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COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITIES

Please use this form to submit written submissions in relation to the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Bill. Return to committee.communities@niassembly.gov.uk by Wednesday 19 October 2016.

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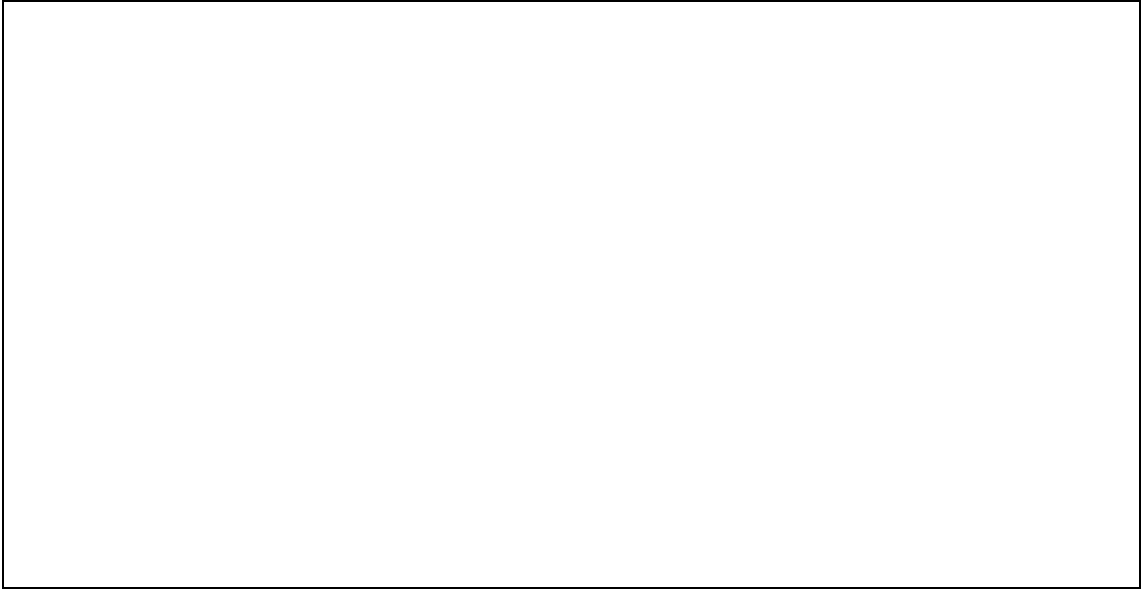
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(where possible, please structure your response to the specific clauses of the Bill and, if appropriate, suggest alternative or additional wording to clauses, which may assist the Committee's consideration of the need for any amendments to the Bill)

The Council considered the Bill at their meeting on the 2 November 2016 and I would now forward their comments:

- **The Council are very supported of the bill especially in relation to clause 19 Underage functions with suitable restrictions;**
- **Clause 1 Additional hours at Easter. Whilst supporting the proposed relaxation the Council would support the removal of all restrictions on permitted hours based on religious holidays. Council consider that those employed in the bar trade potentially loose wages during holiday periods when the premises cannot operate and this impacts on them.**
- **Clause 2 Occasional Licences: additional hours. They support the clause but would consider that the extension to 2am should apply on more than 12 occasions per year.**

- **The Committee should consider the inclusion of a clause to help the growing craft beer market to be permitted to sell their product directly to their customers at their premises or at events.**



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