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Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Application for a Provisional Premises Licence – Wedderlie House by Westruther, Scottish Borders, TD3 6NW.

Applicant – Wild Packs Summer Camps Ltd, Liberty Business Centre, 16 Cromarty Campus, Rosyth, KY11 2WX

Dear Madam

With regard to the above application, accompanying Operating Plan and Lay Out Plan I make the following Observations and suggestions.

The core hours applied for the on sale of alcohol on Sundays show a terminal hour of 1 a.m. which is outwith the Boards Policy of 12 midnight on Sunday.

The application, Operating Plan and Lay Out plan indicate that the premises are to be used for a variety of different purposes ranging from Weddings, Dinners and even Highland games presumably with the intention of operating as an events venue and not as a day to day licensed premises.

The Lay Out plan shows fairly large outside lawn areas with an indication that marquees temporary bars and toilets may be used presumably dependent on the size of the event. The application seeks to include these outside areas into the licensed footprint of the proposed Premises Licence.

There is no doubt the use of marquees for events involving amplified music can be problematic as regards noise nuisance and while it is appreciated that Wedderlie house is fairly remote, noise from such venues can carry a considerable distance also large events catered for in such locations can impact on surrounding rural communities and infrastructure.

In my opinion it would be much more appropriate for these external areas to be left off the licensed footprint, with any events requiring the use of the external areas, catered for by way of applications for Occasional Licences. This would give myself and all other consultees the ability to assess any requirement for conditions or risk assessments dependent on the size and nature of the events.

I also understand that the Planning permission granted for the premises does allow for the use of Marquees, however that use has a time constraint which expires after five years, no doubt allowing planners the chance to assess the impact of the use.



The operating plan allows the access of Children and Young Persons at the managements discretion, the only proviso being that the access would only be allowed until 1.00 a.m. I suggest it would be more appropriate to have access for the duration of the event. I would further suggest that there should also be a requirement for children to be accompanied by an appropriate adult.

All the above observations and suggestions are made with a view to assisting the applicant to comply with the licensing objectives,

Yours Faithfully

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