

EAST LOTHIAN

Meeting 22 November 2018 at 10:00am in Council Chambers, Town House, Haddington, East Lothian

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Variation (Major)(s)

Premises	Applicant	Date Received	Comments
3 NORTH BERWICK MASONIC SOCIAL CLUB 8 FORTH STREET NORTH BERWICK EAST LOTHIAN EH39 4HY	ST. BALDRES LODGE OF FREEMASONS NO 313	19 October 2018	Change status to from a Club licence to an Open Licence, change the name of the premises to St. Baldred Lodge of Freemasons. Vary core hours to 7pm to 12 Midnight - Monday to Friday, 12 Noon to Midnight Saturday and Closed on a Sunday. Children and young persons permitted 12 noon to 10pm or until conclusion of any pre-arranged event.

EAST LoTHIAN LICENSING BOARD

LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005, SECTION 29
APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OTHER THAN MINOR VARIATION

This application should only be completed by the Licence Holder of the appropriate Premises Licence or their Agent.

SECTION 1: TYPE OF VARIATION

This application for Variation other than a Minor Variation of Premises Licence is made under Section 29(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 in order to vary-

(Tick all relevant boxes)

- Any of the Conditions to which the Premises Licence is subject
- Any of the information contained within the Operating Plan
- The Layout Plan
- Any other information contained or referred to in the licence (including any addition, deletion or other modification).

(Provide Details)

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SECTION 2: PREMISES LICENCE DETAILS

2(a) Licence Number of Premises

ELO 254

2(b) Name and Address of Premises

St. BALDRED LODGE OF FREEMASONS No.313
8/10 FORTH STREET
NORTH BERWICK
EAST LoTHIAN

Post Code EH39 4HY

Phone No. [REDACTED]

2(c) Full Name and Address of Current Licence Holder

St. BALDRED LODGE OF FREEMASONS No.313
(FORMALLY NORTH BERWICK MASONIC SOCIAL CLUB)
8/10 FORTH STREET
NORTH BERWICK
EAST LoTHIAN

Post Code EH39 4HY

Phone No. [REDACTED]

SECTION 3: NATURE OF VARIATION

Complete the relevant section(s) regarding the variations sought:-

3(a) Variation to the Conditions to which the Premises Licence is subject

Provide details of the Condition(s) to be varied and the variation being sought

TO CHANGE FROM A CLUB LICENCE TO AN OPEN LICENCE

3(b) Variation to the information contained within the Operating Plan of the Premises Licence

Provide a copy of the proposed operating plan and highlight below the proposed changes. (See Note 1)

TO CHANGE NAME OF THE PREMISES FROM NORTH BERWICK MASONIC CLUB TO ST.BALDRED LODGE OF FREEMASONS

3(c) Variation to the Layout Plan of the Premises Licence

7 Copies of the proposed Layout Plan **must** accompany this application. (See Note 2)

In addition please provide details below of the proposed change to the layout of the Premises.

N/A

3(d) Variation to any other information contained or referred to in the licence

Provide details below of any other variation sought to the Premises Licence
(e.g. *Alteration to the description of the premises contained within the Premises Licence*)

N/A

SECTION 4: LICENCE TO BE AMENDED

(See note 3 below)

Does the appropriate Premises Licence accompany this application?

YES **NO**

If the answer is **NO**, please provide an explanation.

I am unable to produce the Premises Licence because...

- The licence has not yet been issued by the Board
- The licence has already been returned to the Board in respect of an earlier application for variation or transfer
- Other (provide details)
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SECTION 5: FEE PAYABLE

The fee payable in respect of the application for variation is **£150**

If the application is submitted alongside an application for Transfer of Premises Licence then the combined fee for both applications will be **£170** (see note 4 below)

If submitted with an application for transfer, please specify the order in which the applications are to be considered-

- Application for Transfer of Premises Licence followed by Application for Variation
- Application for Variation followed by Application for Transfer of Premises Licence

DECLARATION BY APPLICANT OR AGENT ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT

If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

I confirm that (a) the contents of this Application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and (b) the appropriate fee of £150 is enclosed

Signature



..... (See note 5 below)

14/5/2018

Date

Capacity: APPLICANT / AGENT (delete as appropriate)

**If agent, please provide name, address,
phone number and (if applicable) email address**

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Note 1:

Please note that the proposed Operating Plan **must** contain any aspects of the current Operating Plan that are to be preserved should the variation be granted. (e.g. If the current Operating Plan allows a premises to have 'live performances' but this is not requested on the proposed Operating Plan then the Licensing Board would view such an omission as a request to have 'live performances' deleted from the Operating Plan of the Premises.)

