

Traffic Management and Road Safety Team
Operations and Protective Services | Operations
Marischal College
Broad Street
Aberdeen. AB10 1AB

Subject: The Aberdeen City Council (Justice Mill Lane, Langstane Place, Windmill Brae area) (Traffic Management) Order 202(X) in terms of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Since 2008, Bon Accord Residents' Association (BARA) has sought to reduce antisocial behaviour by regularly engaging with Councillors, Police and business owners.

We wish to thank ACC for allowing us to submit objections to EN03 after the holistic meeting of 19th Feb. We appreciate ACC's collaborative approach and willingness to listen.

BARA Objectives

BARA wants a stakeholder solution to pedestrian risk reduction that does not increase footfall or dwell-time, and addresses the safety risks to pedestrians and residents from antisocial behaviour.

In Summary:

- We welcome the ACC statement that "there are wider factors which must also be considered" (Rob Polkinghorne, Aberdeen City Council COO, letter from 23/12/19 ref: FS-CASE-152505910).
- While many meetings between BARA and ACC have taken place, within the STATUTORY PROCESS residents are required to comment on Vehicle Prohibition [pedestrianisation] or not. **BARA REJECTS THE PREMISE THAT PEDESTRIANISATION IS THE ONLY VALID SOLUTION TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.** We consider that the failure to inform residents regarding the 2015 safety initiative, and the subsequent intransigence regarding the contents of the statutory proposal to prohibit vehicles is a failure of process.
- In 2015 there was no resident consultation to make us aware of the 2015 Pedestrian Safety Initiative which lead in due course to restriction of traffic as the only option considered for EN03. FOI indicates that discussions in 2015 included ACC, Police Scotland and Night Economy Managers. It is unclear why residents were not consulted, and ACC should clarify why this was the case, and explain why to residents.
- BARA Objected to EN03 proposal in 2018 (Page 67 Appendix A, Summary of consultation Responses for the ODC meeting on April 2018). The 2020 EN03 proposal is almost identical.
- In Dec 2019, ACC COO clarified in a letter to Kevin Stewart (MSP) that ACC does not intend to promote night economy venues along EN03, either directly or indirectly. **HOWEVER**, licensing policy changes in late 2018 removed overprovision along EN03 (overprovision was in force in 2016). Applications for new night venues along the HALF MILE LONG EN03 corridor would be considered more favourably by the Licensing Board (which has the statutory power to act independently of ACC). This is a step change from the status in April 2018 and the implications go beyond the remit of the ACC Roads Department.

BARA Objections

1. BARA objects to the 2020 statutory EN03 proposal to prohibit vehicles at night because it would increase lingering and antisocial risks, and potentially become a magnet to attract additional night economy venues.
2. The impact of EN03 has not been holistically risk assessed. The risk assessment should consider the wider factors as mentioned in the COO letter of 23rd. Dec 2019.
3. BARA were not consulted regarding the 2015 pedestrian initiative and want to be considered going forward.

Detailed Concerns Relating to Vehicle Prohibition Proposed in EN03

Most of the BARA members have lived in the Bon Accord Terrace area-for 10 years or more. During this time, we have endured the impacts from night economy spill out:

- Physical threats from “patrons” inside and adjacent to our homes.
- Invasion of driveways, gardens and property.
- Drug taking, buying and selling on our property.
- Defecation and urination inside our properties, in areas where children play.
- Sexual activity and disposal of materials used, also on our properties.
- Significant sleep disruption from vehicle pickup/drop-off and patron noise.

The 2020 EN03 proposal is the same as that of 2018, so our objections are basically the same and represent our case for rejection of the pedestrianisation.

1. The anti-social behaviour and living disruptions issues that we regularly experience will increase. This will significantly disturb the families that are living here, threatening our right to live in a safe and secure community, a right which we understand is supported by ACC policy. (see [https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/people-and-communities/antisocial-behaviour, what are my rights section.](https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/people-and-communities/antisocial-behaviour,what-are-my-rights-section))
2. ACC has been corresponding with BARA since 2008 regarding antisocial behaviour at night. ACC advised residents that night time street noise is not the remit of the Noise Monitoring Unit, rather it is a police issue.
3. Grampian Police corresponded with BARA in 2008 regarding antisocial behaviour at night, indicating a link between night economy and antisocial behaviour.
4. Given points 2 & 3, the ACC Roads Department, if tasked alone, could not be expected to resource risk assessment of this initiative beyond road traffic.
5. If EN03 was to be implemented, the proposal would pedestrianise a road network almost HALF A MILE LONG. This is a significant step change which has no precedent in scale. *Note: Correspondence from Cllr Audrey Nicholl (ex-Grampian Police) to BARA, and referenced with her permission, indicates that a smaller zone of night weekend pedestrianisation was implemented along Windmill Brae circa 2000, but discontinued due to antisocial behaviour and serious offences. ACC may satisfy itself regarding this statement.*
6. Serious assaults in recent years in Bon Accord Terrace vicinity raise questions as to the link between alcohol/drugs consumption, lack of toilet facilities, entry into park/or gardens, and the vulnerability of people in such areas at night.

7. Vehicle drop-off and pick-up at the junction of Bon Accord Terrace and Justice Mill is a serious ongoing issue. It goes back years, was discussed in BARA interface meetings with ACC, Police, et al in 2015 and is a visible and audible issue in 2020.
8. The 2019 Aberdeen City Local Development Plan 2019, Main Issues Report, Section 3.7 aspires to a 24 Hour Economy..... "It can include [...] arts venues, pubs and nightclubs". This document is currently open with ACC following public consultation. The 24 hour aspiration was not included in the 2016 masterplan. If ACC ODC approves EN03 while the ACC LDP remains open, ACC cannot satisfactorily complete any risk assessment of EN03.
9. While at first sight EN03, LDP Main Issues and the Licensing Policy change seem independent of each other, the holistic end state could be a significant increase in safety risk to residents and the general public.
10. Statistics collected by Aberdeen Inspire regarding footfall in Bridge Street and Windmill Brae were shown during the meeting held on 19/02/20. No such statistics were presented for the Bon Accord Terrace / Justice Mill end, despite the police clearly stating this latter area is a very busy part of the night economy. We would expect that specific (and independent) footfall, anti-social behaviour and crime statistics for Bon Accord Terrace / Justice Mill are explicitly considered and shared prior to any pedestrianisation decision

Given that a holistic and independent risk assessment has not been performed, there is no way to demonstrate how anti-social behaviour will not increase as a result of any recommendation from EN03. As such, we would like to be clear that BARA do not share the drive for pedestrianisation nor for a 24-hour economy around our homes and we are prepared to challenge any decision through the appropriate Stage 1 and Stage 2 ACC complaint procedures. ACC should take the comments herein and revise its process to restart the pedestrian safety initiative and risk assess appropriately.

