



# ROTOJAR®

Aberdeen City Council

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Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing on behalf of Rotojar (UK) Ltd to object to the parking and operation of a mobile catering van on Kirkhill Drive, Dyce.

Rotojar (UK) Ltd has just taken over the tenancy of 20/40 Site 35, Kirkhill Drive and this van is currently parked immediately adjacent to the main pedestrian entrance to our building.

The van in question has been parked on Kirkhill Drive since the beginning of November. We understand that the owners have applied for a license which has not yet been granted therefore the van should not currently be parked at this location. I believe the owners have been asked to remove it until the outcome is decided – but I would be obliged if you could confirm this in your acknowledgement to this letter.

We would like to strongly object to van being located outside our premises on the following grounds:

- SAFETY - The extremely close proximity of the van to our entrance causes a significant obstruction to the safe and sociable ingress and egress of staff and visitors to our building. The pavement is narrow and any queuing customers will severely restrict access to our place of work
- SAFETY - The section of road where the van is parked is not currently subject to double yellow line painting but it is our understanding that the area is indeed designated for double yellow line painting, however, this area is currently extensively used as an unofficial long-term airport car park (which in itself is highly unsatisfactory and is the subject of another communication with the local authority) and the extended periods of vehicle parking have prevented the lines from being applied.
- SAFETY - Irrespective of the presence of double yellow lines, the location of the van is extremely close to the shared main vehicular entrance to our property and our neighbours, and creates a significant hazard in the severe reduction of visibility to vehicles leaving the site and may potentially lead to a road traffic incidents.
- SAFETY - Should the van be relocated a few metres further from our vehicular entrance it will obstruct the junction to the Kirkhill Drive cul-de-sac, causing an equally hazardous restriction to visibility and large vehicle access.
- SAFETY - There is no (or very little) on-street parking for potential customers of the van (due to the long-term parking as previously mentioned) and it is therefore anticipated that these customers would illegally park either on the double yellows nearby or in the vehicular entrance to our place of work
- DAMAGE TO BUSINESS - The nature of our business is the development of high-end decommissioning technologies in which we have very heavily invested, we are also heavily investing in the regeneration of the property to uplift the site and the locale in general. Siting of a dilapidated van in the immediate vicinity significantly detracts from the projected image which we are trying to develop as a local high technology entrepreneurial business.
- HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT - We would expect there to be littering due to the absence of litter bins as well as the potentially undesirable smell of cooking odours
- INSUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION - We believe there to be an existing sufficient provision of such mobile catering vans with approximately 6 in the immediate Kirkhill area as well as of course the 'Cloggy house' and all of the recently built hotels' catering facilities.
- BUSINESS COMMUNITY - We have consulted with a number of our immediate neighbours who share our views and who endorse our objection.



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We strongly believe this location is not suitable due to the health and safety and social concerns explained above we are also seriously concerned about the inability to safely socially distance while accessing our place of work during the COVID-19 crisis.

We would appreciate it if you would take this into consideration and deny the license for siting the van in this location. Further, we would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to consider this objection. Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

Dr Peter Moyes

Chairman