Note 2:

Please refer to Paragraph 5 of the Premises Licence (Scotland) Regulations 2007 regarding the format of Layout Plans.

Note 3:

The appropriate premises licence (including summary licence, operating plan and layout plan) must be returned to the Licensing Authority in order that the licence documents can be updated to reflect the details of the variation. If you are in possession of the appropriate Premises Licence but unable to provide said licence with this application, you must ensure the licence is forward to the Licensing Authority within 14 days in order to complete the process of variation.

Please note also that once the variation is completed, any certified copies of the appropriate Premises Licence must also be updated to reflect the details of the variation.

Note 4:

This refers to an application to Transfer the Premises Licence made under either Section 33(1) or Section 34(1) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Note 5:

Data Protection Act 1998

The information on this form will be used to update the Premises Licence of the appropriate premises. Accordingly, the information contained on this form may be held on an electronic public register which may be available to members of the public on request.

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John Muir House
Haddington, East Lothian
EH41 3HA

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<i>Received & Receipt No.</i>	<i>System Updated</i>	<i>Licence Issued</i>

EAST LoTHIAN LICENSING BOARD

OPERATING PLAN

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, section 20(2)(b)(i)

Name, address and postcode of premises to be licensed.

St. BALDRED LODGE OF FREEMASONS No.313
 (FORMALLY NORTH BERWICK MASONIC SOCIAL CLUB)
 8/10 FORTH STREET
 NORTH BERWICK
 EAST LoTHIAN
 EH39 4HY

Question 1

STATEMENT REGARDING ALCOHOL BEING SOLD ON PREMISES/OFF PREMISES OR BOTH

<i>1(a) Will alcohol be sold for consumption solely ON the premises?</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>1(b) Will alcohol be sold for consumption solely OFF the premises?</i>	<i>NO*</i>
<i>1(c) Will alcohol be sold for consumption both ON and OFF the premises?</i>	<i>NO*</i>
<i>*Delete as appropriate</i>	

Question 2

STATEMENT OF CORE TIMES WHEN ALCOHOL WILL BE SOLD FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES

<i>Day</i>	<i>ON Consumption</i>	
	<i>Opening time</i>	<i>Terminal hour</i>
<i>Monday</i>	19.00hrs	MIDNIGHT
<i>Tuesday</i>	19.00hrs	MIDNIGHT
<i>Wednesday</i>	19.00hrs	MIDNIGHT
<i>Thursday</i>	19.00hrs	MIDNIGHT
<i>Friday</i>	19.00hrs	MIDNIGHT
<i>Saturday</i>	12 NOON	MIDNIGHT
<i>Sunday</i>	CLOSED	CLOSED

Question 3

STATEMENT OF **CORE** TIMES WHEN ALCOHOL WILL BE SOLD FOR CONSUMPTION **OFF** PREMISES

<i>Day</i>	<i>OFF Consumption</i>	
	<i>Opening time</i>	<i>Terminal hour</i>
<i>Monday</i>	N/A	N/A
<i>Tuesday</i>	N/A	N/A
<i>Wednesday</i>	N/A	N/A
<i>Thursday</i>	N/A	N/A
<i>Friday</i>	N/A	N/A
<i>Saturday</i>	N/A	N/A
<i>Sunday</i>	N/A	N/A

Question 4

SEASONAL VARIATIONS

<i>Does the applicant intend to operate according to seasonal demand</i>	<i>YES</i>
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**If YES – provide details*

We would wish to take advantage of any extended hours granted in relation to events of local or national importance including additional in respect of the festive period.

Although the Lodge closes for part of the year we would like to be able to take bookings for hall lets throughout the year.

