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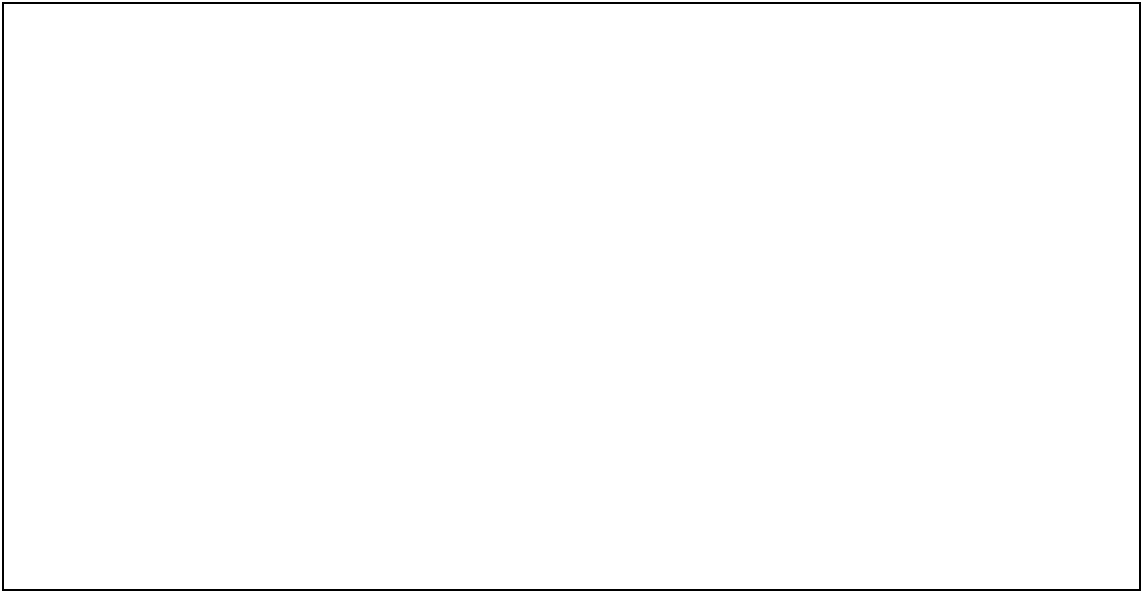
Although I have not linked my comments to particular paragraphs within the Bill, I would just like to raise some concern over any Bill that will potentially extend the ability of people to drink alcohol in a residential area late into the evening.

Although I fully appreciate Ulster Rugby's right to hold sporting events at the Kingspan Stadium, with the recent development of the Stadium resulting in increased crowds and traffic, there is a very different atmosphere pre and post games with much more evidence of alcohol consumption. On match nights, I have been woken at around mid-night on a number of occasions by the sound of groups of people singing Rugby songs and generally making a nuisance of themselves, something that as a resident for the past 38 years, I do not remember happening before now.

I therefore suggest a strict time constraint on the hours that alcohol can be sold at these sporting events, certainly no later than 10.30pm for late kick offs and under no circumstances should spectators be allowed to leave the stadium in the possession of alcohol.

Kind Regards

Barry



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