Discussed Alternative Solutions

In the meeting of 19th February 2020, BARA discussed the following night time traffic options, along Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place, singly or in combination:

- Speed Humps/Speed Tables *(as currently located on Hardgate)
- Reduced vehicle Speed limits - enforced using speed cameras
- Vehicle Recognition systems

Other Issue raised by ACC in our meeting of 19th, February 2020

- One-way traffic along Justice Mill Lane in an East to West direction.
Bara's preference would be to have the entire EN03 corridor accessible to vehicle traffic.

Yours Sincerely

Chair (on behalf of Bon Accord Terrace Residents' Association).

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 21 January 2020 17:37
To:
Subject: FW: Vehicle Ban - Justice Mill Lane/ Langstane Place/ Windmill Brae etc.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From:
Sent: 21 January 2020 12:07
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Vehicle Ban - Justice Mill Lane/ Langstane Place/ Windmill Brae etc.

With regards to the proposed plans to ban vehicles from the above roads between 10pm and 5am, I am generally in support of the proposals.

I have a query however on the proposed section of Langstane Place that is to have 24hr vehicle prohibition...

A normal car can't make a right turn from Union Street on to Crown Street (buses only) nor can you right turn on to Bridge Street... so how are you supposed to get to Crown Street if travelling east and the small section of Langstane Place is closed 24hr? All this will do is make Summer Street/ Crimon Place/ Golden Square a rat-run so folk can then cut across Union Street to head south on Crown Street.

The whole of Langstane Place should just have a 10pm – 5am ban and do away with the red 24hr section.

Regards

Insch
Aberdeenshire

Note – I do not consent to my name and address being publicly available for others to view

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 21 January 2020 16:43
To:
Subject: FW: Proposed road closures.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From:
Sent: 21 January 2020 15:05
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Proposed road closures.

I would like to object to the proposed closure of Langstane Place, Justice Mill Lane and adjoining roads. In my opinion, this decision would be ludicrous.

I understand that some of these streets have licensed premises, and on some weekends can be busy with pedestrians.

The pedestrians often walk on the roads because the pavements are not wide enough.

This being the case,

It would make much more sense to have no parking restrictions in place at weekends.

I can see no issues during the week and therefore in my opinion there is absolutely no need for road closures, or even parking restrictions Sunday to Thursday.

Given that there are hotels, business premises as well as the pre mentioned licensed premises in the "proposed closed zone", it would be totally ludicrous to not allow Taxis on said roads.

The council should have already thought of this and include Taxis in the exempt vehicles allowed on the closed roads.

I hope my points are put to the committee and considered in the final decision.

Regards

Danestone
Aberdeen
AB228ZJ

Sent from iphone.

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 21 January 2020 14:40
To:
Subject: FW: Objection to Justice mill road closures

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 21 January 2020 14:38
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Justice mill road closures

Dear traffic management,

I would like to lodge my objection to the proposed traffic restrictions from Holburn st, along justice mill through to Bridge St. I use this route a lot for dropping of my kids and family a lot in the evenings and I do not see the justification for the changes. Never seems to be that busy and traffic seems to flow OK. People have managed for years without any issues so please by all means explain to me why this is required?

Regards

Boyd Orr Place
AB125SF.

Sent from my iPad

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 21 January 2020 13:55
To:
Subject: FW: Objection to ban on vehicles overnight in the city Centre.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From:
Sent: 21 January 2020 13:41
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to ban on vehicles overnight in the city Centre.

Good afternoon,

No roads should be closed people are responsible for their own safety, and they can still be run over by the vehicles that aren't excluded from using the road.

Regards

The information contained in this message is sent in the strictest confidence for the addressee only. It is intended only for the use of the addressee. If you have received this e-mail in error, the contents should not be disclosed nor should copies be taken and you are requested to delete this message and to advise the sender of the error in transmission. It is your responsibility to scan this message to ensure that it is free of viruses. The College does not accept any liability for any virus infection or breaches of security in relation to email transmissions.

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 21 January 2020 13:31
To:
Subject: FW: Objection

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 21 January 2020 10:59
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection

I strongly object towards the shutting of the roads at night. Why should normal public suffer due to the fact people dont know how a road works. If anything you should be closing the clubs and having words with the police as they do nothing to stop people walking in the road. I dont understand why we should suffer because a minority want to go out and drink.

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 21 January 2020 13:31
To:
Subject: FW: Objection to new hours in city centee

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From: —
Sent: 21 January 2020 11:06
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to new hours in city centee

Hi.

I am emailing to dais an objection to the new proposed hours of banning from City Centre roads at nighttime.

I believe the 10pm ban is too early and should be from roughly 11pm or 12am onwards.

There is still alot of people who do shift work who use these roads to get through the city rather than going onto Union Street as there is too many traffic lights on Union Street so these side roads are a god send.

All this will do is to increase traffic on union Street when it is already one of the most polluted roads in the country.

Regards

keppiehill road
Aberdeen

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 22 January 2020 09:42
To:
Subject: FW:

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From:
Sent: 21 January 2020 21:24
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject:

What a ridiculous thing to do. What about people having a night out that are not getting so drunk that they are in danger of getting knocked down? Licence holders should be responsible enough not to serve drink to people who are already so drunk they aren't aware of dangers around them.

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 22 January 2020 09:43
To: I
Subject: FW: Closure of windmill brae

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From: ..
Sent: 21 January 2020 20:55
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Closure of windmill brae

I am writing to put in my objection to the road closures around windmill brae I currently work as a door steward at buggy browns night club in windmill brae and think this idea is totally wrong we have lots of older customers that we cater for that if this goes ahead will not be able to get a taxi to and from the club which will affect our trade as the street is already quiet with the closure of the night club across Rd and the bar and nightclub next door to us there is also 2 takeaways on street who will not be able to do delivery's that are picked up and delivered by car or scooter. Also the staff at the club which includes bar or door staff will not be able to park in the street and some of the staff will not feel safe walking streets away at closing time to access their car or to get a taxi home the proposal of closing the streets will only make an already quiet part of aberdeen even quieter and will there for affect the trade of local businesses which are already struggling please take my veiws on board and instead of closing streets make them more attractive by using better street lights etc.

--

Sent from my Android phone with [mail.com](mailto:) Mail. Please excuse my brevity.

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 22 January 2020 09:43
To: f
Subject: FW: Objection to street closures

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From: ~~~~~
Sent: 21 January 2020 20:27
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to street closures

Dear sir/Madam

I would like to object to the proposed overnight closures of city centre streets. As this would cause me great inconvenience, my employment requires me to access many of these streets during the hours 10pm and 5am.

Regards

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 22 January 2020 09:41
To:
Subject: FW: Proposed overnight vehicle ban for some city centre streets

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 21 January 2020 21:52
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>; secretary@citycentrecc.org.uk
Subject: Proposed overnight vehicle ban for some city centre streets

Looks like the proposals will send a ton of traffic down Dee Street and either on to Academy Street or Dee Place, all of which are quiet residential roads.

Cutting out parking and loading on the Langstane place link between Dee Street and Crown Street would fix much of the problem on this section of road and would also allow the taxi rank on Dee Street better access to surrounding roads.