Question 5

PLEASE INDICATE THE OTHER ACTIVITIES OR SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE PREMISES IN ADDITION TO SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

COL. 1 <i>5(a)</i> <i>Activity</i>	COL. 2 <i>Please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	COL. 3 <i>To be provided</i> <i>during core licensed</i> <i>hours – please</i> <i>confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	COL. 4 <i>Where activities are</i> <i>also to be provided</i> <i>outwith core licensed</i> <i>hours please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>
<i>Accommodation</i>	NO	N/A	N/A
<i>Conference facilities</i>	NO	NO	NO
<i>Restaurant facilities</i>	NO	NO	NO
<i>Bar meals</i>	NO	NO	NO
<i>5(b) Activity</i> <i>Social functions</i> <i>including:</i>	<i>Please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	<i>To be provided</i> <i>during core licensed</i> <i>hours – please</i> <i>confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	<i>Where activities are</i> <i>also to be provided</i> <i>outwith core licensed</i> <i>hours please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>
<i>Receptions including</i> <i>Weddings, funerals,</i> <i>birthdays, retirements</i> <i>etc.</i>	YES	YES	NO
<i>Club or other group</i> <i>meetings etc.</i>	YES	YES	NO
<i>5(c)</i> <i>Activity</i> <i>Entertainment</i> <i>including:</i>	<i>Please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	<i>To be provided</i> <i>during core licensed</i> <i>hours – please</i> <i>confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>	<i>Where activities are</i> <i>also to be provided</i> <i>outwith core licensed</i> <i>hours please confirm</i> <i>YES/NO</i>
<i>Recorded music – see</i> <i>5(g)</i>	YES	YES	NO
<i>Live performances –</i> <i>see 5(g)</i>	YES	YES	NO
<i>Dance facilities</i>	YES	YES	NO
<i>Theatre</i>	YES	YES	NO
<i>Films</i>	YES	YES	NO
<i>Gaming</i>	NO	NO	NO
<i>Indoor/outdoor sports</i>	NO	NO	NO
<i>Televised sport</i>	NO	NO	NO

5(d) <i>Activity</i>	<i>Please confirm</i> YES/NO	To be provided during core licensed hours – please confirm YES/NO	Where activities are also to be provided outwith core licensed hours please confirm YES/NO
<i>Outdoor drinking facilities</i>	NO	NO	NO
5(e) <i>Activity</i>	<i>Please confirm</i> YES/NO	To be provided during core licensed hours – please confirm YES/NO	Where activities are also to be provided outwith core licensed hours please confirm YES/NO
<i>Adult entertainment</i>	NO	NO	NO

Where you have answered YES in respect of any entry in column 4 above, please provide further details below.

5(f) any other activities

If you propose to provide any activities other than those listed in 5(a) – (e) please provide details or further information in the box below.

Although the Lodge closes for part of the year we would like to be able to take bookings for hall lets throughout the year for;

Charity / fundraising activities and events; Christmas Parties; North Berwick Cinema Club; Children's parties; Fringe by the Sea Festival; Special Birthday and Anniversary parties. The Merchant Seamen Association.

5(g) Late night premises opening after 1.00am

Where you have confirmed that you are providing live or recorded music, will the decibel level exceed 85dB?	NO
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When fully occupied, are there likely to be more customers standing than seated?	NO
*Delete as appropriate	

Question 6 (On-sales only)

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

6(a)	When alcohol is being sold for consumption on the premises will children or young persons be allowed entry	YES
	*Delete as appropriate	

6(b) Where the answer to 6(a) is YES provide statement of the **TERMS** under which they will be allowed entry

CHILDREN ACCOMPANIED WITH PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO ATTEND FAMILY PARTIES OR FUNCTIONS

6(c) Provide statement regarding the **AGES** of children or young persons to be allowed entry

Children 0-15 years, and Young Persons 16 & 17 years.

6(d) Provide statement regarding the **TIMES** during which children and young persons will be allowed entry

MIDDAY TO 10PM or until the conclusion of any pre-arranged event/function.

6(e) Provide statement regarding the **PARTS** of the premises to which children and young persons will be allowed entry

MAIN HALL AND SMALL LOUNGE

Question 7

CAPACITY OF PREMISES

What is the proposed capacity of the premises to which this application relates?

60 in main hall and 20 in downstairs lounge total 80 persons

Question 8

PREMISES MANAGER (NOTE: not required where application is for grant of provisional premises licence)

Personal details

8(a) *Name*

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8(b) *Date of birth*

8(c) *Contact address*

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8/10 FORTH STREET
NORTH BERWICK
EAST LoTHIAN EH39 4HY

8(d) *Email address and telephone number*

8(e) *Personal licence*

<i>Date of issue</i>	<i>Name of Licensing Board issuing</i>	<i>Reference no. of personal licence</i>
To follow 5/9/2012 21/06/2012	East Lothian LICENSING BOARD EAST LOTHIAN	12/21110 EL860

DECLARATION BY APPLICANT OR AGENT ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT

If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

The contents of this operating plan are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature  * (see note below)
 Date14/5/2018.....
 Capacity APPLICANT/AGENT (delete as appropriate).
 Telephone number and email address of signatory 

*** Data Protection Act 1998**

The information on this form may be held on an electronic public register which may be available to members of the public on request.

