

**Austen Young**

**From:** Jamie Mackenzie  
**Sent:** 18 December 2014 09:27  
**To:** Austen Young  
**Subject:** Application for extended hours, Diamonds and String, 9 Market Street

I am writing to formally object to the application for an extension of licensable hours by the above named premises.

I am registering this objection on the grounds that such an extension would undermine the following licensing objectives:

Crime and Disorder  
Public Nuisance

The premises are located on a busy thoroughfare used as a point of exit for those leaving the town centre. Current licensing hours and conditions restrict last entry to 02:00. Even should this last entry be continued, there is the possibility of disorder and public nuisance caused by people attempting to enter knowing that the venue is open for the sale of alcohol until 03:30. Although the premises is currently open until 04:00 for sexual entertainment purposes, it is my belief that customers are discouraged from attempting entry after 02:00 in the knowledge that there is no sale of alcohol past 02:30.

The current town centre policy for licensing is clear that premises of the nature of a bar would not normally be granted a licence for the sale of alcohol beyond 00:00 and of a club 01:00. Diamonds and String are already licensed for the sale of alcohol until 02:30 and are therefore already beyond the accepted policy for the town centre. Any increase would undermine the policy and the reasons for the introduction of the policy. The policy has been effective this far in helping to reduce anti social behaviour and crime in the town centre and should be adhered to.

Regards

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