Sent from my iPhone

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 22 January 2020 09:43
To: -
Subject: FW: Traffic bannng

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 21 January 2020 19:17
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Traffic bannng

Hi

I wish to object to the plan to ban traffic from certain streets. I live in Ferryhill and all these streets mentioned give access to Ferryhill. There are no public buses (the number 17) after 18.30 at night so anyone from Ferryhill has no alternative than to use their own transport and so I think access using public transport MUST be fixed before large areas of nearby streets are cut off.

Best wishes

Sent from my iPad

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 22 January 2020 09:42
To:
Subject: FW: Night time road closures

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 21 January 2020 21:27
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Night time road closures

Good evening

I note with interest in the Evening Express plans for night time closure along a significant stretch including Justice Mill etc.

It reads as if this is to improve matters for night time revellers (drinkers). I accept that safety is always a consideration.

My immediate question / objections would be what message does this give that Aberdeen clears part of the city of cars to allow drinkers to move around.

I appreciate the need for city centre activity and growth but how does this improve utility for those who live and work in the area?

What effect does concentrating night life in this part of the city impact on other areas such as George Street / Schoolhill etc which could loose out.

How much will this cost?

Regards

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 22 January 2020 09:40
To:
Subject: FW: Proposed night road closures

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

-----Original Message

From: ..
Sent: 22 January 2020 09:18
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Proposed night road closures

Good morning

Please fine this email as confirmation is like to object to road closures in the night that have been recently proposed in Aberdeen west central.

There are areas that Aberdeen residents may need to get to and don't feel safe walking to at night because of drunken revellers, accessing by car would be essential. Personally walking through city centre in evening can be very scary as drunk people often tend to be loud and aggressive and can act in threatening manner. Residents should be restricted to where they can go to assist drunk people.

I personally do drink but I drink responsibly and don't need roads closed to ensure my safety. I think these roads will become very scary places with no cars, like no go areas after a certain time.

Also I think for safety of those finishing a night out needing picked up. My uncle used to pick myself and cousin up on Justice Mill lane after nights outs to ensure we were safe. I'm sure lots of other young woman rely on lifts and not allowing access to cars means lone females will have further to walk to get to their lifts

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 22 January 2020 13:05
To:
Subject: FW: Purpose road city centre

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 22 January 2020 12:49
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Purpose road city centre

If you purpose to close roads around Justice Mill Lane, Langstan Place, Willmill Brea Bath Street and Bridge Street between 22:00 to 05:00. I object to it as you are not allowing taxis and Private Hire Vehicles access to these roads but if you add taxis and PHV to list I expect the purpose

Why are taxis and Private hire Vehicles not being allowed access to these roads with the amount off public houses, nightclubs, hotels and restaurants in this area that ACC purpose to close the roads the all vehicles expect the ones you say are exempt but can't believe Taxis n Private Hire Vehicles aren't on this list.

Can ACC explain to me what do we say to customers sorry we can't drop you there or pick you up from there as ACC aren't allowing taxis or PHV to use these roads between 22:00 and 05:00

Yet again Taxis and PHV aren't class as a public transport according to the latest traffic management Committee.

Taxi Driver
Badge no

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 22 January 2020 13:05
To:
Subject: FW: Objection to city centre overnight vehicle ban

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

-----Original Message-----

From: '>
Sent: 22 January 2020 12:11
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to city centre overnight vehicle ban

To whom it may concern,

I would like to take this opportunity to lodge an objection to the proposed overnight vehicle ban across much of the city centre.

To ban vehicles between 10pm and 5am will not only effect late night businesses but residents of those street in the proposed vehicle ban. If residents who have paid for their parking permits are not able to park in their designated zone outside of their properties they are going to have to park elsewhere which in turn effects other residents in other zones nearby. There simply is not enough parking as it is for that to happen.

Who is going to enforce this ban? The police work very hard and are spread thinly as it is and city wardens do not work those hours.

I realise that the aim of the proposed ban is to make the streets safer and more welcoming but I just don't see how a vehicle ban does this? Surely in a bid to make the streets safer and more welcoming would be to move the beggars off the streets who can be very aggressive and some openly drinking alcohol, make the street lights brighter and fix the lights which are constantly broken making the streets so dark. Also repairing the paving and roads which are a disgrace of broken slabs and trip hazards and potholes. More bins would be advantageous also as the amount of garbage strewn in the streets from various take away places and beer bottles/smashed glassware from various bars is disgusting.

I appreciate there will be fund for this proposed ban but spending that money on my above points would be more beneficial in my opinion than on the proposed vehicle ban.

Yours sincerely,

Union Street
Aberdeen
AB10 1TQ

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 23 January 2020 09:54
To:
Subject: FW: Overnight parking restrictions certain streets

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From:
Sent: 22 January 2020 18:29
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Overnight parking restrictions certain streets

Hi

It's a sorry state of affairs when Aberdeen City council has to restrict traffic and parking to accommodate people with a drink and drug problem

I know you are going to say the majority do not have these problems but they do – visit these areas at night and see the state of these people the majority of which are just a drink and drug induced rabble that cause the tax payer a fortune in ensuring they have a safe drinking and drug taking environment - that majority should be lifted and go to prison for a few days this might be sufficient to shock a few back to reality

As a tax payer I totally object to the council giving into the whims of this drunken/drugged up rabble - and should spend more time and resources in ensuring there is adequate parking facilities for persons who do not cause these problems

Peterhead
Aberdeenshire
AB42 2UN

And the reason I can advise the above is simple I and my wife had a three day booking at the Park Hotel and the ruckus/ noise created of the rabble in the hotel and in the street was so great that we were forced to leave the hotel on the second day and return home

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 23 January 2020 09:53
To:
Subject: FW: Objection to overnight vehicle ban in Aberdeen

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From:
Sent: 22 January 2020 23:53
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to overnight vehicle ban in Aberdeen

Hi,

I want to raise an objection to the proposed idea of the overnight vehicle ban in Aberdeen for some streets.

Main objections, cost of implementation and policing the offenders of the ban. As there will need to be exceptions to the ban some kind of exception system will need to be put in place. At some additional cost to the already stretched tax payer.

Secondary objection, there are better things to be doing. Recent changes to brown bin collections such that people have to pay for collection proves that Aberdeen City Council need to focus on other things before spending copious amounts of money on expensive, unpoliceable plans. Why not set up speed camera on roads like Queen's Road or cameras to catch parents that park on the keep clear lines outside schools blocking roads. Both could be used to generate income for the council before spending money partially closing roads at odd times for some vehicles. Personally, as an Aberdeen pedestrian, who walks to and from work, I would love to see red light jumpers charged. It is amazing how many cars cross red lights in Aberdeen and that could be another revenue source by charging offenders... Something that can be done using cameras.

Third objection, with the potential plan to pedestrianise Union Street any other obstruction to moving through the city would just be stupid. This plan feels like another case of inforcement from the council on high without any actual thought.

