your attention in consideration of this application.

Yours faithfully

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Iain Livingstone QPM
Chief Constable

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