Date 23/10/2018

Your Ref: EL0254

Our Ref: J/LIC/3705/HB



**POLICE
SCOTLAND**

Keeping people safe

Iain Livingstone QPM
Chief Constable

Local Area Commander
The Lothians and Scottish Borders Division
Haddington Police Station
39-41 Court Street
Haddington
EH41 3AE

The Clerk of the Licensing
Board
East Lothian Council
John Muir House
Haddington
East Lothian
EH41 3HA

Dear Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005
APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE
ST BALDRED LODGE OF FREEMASONS No 313
8 FORTH STREET, NORTH BERWICK, EAST LOTHIAN, EH39 4HY.
COMMITTEE**

I refer to the above application for the variation of a premises licence under terms of Section 29(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

The variation requested consists of a request to change from a club licence to an 'open licence', to change the name from North Berwick Masonic Club to St Baldred Lodge of Freemasons.

In terms of Section 22(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the same Act, I make the following representation.

Should the Board be minded to grant this variation, I would request that they consider the following as a condition of the licence:

- CCTV to be installed to the satisfaction of the police and to be maintained in working order.
- Police and LSO to be informed with 14 days notice of any 18th or 21st Birthday Parties to be held on the premises.
- Premises to be an active member of the local Pub Watch (as and when there is one operating in the area)

This representation is submitted for your attention in considering this application.

Yours faithfully

Iain Livingstone QPM
Chief Constable

For enquiries please contact the Licensing Department on 01620 826147

EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL

LICENSING, ADMINISTRATION and DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

From: Rudi Fruzynski
Licensing Standards Officer

To: K. MacNeill
Clerk to the Licensing Board

Date: 05 Nov. 18

Subject: LICENSING SCOTLAND ACT 2005
PREMISES LICENCE – MAJOR VARIATION APPLICATION

St Baldred Lodge of Freemasons No 313, 8/10 Forth Street, North Berwick, East Lothian EH39 4HY

I refer to the above subject and can confirm that the applicant has fully liaised with the LSO in relation to this application.

I make the following observations in relation to this application:

I support the change of status of these premises from a club to an open licence.

The current licensed hours for these premises are as follows:

ON SALES

Day	ON Consumption	
	Opening time	Terminal hour
Monday		
Tuesday	19.00	12 Midnight
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	19.00	12 Midnight
Saturday	19.00	12 Midnight
Sunday	17.00	23:00

OFF SALES – None

The applicant seeks to add additional hours to the licence on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evening to 24:00 hours, which is currently outwith policy for a weekday evening, normally restricted to 23:00. However, these are the same hours as currently granted to the premises in respect of a Tuesday evening. I can confirm that there have been no complaints over the years concerning the operation of premises on Tuesday evenings.

The proposal to open earlier on a Saturday and close all day on a Sunday is within policy.

Winter, Maree

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 November 2018 10:06
To: Licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: North Berwick Masonic Social Club

FAO: Kirsty MacNeill

Dear Kirsty

Many thanks for your email of 19th October 2018 regarding:

LICENSING (SCOTLAND)ACT 2005 APPLICATION FOR VARIATION (MAJOR) PREMISES - NORTH BERWICK MASONIC SOCIAL CLUB, 8 FORTH STREET, NORTH BERWICK, EAST LoTHIAN, EH39 4HY TYPE - ON SALES.

As an immediate neighbour, [REDACTED] wish to object to the above for the following reasons:

The change of status from a Club License to an Open License with long opening hours will mean a vastly increased usage of the Club which will bring increased noise to the vicinity with people entering and exiting the club on a regular basis, more worryingly late at night.

It will also increase traffic in the area, whether that is more people parking and/or people being dropped off/picked up outside the club and all the noise that that incurs. On many occasions already our private parking has been used by people and we have often been blocked access or egress to our private parking spaces as someone has parked on the road straight across our entrance.

As smoking is not allowed inside the premises any smokers will stand outside which means more noise together with the mess of discarded cigarette stubs and matches. People standing outside the club will also mean more noise and obstruction of the pavement.