Nellfield Place, Aberdeen, AB10 6DH

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 23 January 2020 09:52
To:
Subject: FW:

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From:
Sent: 23 January 2020 00:11
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>;

Subject:

Hi Traffic Management

I have seen this article in the evening express
<https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/fp/news/local/have-your-say-on-councils-plans-to-ban-vehicles-from-eight-aberdeen-city-centre-streets-overnight/>

I wish to express my objection the plans

Under the proposed plans it makes it extremely difficult to come from the north of Union Street to access the south of Union street.

There are already a number of restriction to turn onto these roads along union street and this will add to further misery.

I need to get down Crown Street and even now i need to turn off on Dee Street just to get across to Crown street as no right turns allowed.

Would it not be better for the council to restrict alcohol and late licensing to a specific part of the town such as Belmont street?

This plan is just insanity. How would it even be policed?

Add this plan to the bus gates on Bedford Road causing numerous traffic issues.

Aberdeen is already in a free-fall depression and i believe further restrictions to access will drive down further parts of the city and footfall.

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 24 January 2020 10:43
To:
Subject: FW: Objection - Road Closure
Attachments: image003.jpg

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From: r
Sent: 24 January 2020 09:19
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection - Road Closure

I see you are proposing to ban cars from certain street, and the reasoning being to "make the streets a safer more welcoming environment".

Closing these roads on the above basis is not going to improve anything and would challenge you to show how closing these roads will achieve your state aim. Just saying it doesn't mean its a done deal. There should be evidence to show what you are planning will have some sort of positive affect. The city centre has already too many closed off road and closing more for what seem to be no real reason is ridicules. The roads infrastructure in the city centre is already a farce and closing these road make it look like the roads department do not know what they are doing and following some sort of agenda set by Politian's who have no idea of roads management. Is this some half hearted attempt at being green!! If it just look like a stupid idea, one of many that seem to be a council speciality! So in short I object to any road closure unless there is actually evidence to back up your claim that this will make a back lane more appealing!!!

Ross Stevenson

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 27 January 2020 11:00
To: Ross Stevenson
Subject: FW: Objection to overnight city centre car ban

From:
Sent: 25 January 2020 07:24
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to overnight city centre car ban

I am writing to object to the proposed Cory centre overnight car ban.

None of the reasons given by the council make sense. where are the residents who actually live on these streets supposed to park or get even remotely close to their home? Where do taxis go? Who can people get close to or dropped off at work. It sounds like another way to make people take all kinds of routes for no reason. I live in Ferryhill and Bon accord is one in my only direct routes into town without many sets of traffics lights - no entry or other road changes.

polmuir ABERDEEN

Sent from my iPhone

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 10 February 2020 16:11
To: ----
Subject: FW: Objection Traffic Management 202X

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From: [redacted]
Sent: 10 February 2020 15:24
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection Traffic Management 202X

Hi

I would like to lodge my objection to the plan to ban vehicles overnight within the Justice Mill and Windmill Brae area. I work in the hospitality industry and live on the outskirts of Aberdeen. In my current role I often have to work late at night. I rely on my car to get to and from work due, to the public transport links being so poor in the city. Being able to park my car close to my place of work gives me peace of mind and enables me to do be able to do my job. As a woman the proposal to ban traffic will have a direct impact on my safety. I will no longer be able to park outside my place of work and have to walk some distance to pick up my car. It also has the potential to have a financial implication on myself and others and make it unfeasible to work in the city centre. There maybe additional costs such as buses and taxis. Most people who work in the city centre in the evening and at night are often on lower incomes. I feel this proposal will unfairly penalise these groups.

If this proposal is about making the city centre a more attractive, vibrant place at night then I would argue there are other things that would be more beneficial and have a greater impact. These include, better public transport links, improving the street lighting, cleaning the culverts and gullies or fixing the pavements. If it is to improve the air quality of the city centre it would have more of an impact to enforce the 20mph speed limit or reduce the amount of traffic during the day. I also feel that rather than reduce the traffic you will just shift the traffic to other areas in the city.

At the minute all the city centre hotels and bars are struggling to stay open and this will reduce footfall even further. The local authority should be making it easier for people to access the city centre whether that is for work or leisure. I truly believe that this proposal will have a detrimental impact on the city centre rather, than a positive one.

Best wishes

From: TrafficManagement
Sent: 10 February 2020 16:13
To:
Subject: FW: Night time road closures

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From: <[redacted]@m>
Sent: 10 February 2020 15:26
To: TrafficManagement <TrafficManagement@aberdeencity.gov.uk>
Subject: Night time road closures

Dear Sir/Madam

As the owner of a small but high rate paying business in the affected area I would like to strongly object to the proposal of closing roads at night . I own the IQ public car park on the Hardgate and employ 3 part time employees .

It is not the actual closure that will devastate my business but the signage that will stop all but local customers . Signs prohibiting drivers will dissuade a lot of customers even though on further reading it will tell them the hours . Witness bus lanes which are not used in permitted hours by the vast majority of cars.

I also do not see why Bon Accord Terrace should be part of the proposal . This makes no sense .

If I thought for one moment these proposals were for the greater good i wouldn't object . However the council seems to be doing the bidding of a few local bar owners who have a vested interest in pushing this through their voice of Aberdeen Inspired .

Anecdotal evidence suggests closing the road will cause more loutish drunken behaviour . Maybe you should be looking at some of these bars and trying to control the amount of cheap alcohol they are serving to already drunk youngsters. If their customers can't walk on the pavements I would suggest they've had too much

Closing this road with a low density of bars isn't the answer to anything.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

From:

Sent:

13 August 2018 13:55

To:

Subject:

Statutory consultation - Windmill Brae/ Justice mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night time prohibition of motor vehicles

Dear [REDACTED]

With regards to your plans for night time prohibition of motor vehicles in this area. My objection is not just about access to properties in the are but also the mess caused by all the night clubs and bars in this area.

You are proposing these changes to enhance the experience of those using the licensed premises, could you please give priority to the experience of the other Business Rate payers in the area. We own office premises in Bon Accord Square and have access to our property from Langstane Place. Most mornings we have to contend with the detritus from the previous nights revellers, discarded chewing gum, cigarette ends, empty bottles, broken glass and vomit. I would urge you to take a walk along the street and have a look at the dirty state of the area, a good example is the area outside Prohibition, the drain is blocked by cigarette ends and rubbish and pavement is covered with chewing gum.

I'm unsure if any lighting project will enhance a dirty, dismal area, which never seems to be cleaned by the owners of the licensed premises whose customers cause all this mess. As a Business Rates and levy payer I would like to see the area improved for everyone's benefit.

Regards

[REDACTED]

ABERDEEN
AB11 6DJ

Telephone [REDACTED]
mobile [REDACTED]

!

