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Legal & Licensing

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Licensing Unit
Council Offices
Scottish Borders Council Headquarters
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Dear Sirs

We, the undersigned residents, wish to register **our objection** to the application for a Short Term Let Licence being granted in respect of **1C Havelock Place, Hawick TD9 7BE** on the following grounds:

- Residents in the immediate neighbourhood (at 1A, 1B, 3A, 3B Havelock Place and at all properties within 7 Havelock Street) are without exception either homeowners or long term tenants and therefore an arrangement to accommodate short term tenants is not compatible with existing residential arrangements.
- Previous experience of this property (1C Havelock Place) being rented out by the applicant to short term tenants has been to serve a commercial purpose - e.g. providing workers with a base in preference to a stable home environment for a family - where noise disruption, inconsiderate behaviour, police visits, waste disposal nuisance and mess were regular occurrences.
- Previous experience of tenants at 1C Havelock Place - being rented out by the applicant - unilaterally discarding substantial amounts of unwanted household items into the cellar at the premises, where access to neighbourhood utilities is essential, creating a serious fire hazard. Responsibility for this was not readily accepted by the applicant and the eventual clearance of unwanted items had to be undertaken by a resident in the block.
- The block accommodating properties at 1 and 3 Havelock Place have shared facilities (stairwell, drying green, waste disposal storage area, etc) and the top floor accommodation at 1C Havelock Place is simply not suitable for short term occupants especially when neighbouring residents have vested interests in maintaining their premises/surroundings.
- The applicant has a shared responsibility to maintain property features, which affect the other homeowners of properties at 1 and 3 Havelock Place. To our knowledge, the applicant has demonstrated little desire to communicate with the other homeowners.