For all these reasons I strongly object to the above proposal.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Winter, Maree

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 November 2018 17:27
To: Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Re. Change of licence application , Freemasons Hall, NB to open licence, north berwick

Subject: Re. Change of licence application , Freemasons Hall, NB to open licence

Note of objection [REDACTED]

Dear Licensing Panel,

The Freemasons Hall , Forth Street, North Berwick has made application for a change to an Open Licence granting six days a week until midnight alcohol sales and request to change to a Club.

I [REDACTED] do not support this application for several reasons which follow.

At present when there are limited parties in the Hall residents have to tolerate noise from within the hall as doors are open for part-goers, from outside smokers, drivers stop-start/ dropping off and picking people up as well as blocked pavements outside our properties.

If residents open their windows the smoke enters as does the noise.

All the properties directly affected are permanent residential homes i.e. adjacent and opposite.

Some down Lorne are holiday lets but they neither overlook the Hall doorway nor have the vehicles and accompanying footfall/ disturbances outside their doors and windows.

The Auld Hoose already provides alcohol sales and there have been issues with noise, customer noise, smoke, cars, pavement blocking which the landlords and staff do address as best they can.

We have to accept that the pub existed but to turn the Hall into a club with six day drinking until midnight will mean that residents are sandwiched between two places without private outside space for customers to smoke, talk, meet and greet .

Both pavements are blocked to pedestrians when the Hall has events at present.

Apart from the health concerns of passive smoking, disturbed sleep and lack of relaxation within homes,
parking complications for at least four properties whose access is off the road and between the pub and the Hall will be further complicated by the increased presence of people

TO; Clerk to the Licensing Board Subject: Letter of Objections and Representations
Re Freemasons Hall, (Masonic Lodge) 8 Forth Street, North Berwick EH39 4 HY
Major Change - licence application , from Club Licence to Open Licence
Letter by email [REDACTED]

Dear Licensing Panel,

The Freemasons Hall , 8 Forth Street, North Berwick has made application for a change to an Open Licence granting six days a week until midnight alcohol sales and request to change to a Club.

I [REDACTED] do not support this application for several reasons which follow.

Fundamental background information: My situation-historic - I bought my home in [REDACTED] At that time:-

- Public House Closing time was 10.00pm. except for special occasions requiring a specific license .
- Police were based at North Berwick and Police presence was conspicuous with fast local response.
- Smoking was allowed within the premises.

Fundamental background information: My situation -current re the Auld Hoose pub:

- Nowadays, smokers spill out of licensed premises onto the street and often have loud conversations causing noise pollution to nearby homes.
- My home is [REDACTED] frequently suffers unacceptable noise pollution.
On Sunday to Wednesday noise pollution can occur up to midnight.
On Thursday, Friday and Saturdays noise pollution can and does occur up to 1.30 am.
- The noise pollution includes vehicles stop/starting as they collect pub customers.
- About once a month, I have to phone, after 11.00pm, either the Auld Hoose or Police or both regarding unacceptable noise from outside the premises but linked to pub customers.
- Neighbours have to contend with pub related litter, vomit and male urination.
- Especially in summer months, with open windows of licensed premises and residential premises, and summer holiday makers, the noise pollution is more frequent, louder and more disturbing.

Fundamental background information: Situation re the Masonic Lodge:

- [REDACTED]
- Currently noise pollution affecting me is very rare from the Masonic Lodge. The first and last written complaint from me was over 15 years ago and was regarding private party that went on to about 01.00 am
- The Masonic Lodge shares a party wall with residential premises in Lorne Lane , Lorne Square and part of the ground floor of the Masonic Lodge premises.
- I have had occasions to witness the Masonic Lodge low level of sound and vibration insulation from within the adjacent residential premises and from other contiguous residential premises in Lorne Lane and Lorne Square.

Buildings in the Auld Hoose and Masonic Lodge area:

- There are only two businesses operating nearby and none after early evening.
- There are many residential properties (probably 40) within a 50 metre radius of the Auld Hoose pub and the Masonic Lodge

My objections to change of use and potential requests:

- In my opinion, the Licensing Dept. had a moral obligation to advise all residential properties within a 30 metre radius of the premises and including the nearby church.
- **The premises are not of a construction fit for late evening use due to lack of sound and vibration insulation.** (*Vibration caused by electric base note instruments.*)
- **The premises would undoubtedly generate the same six problems detailed re the Auld Hoose.**
- **Parking availability is minimal.**
- I would take strong objection to the premises having a licence after 11.00 pm on Sundays to Thursdays.
- If now or later date a licence for closing time after 11.00 pm was being considered for any night \\\9but especially Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday then I would strongly wish that it is **mandatory that a door keeper be employed** (I also wish this for The Auld Hoose at next Licensing Review)

I object strongly to the proposed major change to the licence and of licensing hours, but not to the current use of the Masonic Lodge premises.