From: Info Aberdeen Taxis <info@aberdeen-taxis.com>
Sent: 27 July 2018 16:47
To:
Subject: RE: Initial Statutory Consultation - Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night Time Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hello I

- I would like to object to A prohibition of motor vehicles on Langstane Place (between Crown Street and Dee Street), with an exemption for loading between 6am – 11am Monday to Saturday,

This will cause significant issues for taxi drivers who use the Dee Street taxi rank and will add a lot of distance on to fares pick up from this taxi rank.

Regards



Tel: 01224 200 200 E-Mail: bookings@aberdeen-taxis.com
www.aberdeen-taxis.com

Find us on your App Store:



DISCLAIMER This e-mail and attachments are confidential and are intended solely for the use of the individual to whom it is addressed. Any views or opinions presented are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of Aberdeen Taxis Ltd. If you are not the intended recipient, be advised that you have received this Email in error and that any use, dissemination, forwarding, printing, or copying of this Email is strictly prohibited. If this transmission is received in error please notify the sender immediately and delete this message from your E-mail system. All electronic transmissions to and from Aberdeen Taxis Ltd are recorded and may be monitored

From: [redacted]@city.gov.uk]
Sent: 27 July 2018 16:24
Subject: Initial Statutory Consultation – Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night Time Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

Good Afternoon,

Initial Statutory Consultation – Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night Time Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

Aberdeen City Council proposes the following restrictions:-

For the attention of Ross Stevenson, Aberdeen City Council

As the Proprietor of Bugsy Brown's and as President of the Aberdeen City and Shire Licensed Trade Association I would like to raise the question as to why the Council and Aberdeen Inspired are of the opinion that 'lighting and street closures' are the way forward in Aberdeen's City Centre?

1. As president of the Licensed Trade Association I have been asked to respond to your proposal on behalf of our membership. Both myself as an individual and as a representative of the Licensed Trade we are deeply concerned by the proposal to road closures one way and restricted parking etc. This is for a number of reasons:-
2. At a time when city centres are suffering due in part to the rate increases and continuing decrease in footfall we should be doing more to encourage people to visit the city centre by the way of cheaper parking on the street and fewer parking restrictions. I feel the one way system would deter people from visiting the city centre venues.

Many people who work in the city centre work unsociable hours. Many of these jobs are low paid and are in the hospitality sector. The proposal will make it more expensive to travel to work. As staff will have to find alternative means of travel.

In addition this will cause a very serious safety issue for example many premises employ mainly young personnel. I feel this proposal puts them at a greater risk than what we have at present. All staff should be able to park close to their place of work for those who work till 2, 3 or 4am.

I am also concerned the proposal will have a detrimental effect on customers who have a disability and their ability to easily access shops, clubs and pubs.

3. This proposal will have an impact on the trade and customers as they will not be able to access venues. I feel that there are several simpler solutions that would have a more positive impact than the current proposal. At present there is a 20 mile per hour zone. This is currently not enforced. Better enforcement of this would undoubtedly make the city a safer place to work and visit.

Improving the city centre infrastructure such as fixing loose and uneven paving stones on Windmill Brae and throughout the city centre would have a positive benefit for everyone and in particular those with mobility issues and people who are partially sighted.

Over the last few years long established businesses have closed. The Garage venue closed its doors earlier this year. The Royal Hotel closed its doors 2 years ago. Many of the bars and clubs have long gone. Since the oil downturn there are very few premises left on Windmill Brae. As the streets are absolutely deserted in the city centre what are you really expecting to achieve with lighting? 20 years ago it may have been a welcome innovation but when businesses are running at an all-time low decreasing traffic of any form seems a completely pointless exercise.

This problem could be the final straw for some city centre venues if this proposal goes ahead.

4. In years gone by Aberdeen City Council had a stringent policy for emptying and clearing water gulleys. However in recent years this policy is no longer in place. This has resulted in waste build up in gulleys throughout the city. For example there is a foul sewer smell emanating from the top of Crown Street. These are the types of problems that the Council or Inspired should be addressing.

If we want Aberdeen to be a vibrant, attractive city it would be better to invest money to improve the basic infrastructure rather than vanity projects such as lighting or one way systems that will have little impact on improving visitors' experience.

From:
Sent: 16 August 2018 09:26
To:
Subject: FW: Initial Statutory Consultation – Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night Time Prohibition of Motor Vehicles
Attachments: Issues in Bon Accord Terrace 2013.pdf; Letter re. anti-social behaviour 2008.pdf

Dear

We have been living in the Bon Accord Terrace area for the last 13 years. During this time, we have endured several very unpleasant periods when we have faced sleep disruption, experienced invasion of property and had to clean human excrement from areas where our children play. We also had to withstand being physically threatened by drunk individuals and felt unsafe around our own houses.

The two files attached demonstrate some of the efforts we have gone through over the years in order to improve our quality of life. We have worked hard to achieve the very delicate balance of city centre living – one that allows for nightlife entertainment venues while providing residents with a bearable living environment. This balance is very fragile but currently stable, however, there are already some early warning signs of things worsening, and this is without the implementation of the changes you are proposing. For example:

- There have been 2 serious incidents in Bon Accord Terrace / Bon Accord Terrace Gardens over the last 12-18 months - most likely rapes although police never released any details
- The level of noise and disruption at 3am has increased significantly. This occurs when people vacate the night venues and there is no crowd dispersion attempts or police presence
- Our front gate has been half closed several mornings, which indicate trespassing is taking place overnight
- The ongoing problem of people going into Bon Accord Terrace/Crescent to pee on the street or on people's front door
- The front window of a nearby restaurant was broken by a group of drunken people on 05/05/18 (Saturday night)

With the background over the years of serious anti-social behaviour in the area and the knowledge of the recent problems, I find it incredible that the Council is still thinking about the pedestrianisation at night of Windmill Brae, Justice Mill Lane and Langstane Place. The proposed changes will make of this section in the city centre an ever greater night venue and significantly disrupt the families that are living there. I also do not see how there will be funding (and hence implementation) of the measures required to manage such plans. For example, how will funding be provided and available to: commit continuous police patrols in Justice Mill / Hardgate / Bon Accord through the night and past 3am to control trouble and help people dispersion; install additional street lighting required all along peripheral streets in order to avoid the increase in anti-social behaviour (and perhaps crime) that will follow a significant increase of drunk people in the area; secure guardian rounds after working hours so motor vehicles obey the parking prohibition in double yellow lines stopping engines/radios starting at 3am just besides people's windows, enforce the level of music and vibrations coming out of pubs and bars, etc.

All the anti-social behaviours and living disruptions will only multiply if the plans of night-time motor vehicle prohibition go ahead. Our life will get to the same situation (or perhaps worse) than it was in 2008 or 2013. I invite you to talk to our 8-year old boy that wakes up scared at 3am when drunken people shout and fight just outside his window or to an overnight stay in any room of the property on a Friday or Saturday night - to see how much sleep you can get.

Windmill Brae, Justice Mill Lane, Bon Accord, Hardgate and Langstane Place are also residential areas... and we are not the only family nor the only set of tax paying citizens that reside in the area and that have the right to live in the City Centre safely and respectfully.

