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**Lár Uladh**  
**Mid Ulster**  
District Council

19th October 2016

Dr Kevin Pelan  
Clerk, Committee for Communities  
Room 410  
Parliament Buildings  
Belfast BT4 3XX

Dear Sirs

**Re: Consultation on Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Bill**

With reference to the above consultation, please find attached the draft response from Mid Ulster District Council in relation to the consultation on "The Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Bill".

The Environment Committee has considered the response as attached in relation to the above Bill which will be ratified by Mid-Ulster District Council on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Any further comments by the Council will be forwarded as soon as possible.

We would be grateful if you would give these comments due consideration and advise in due course on the outcome of your determinations in this matter.

Yours faithfully

**M G KELSO**  
Director of Public Health and Infrastructure



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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](mailto:committee.communities@niassembly.gov.uk) by Wednesday 19 October 2016.**

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**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Following consideration of the consultation on the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Bill, Mid-Ulster Council have the following comments:

**Additional permitted hours**

Mid-Ulster District Council is content with the proposals in Clause 1 and Clause 16 proposing to extend the opening hours at Easter.

Mid-Ulster District Council is content with the in Clause 2,3,4 proposing to extend the opening hours as detailed in Article 30, Article 44, Article 45 and Article 47A with emphasise being placed on Article 44A –(7) in relation to premises not to causing undue inconvenience to persons residing in the vicinity of the premises.

**Drinking up time**

Mid-Ulster District Council is content with the proposals in Clause 5 proposing the extension of drinking up time in licensed premises to 60 minutes for an initial period of 1 year.

**Alignment of liquor, entertainment and refreshment provisions**

Mid-Ulster District Council is content with the proposal within Clause 6 to align the permitted hours within the entertainment licence and the permitted hours for the sale of intoxicating liquor (including the period for drinking up)

However, it is considered that council officers should have access to information detailing the hours granted by the courts for licensed premises to ensure compliance with the entertainment licences issued by Council.

### **Removal of requirement for children's certificate**

Mid-Ulster District Council is content with the proposal within Clause 7 for licensed premises and clubs no longer being required to hold a children's certificate  
The Council are in agreement with the amendments to Article 58 and also Article 60B placing a duty to display a notice relating to age in the premises.

### **Underage functions**

Mid-Ulster District Council is content with the proposal contained within Clause 8 which permits courts to make an order specifying any part of entertainment licensed premises as suitable to hold underage functions up to 1.00 am  
However, it is considered that council officers should have access to information detailing the areas specified by the courts as being suitable within licensed premises for underage functions to ensure compliance with an entertainment licence issued by Council.

### **Restaurants and Guest Houses – notice displaying licence conditions**

Mid-Ulster District Council is content with the proposal as detailed within Clause 10 requiring restaurants and guest houses to display a notice detailing the conditions in relation to the sale and consumption of intoxicating liquor in the premises.

### **Delivery of intoxicating liquor to young persons**

Mid-Ulster District Council is content with the proposal within Clause 9 making it illegal for a member of staff to make a home delivery of intoxicating liquor to any person under 18 years of age or for a person under 18 years of age to knowingly accept a home delivery of intoxicating liquor.

### **Code of Practice**

Mid-Ulster District Council is content with the proposal within Clause 13 whereby The Department will approve a relevant code of practice which has been produced by a person or group of persons having a relevant interest in matters surrounding intoxicating liquor.

### **Advertisement of drinks promotions in supermarkets and off sales premises**

Mid-Ulster District Council is content with the proposal contained within Clause 12 restricting advertisements of drinks promotions in supermarkets or off sales to the area in which intoxicating liquor may be displayed and purchased within such premises.

### **Sporting Clubs – extension of premises**

Mid-Ulster District Council is content with the proposal within Clause 15 allowing the police to authorise a sporting club to extend the area of its premises which is registered to supply intoxicating liquor for the purpose of holding a function up to 6 times in any year.

**Clubs – Remaining Clauses**

With regards to the remaining clauses concerning clubs, Mid-Ulster District Council is content with the proposals contained therein.

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