[REDACTED]

Winter, Maree

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 November 2018 14:48
To: Licensing
Cc: Winter, Maree
Subject: Re: FW: MASONIC LODGE FORTH STREET NORTH BERWICK

To: Clerk to the East Lothian Licensing Board

Dear Ms MacNeil

Notice of Objection

Application for Variation (Major)

Premises North Berwick Masonic Social Club, 8 Forth Street, North Berwick, EH39 4HY

Applicant

St. Baldred's Lodge of Freemasons No 313

Objectors

Objective: Preventing public nuisance

[REDACTED]

Should the application be approved, we can therefore expect to be disturbed up to and after midnight by people leaving the Club (some of whom will have been drinking), by car doors being shut and by cars driving away.

We can also anticipate being disturbed by loud music being played, again at any time up to midnight.

Other residents live in very close proximity to the Club, and they can also expect to be disturbed by loud music and by people turning out around midnight.

There are already licensed premises in the immediate vicinity, namely the Auld Hoose pub. This is a similar very short distance away but on the opposite side of the street. It is the cause of public nuisance now. Drinkers regularly spill over into the street in the evening, and there is often noisy behaviour until late. Occasionally there has been extremely loud music played after midnight. With no police stationed in North Berwick, there is little chance of these type of nuisance problems being dealt with.

We have no objection in principle to alcohol being available in the club, but we object strongly to any license being granted for later than 11.00pm for the reasons above. We therefore ask the Licensing Panel to limit any license granted to this time.

Best Regards

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Kirstie MacNeill,
Clerk to the Licensing Board,
John Muir House,
Haddington.

[REDACTED]

East Lothian Council
Licensing

7 6 NOV 2018

Dear Madam,

[REDACTED]

Application for change of licence
North Berwick Masonic Lodge.

I object to the proposed change of status to the licence at North Berwick Social Club for the following reasons.

[REDACTED] the soundproofing is negligible. The present situation is only just tolerable. An extension of hours would lead to more distress.

3) Parking is difficult enough for residents as it is. Any increase in functions or daily use of the bar would exacerbate the situation.

The outside smokers, litter and anti-social behaviour of people who may have consumed too much alcohol - see the present situation outside the Auld Hoose on a regular basis - would be unacceptable in a residential area.

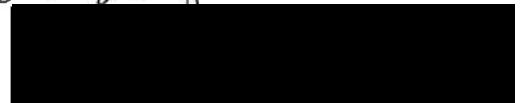
I have experienced the unpleasant manner in which some people exiting functions at the club behave e.g. urinating on the bins in home lane, trespassing in the lane, dropping litter or filling our private bins. On 12th? August 2018, after a Masonic function, our four green bins, communal to the lane, were filled to capacity with black bags from the function.

The residents of the area have enough to tolerate with the ongoing situation outside the Auld Hoose.

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In my case the added pressure of the noise through the shared wall of both rooms in my flat with the Masonic kitchen and downstairs bar and music from the function room above gives me no choice but to object to any increase in core hours.

Yours faithfully,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

Winter, Maree

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 November 2018 16:18
To: Winter, Maree
Subject: RE: Application for Variation to Premise Licence - North Berwick Masonic Social Club

Dear Maree

This application for a major variation of the club licence for 8/10 Forth Street, North Berwick to an open licence and a name change of the premises to St Baldred Lodge of Freemasons No 313 was discussed at last week's Community Council meeting.

We have received notice of a number of complaints/objections from neighbours regarding the proposed extension of the terminal hour to midnight on six nights of the week.

After discussion and consideration of the letters of objection we have received, we wish to object to the proposed change for the following reasons –

- The premises are in a predominately residential area.
- There was concern expressed about the layout of the premises and whether they comply with current regulations.
- The neighbours would be subjected to unacceptable levels of noise pollution from within the premises and also outside from increased traffic and lack of parking.
- It is understood that due to lack of proper sound insulation near neighbours properties are also subjected to vibration when electronic music is played.
- Anti social behaviour would be created by smokers outside the premises and people leaving the premises in an intoxicated state.

The residents have had on-going problems over a number of years with noise and anti social behaviour from the Auld Hoose across the road from the premises and feel that approval of this major variation would be a step too far.

We trust that these points will be taken into account when considering this application.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary, NBCC

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