I

From:
Sent: 08 August 2018 11:25
To:
Subject: RE: Initial Statutory Consultation – Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night Time Prohibition

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi
Thanks for such a prompt response.
Maybe travelling to the Railway Station (with luggage)?
Yes, I'd be very grateful if you could retain and submit in due course.
Kind regards

From:
Sent: 08 August 2018 11:13
To:
Subject: RE: Initial Statutory Consultation – Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night Time Prohibition

Thanks Mr

I would suggest that it is very unlikely that anyone will drive between Bon Accord Square and either Crown Street or Denburn without it being part of a longer journey, both are within easy walking distance, and parking opportunities are limited. If anyone does use this route as part of an existing longer journey then they are likely to change their route choice, and as such I believe that the proposal will ultimately have a negligible effect on longer journeys.

As an example -

Someone heading to the north of the city from Bon Accord Square might currently use Langstane Place, Windmill Brae to get to the Denburn to travel north, with the proposals in place I would suggest that they will reroute via Union Street and Rose Street, Queens Road or King Street.

With regard to submitting an objection, we are currently consulting with the Statutory Consultees; Police, Fire, Ambulance, Taxis etc. Aberdeen Inspired were included as a statutory consultee, and as such I believe that they emailed their members for feedback to enable them to compile a response. If the scheme proceeds past the Statutory Consultation stage then we will proceed to Public Advertisement whereby individuals can object.

With regard to your objection, you can either pass it on to Aberdeen Inspired so we can consider it now as part of their response, or I can hold on to it and include it as a formal objection as part of the Public Advertisement, if the scheme gets that far. Would you be happy for me to keep hold of your objection and include it at that time?

Regards

From: I
Sent: 08 August 2018 09:24
To:
Subject: RE: Initial Statutory Consultation – Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night Time Prohibition

Hi
Many thanks. It does seem like a long way round for the benefit of closing 30 metres of road?
I would like to object to this part of the proposal. I am struggling to see any benefit other than to the smokers frequenting the Grill and Stag during daylight hours!
I'd be grateful if you could either forward this email to the committee or provide further detail on how to object.
Many thanks
Kind regards
E

This e-mail has been sent by:

Director

Bon Accord Square
Aberdeen
AB11 6DJ

Tel
Fax
email

registered in Scotland No authorised and regulated by The
Financial Conduct Authority.

This document is confidential and intended solely for use of the individual(s) to whom it is addressed.
If you are not the intended recipient, please inform the sender immediately and be advised that any unauthorised use of this document is strictly prohibited

Website

From: I
Sent: 07 August 2018 16:46
To:
Subject: RE: Initial Statutory Consultation – Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night Time Prohibition

Apologies

I thought a response had been provided to you.

The alternative route for a car to travel between Bon Accord Square and Crown Street would be to go southwards on Bon Accord Street, eastwards along part of Springbank Terrace and northwards up Crown Street, or if travelling by car to the Denburn drivers can utilise the same route but College Street rather than Crown Street.

I am happy to discuss any concerns that you may have with these proposals.

Regards

Traffic Management and Road Safety
Operations and Protective Services
Aberdeen City Council
Business Hub 11, 2nd Floor West
Marischal College
Broad Street
Aberdeen
AB10 1AB

From:
Sent: 07 August 2018 15:14
To:
Subject: Initial Statutory Consultation – Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night Time Prohibition
....

Hi
Despite my best efforts I still have no reply or understanding as how I would, under the proposals travel from Bon Accord Square, after 5.00 am to 10.00 pm, to the top end of Crown Street or better still to Denburn Road.
Please can you address this query.
Many thanks
-

This e-mail has been sent by:



From:
Sent: 07 August 2018 16:55
To:
Cc:
Subject: RE: On Behalf of Aberdeen City Council - : Initial Statutory Consultation – Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night Time Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

I am the owner of an engineering and well management business at Bon Accord Square.
Our office has a garage on Langstane Place where myself and my colleagues park and by which we access our property.
We are at present actively managing wells being drilled in Africa and engineering others in the US.
Our requirement is for 24 hr, 7 days per week access to our garage for this activity.

Regards,

Bon Accord Square,
Aberdeen,
AB11 6DJ

Sent: 02 August 2018 15:51
Cc:
Subject: On Behalf of Aberdeen City Council - : Initial Statutory Consultation – Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night Time Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

Good Afternoon,

Initial Statutory Consultation – Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place - Night Time Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

Aberdeen City Council proposes the following restrictions:-

- A prohibition of motor vehicles on the following streets from 10pm – 5am, 7 days per week:-
Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place / Justice Mill Brae / Bon Accord Terrace
(between Union Street and Langstane Place) / Gordon Street (Between Bon Accord Lane and Langstane Place) / Bath Street and Bridge Place
Including an exemption for blue badge holders and an exemption for access to off-street car parks
- A prohibition of motor vehicles on Langstane Place (between Crown Street and Dee Street), with an exemption for loading between 6am – 11am Monday to Saturday,
- A one way restriction on Windmill Brae, between Crown Street and Bath Street,
- The creation of 3 no. blue badge parking spaces on Dee Street, and the conversion of 65m of daytime waiting restrictions to pay and display parking

From: <[redacted]>
Sent: 30 October 2017 12:09
To:
Subject: Fwd: Pedestrianisation of Justice Mill Lane Vicinity

Resent with corrected email address.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 30 October 2017 at 10:27:38 GMT
To:

Cc:

Subject: Pedestrianisation of Justice Mill Lane Vicinity

Acting Chair
Bon Accord Terrace and Area residents' association
Bon Accord Terrace
Aberdeen, AB11 6DU

We write as a response to a local press article regarding the night-time pedestrianisation of several streets in the locality. While Aberdeen City Council saw fit to leaflet local businesses we received no such notification. Why was this?

Over an extended period residents of Bon Accord Terrace have met on a regular basis with representatives of Aberdeen City Council, Grampian Police, and a number of the local bar/nightclub proprietors in the area. We met to discuss the management of rowdy, disruptive and illegal behaviour in and around the area and looked at possible solutions for reducing anti-social behaviour. In all our previous discussions with ACC, Grampian Police and local businesses the aim of all of us has been to find ways to disperse the crowds using licensed premises as quickly and safely as possible. There has never been any discussion that this should not be the case. The problems identified by residents/businesses/ACC/Grampian Police include:

- Fouling of the streets.
- The invasion of gardens by night time revellers to urinate, defecate and perform sexual acts.
- The dealing and taking of drugs both on the street and in gardens.
- Property damage.
- Noise from (sometimes hundreds) of revellers leaving the local nightclub and not dispersing quickly enough due to what appears to be a lack of police presence and a lack of any perceived responsibility on the part of nightclub staff.
- Late night illegal car parking.
- Bottles thrown and smashed into gardens and general litter
- Cars picking up/dropping off revellers.

