

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005

NOTICE OF OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS

SCOTTISH BORDERS LICENSING BOARD

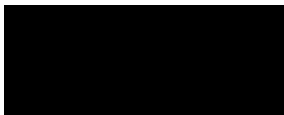
Licensing Unit, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells TD6 0SA

Name and Address of Premises

Scoutscroft Holiday Centre
St Abbs Road
Coldingham TD14 5NB

Name and Address of Objector

Mr C and Mrs K Easton



Nature of Objections/Representations

We would like to raise objections against the application for Variation of Premises Licence in respect of Scoutscroft Holiday Park on the following grounds:-

1. An opening time of 11.00 on Sunday for both off-sales and on sales will result in an increase in noise disturbance in the neighbourhood. The premises and designated outdoor drinking areas are relatively close to residential homes. An earlier start to alcohol sales will undoubtedly result in an increase in noise and anti-social behaviour later in the day.
2. Additional events held outdoors in the holiday centre during these increased licensing hours will inevitably create a serious problem with noise for residents in the local area. Having lived next for Scoutscroft for almost 30 years we appreciate that from time to time there will be a level of noise, particularly at peak holiday periods. However, since Verdant Leisure took over the facility there has been a number of organised outdoor events including karaoke, live music and disco. Noise levels have been intense, disturbing not just next door neighbours but households further afield. Such entertainment events should be restricted to inside the premises to alleviate the potential of noise pollution and disturbance.
3. We see no justification in increasing off sale capacity within the holiday centre. Scoutscroft has a significant on sales facility for centre users and we fail to see why an off sales is required. Additional off sales will lead to more alcohol consumption in public areas in and around the holiday centre which will result on disturbance for local residents as well as an increase in litter. Additionally Coldingham has an off licence facility already in the local village shop – several hundred metres away This is able to meet the needs of all who require it – both residential and visitor
4. We see no justification for the opening of a shop within the holiday centre. Coldingham is well served currently by a general store within the village which meets the requirements of both residents and visitors. The opening of a shop within the holiday centre may jeopardise the long term sustainability of our current village store. It is our view that an expanding Scoutscroft holiday centre should bring some economic benefit to the local community and should not put some existing facilities, such as the local store at risk.