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Dear Sirs,

Re : Draft Licensing Order 2007

I refer to the draft Licensing and Registration of Clubs Amendment (NI) Order 2007.

I note that there will be a facility for Clubs to apply for permitted hours from 1.00am to 2.00am and exceptional permitted hours and that they will be required to advertise their intention of doing so.

I envisage that a number of Clubs may chose to do this at the same time as their renewal in March 2007. That being the case will the Court forms permit a combined application for renewal and Article 24(a) and (b) instead of having to do two separate advertisements, one for the renewal and one for the intention to apply for late hours? This would reduce the outlays to be incurred by Clubs when making the application whilst still presenting the same information to the public who might wish to object.

I understand that this will be more a matter for those drafting the Court forms but I would request that they give consideration to this issue.

In relation to Article 3 and the proposed amendment to Article 44 as the word “premises” is not defined in the 1996 Order but the word “licensed premises” is and identifies the licensed area in its definition, should the paragraph following Article 44(2) not refer to licensed premises so that the extended hours are throughout the licensed area rather than throughout the premises? ie. “shall, in addition to the hours mentioned in Article 42(i) be included in the permitted hours for the “licensed premises” specified for the purposes of the sale.... “ – similarly in the paragraph following Article 44A(2)(b)

Yours sincerely