We would be interested to hear how ACC/Grampian Police has gone from a policy of trying to clear the area as quickly as possible to encouraging hundreds of revellers to hang around very close to residential streets during the night? Frankly, we are incredulous that this is even being considered.

In fact, the residents were about to re-establish contact with the above mentioned groups to highlight intensified problems resulting from a local nightclub a) increasing their opening hours and b) targeting the student fraternity, bringing increased footfall and even greater disruption to our neighbourhood. It seems to be that rather than work together to find a solution to anti-social behaviour, Aberdeen City Council are not only giving in to it, but encouraging it!

Lastly, we are also concerned about the potential increase in vehicle noise resulting from the proposed pedestrianisation. Most of the night-time traffic will now divert down Bon Accord Terrace and Langstane Place, the most densely populated residential location in the area.

We look forward to hearing from you and request a meeting to further discuss these important issues.

From:
Sent: 17 August 2018 00:12
To:
Subject: Objection to pedestrianisation of Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place

Dear Mr.

I understand that the deadline for comments/objections to the planned night time pedestrianisation of Windmill Lane / Justice Mill Lane / Langstane Place is 17/08/18.

As a resident that will be affected by these plans, I wish to reiterate my objections that I have previously expressed to try and ensure that my objections are taken into account.

I live at Hardgate, at the junction of Hardgate and Justice Mill Lane/Langstane Place and wholeheartedly support the sentiments and issues raised in the Email that was sent to you previously by acting chair of our local residents association. However, I would like to add my own personal view as to how these plans would affect me, as an individual.

For the past few years, my residential amenity has been blighted by noise from revellers entering and leaving Nox nightclub, directly opposite my house. Up to 200 people can be queuing up to gain entry, 20 yards from my house, from around 2315 onwards, four nights per week (weekdays are just as bad as weekends). The noise from this is incredible, despite all my efforts at soundproofing. Disturbance continues throughout and peaks again from 0200-0230 when revellers leaving the nightclub congregate outside the premises (and neighbouring houses), entering gardens, leaving bottles and broken glass (among other littering) on the streets and in resident's gardens. I have had to phone the police on several occasions to ask them to move people on as they were creating a disturbance. The nightclub door staff have no interest (or remit) in moving people on once they have left the premises, nor do the police seem to have a routine presence to disperse the crowds. It is generally left for people to disperse at their own pace, and being drunk (as most of them are), they are inclined to hang around, creating a disturbance.

On the face of it, the proposals sound as though they are aimed at improving quality of life. However, far from promoting a café society, if that is the plan, what they will do is to encourage large groups of intoxicated people to gather in the street outside residential homes, late at night and in the early hours of the morning. Vehicular traffic is light anyway, so pedestrian safety should not be an issue, but pedestrianisation of these thoroughfares will just encourage mob behaviour. Far from encouraging people to live in the city centre, this will have the opposite effect of driving people away.

Two bedrooms in my house face on to Langstane Place and cannot be occupied when the nightclub is open (currently for more than half the week) because of noise. When the nightclub is closed, the area seems a haven of peace and quiet by comparison

This idea is totally misconceived and I object in the strongest of terms. The problems will be exacerbated after September 2018, when a new student residence opens nearby, at the junction of Hardgate and Willowbrae. As the nightclub actively targets a student clientele, even greater numbers of intoxicated people will be gathering outside my home, and those of my neighbours, actively facilitated by these ill thought out plans. Has this (the imminent huge increase in numbers of students living in the immediate area) been taken into account and has anyone from the Council actually been present in the vicinity at these times of peak disturbance? I am sure that noise monitoring tests would show that even the current noise levels are unacceptable even before these plans make things worse. I would suggest that you carry out such tests.

If the idea is to make the streets safer by pedestrianisation, then I would suggest that a regular police presence at closing time (also when queueing at opening) of Nox nightclub, to help move people on, would be more beneficial

than pedestrianisation, which would have the unintended consequence of encouraging or facilitating intoxicated people to gather outside homes where people are trying to sleep. The earlier flier that was distributed (but not to my house unfortunately) states that one of the benefits of this proposed scheme is that it "enhances the night-time environment in the area". Perhaps this may apply to drunken revellers, but certainly not for local residents.

As you have an impending deadline for submission of comments, please acknowledge receipt of this Email.

Yours Faithfully,

From:
Sent: 17 August 2018 18:32
To:
Subject: Initial Statutory Consultation – Windmill Brae / Justice Mill Lane / Langstone Place
=?utf-8?Q?_-_Night_Time_Prohibition_of_Motor_Vehicles

Dear Mr

We have been living in the Bon Accord Terrace area for the last 9 years, although for the last 2 years we have been renting our property out. During this time, we have endured several very unpleasant periods when we have faced sleep disruption, experienced invasion of property and had to clean human excrement from areas where our children play. We also had to withstand being physically threatened by drunk individuals and felt unsafe around our own houses.

We have worked hard to achieve the very delicate balance of city centre living – one that allows for nightlife entertainment venues while providing residents with a bearable living environment. This balance is very fragile but currently stable, however, there are already some early warning signs of things worsening, and this is without the implementation of the changes you are proposing.

