Sir/Madam

As Chairman of the Ravenhill Residents Association I must register our concern regarding the introduction of this Bill.

We have a fear that on the back of this bill, Kingspan Stadium will have the right to be licenced in their own right for the sale of alcohol in the stadium.

In order to facilitate the granting of a liquor licence, and exceptional opening hours, undertakings were given to our MLA representatives that Ulster Rugby and the Kingspan Stadium would set up local community forums to work with local representatives in the running of the stadium to minimise the impact that they have on the local community.

To date despite repeated requests Ulster Rugby and Kingspan management have made no approach and have refused to engage with the local residents or make good on these commitments.

We and the residents we represent are amazed these commitments given to our elected representatives can be so easily ignored.

On this basis I, the Ravenhill Residents Association, and the local residents we represent oppose the passing of this Bill, if it facilitates or supports in any way the award of a liquor licence to Ulster Rugby, Kingspan Stadium or any representative group acting on their behalf, for liquor sales inn Kingspan Stadium.

I have previously corresponded with your Committee on this issue and can forward a history of the issue if necessary.

My contacts are given below if you require any further details.

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