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Dear Chair

Application to Scottish Borders Licensing Board

Application for a variation of Premises Licence, for 1905, Crawford Street, Kelso

I am writing to you in my role as Joint Director of Public Health and chief advisor on public health matters to both NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council with regards to the above application for variation of Premises Licence, received on 21st June 2019 by NHS Borders.

I am writing to make observations that should be considered prior to the granting of the above licence on the basis that this is contrary to the Licensing Objective of *Protecting Children and Young People From Harm*.

Access for Children & Young People

It is noted that this premises is requesting a variation to their operating plan which would enable access for children and young people to all public areas until midnight and potentially at times 1am.

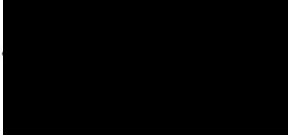
If approved this variation would allow access to the premises for a child or young person (0-18yrs) from 11.00am – 12.00midnight (Monday – Wednesday and Sunday) and until 1.00am (Thursday – Saturday) for the purposes of consuming a light refreshment or meal, participating in a relevant sporting activity or attending a pre-arranged function or event.

Exposure to alcohol and witnessing adult drinking can influence our children's future drinking habits. Our children and young people have the right to grow up in an environment where communities are safe, thriving and are able to grow up safe from alcohol-related harm.

I would recommend that amendments are made to the application within section 6b to ensure clarity of hours of access for the purpose of consuming light refreshments or a meal, unless attending a pre-arranged function.



Yours sincerely



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