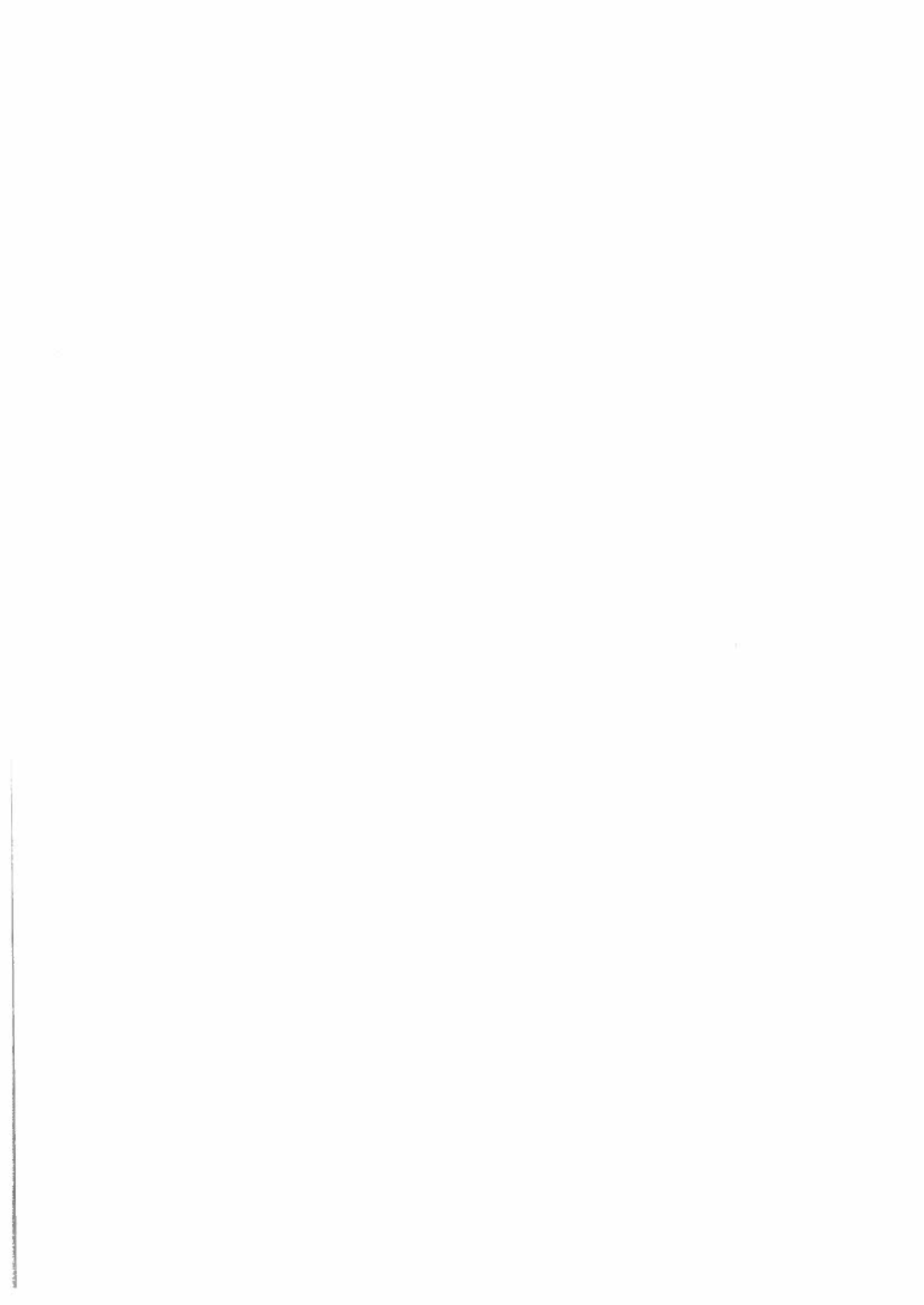
With the background over the years of serious anti-social behaviour in the area and the knowledge of the recent problems, I find it incredible that the Council is still thinking about the pedestrianisation at night of Windmill Brae, Justice Mill Lane and Langstone Place. The proposed changes will make of this section in the city centre an ever greater night venue and significantly disrupt the families that are living there. I also do not see how there will be funding (and hence implementation) of the measures required to manage such plans. For example, how will funding be provided and available to: commit continuous police patrols in Justice Mill / Hardgate / Bon Accord through the night and past 3am to control trouble and help people dispersion; install additional street lighting required all along peripheral streets in order to avoid the increase in anti-social behaviour (and perhaps crime) that will follow a significant increase of drunk people in the area; secure guardian rounds after working hours so motor vehicles obey the parking prohibition in double yellow lines stopping engines/radios starting at 3am just besides people's windows, enforce the level of music and vibrations coming out of pubs and bars, etc.

All the anti-social behaviours and living disruptions will only multiply if the plans of night-time motor vehicle prohibition go ahead. Our life will get to the same situation (or perhaps worse) than it was in 2008 or 2013.

Windmill Brae, Justice Mill Lane, Bon Accord, Hardgate and Langstone Place are also residential areas... and we are not the only family nor the only set of tax paying citizens that reside in the area and that have the right to live in the City Centre safely and respectfully.

I strongly oppose the proposal below and, together with many neighbours in the area, are prepared to take the challenge as far as possible.

Regards



7 February 2020

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL
ROADS OPERATIONS

13 FEB 2020

REF:

INITIALS:

savills

Aberdeen City Council
Roads Department
Ground Floor
Marischal College
Broad Street
Aberdeen
AB10 1AB

DL: +44 (0) 141 222 4103

163 West George Street
Glasgow G2 2JJ

savills.com

Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION: Uptown Business Network - The Aberdeen City Council (Justice Mill Lane, Langstane Place, Windmill Brae Area, Aberdeen)(Traffic Management) Order 202(X)

Further to our previous correspondence issued on 18th April 2018 (copy enclosed). It has been brought to our attention that the above noted matter is being reconsidered by Aberdeen City Council and The Roads Department.

I understand the proposals are to prohibit vehicular access to Justice Mill Lane between the hours of 10pm and 5am daily, and to introduce some new parking restrictions.

As previously highlighted, The Silver Fin Building, is a 24 hour operation, and the only means of vehicular access to the car park is via Justice Mill Lane, therefore our client's building occupiers and visitors require unrestricted access.

No decision should be made until we have been fully consulted on the matter and we are satisfied with how the operation will work in practice.

We welcome the opportunity to attend a meeting to discuss further at your earliest convenience. Please confirm by return.

Yours sincerely

Associate

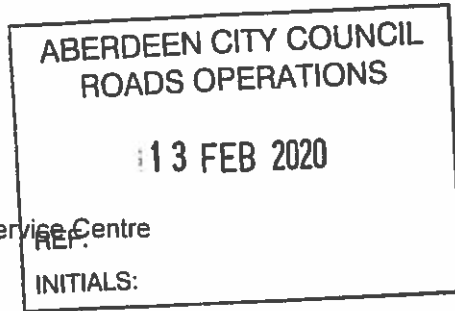
Encl.

Offices and associates throughout the Americas, Europe, Asia Pacific, Africa and the Middle East.

Savills (UK) Limited. Chartered Surveyors. Regulated by RICS. A subsidiary of Savills plc. Registered in England No 2805138.
Registered office: 33 Margaret Street, London, W1G 0JD



18 April 2018



Aberdeen City Council Customer Service Centre
Property Asset Management
Ground Floor
Marischal College
Broad Street
Aberdeen
AB10 1AB

163 West George Street
Glasgow G2 2JJ

savills.com

Dear Sir/Madam,

Complaint regarding the proposed night car ban to Justice Mill Lane

Savills act as the managing agent on behalf of the owners of The Silver Fin Building, Aberdeen and it is in that capacity that I write to you now. We understand from a recent press release in The Press and Journal dated April 12 2018, that the council intend to ban any vehicular access to Justice Mill Lane during the hours of 10pm and 5am.

The Silver Fin Building, is a 24 hour operation, and the only means of vehicular access to the car park is via Justice Mill Lane, therefore our client's building occupiers and visitors require unrestricted access. It is wholly unacceptable that neither ourselves nor our client have been consulted in respect of these proposals considering our reliance on this Lane and its proximity to the property.

We are in close liaison with the Capitol Building owners, who also operate on a 24 hour basis and are similarly reliant on unrestricted access to the rear lane. As you will be aware, these buildings comprise two major office schemes of £100m of private sector investment in Aberdeen, and both proprietors oppose this proposal in the strongest terms.

We would however welcome the opportunity to have further discussion with the council in relation to the operation of Justice Mill Lane if these proposals are to implemented, and we would be grateful if a meeting could be arranged at your earliest convenience. Please confirm by return.

Yours sincerely

Surveyor