

Appendix 2 - Further Consultation Responses

Police Scotland

Thank you for your email of 4 August 2021 seeking the view of Police Scotland regarding the proposal to create a taxi rank on the south kerb of Queen Street, Aberdeen for nine to ten vehicles.

The proposed rank would result in a narrowed carriageway over the stretch of the 9 or 10 stances, permitting traffic in one direction only, potentially for the whole length of the area proposed.

Queen Street is very frequently used by Police vehicles in emergency mode which may exacerbate the issues associated with a reduced width of carriageway.

Additionally, there could be hazards arising from potential congregation of pedestrians and possibility of intoxicated persons on the carriageway, particularly during the later (and darker) hours.

With the demolition of the former Police building in Queen Street in the near future, the carriageway is likely to experience use by heavy plant and a narrowed roadway may be problematic for access by large vehicles.

I am of the view that the proposed location is unsuitable for the locating of a taxi rank due to the impact it would have on the width of the existing carriageway and the safety risks I envisage as arising therefrom.

I respectfully request that these comments be taken into account when considering this proposal.

North East Division Licensing Team

ACC Roads Department

Having reviewed the proposals we would make the following observations, the presence of a new taxi rank at this location may present an issue during the demolition of the Queen Street Police Station, we understand that this is due to take place early in the new year. Reducing carriageway capacity may conflict with the movement of construction vehicles and as such officers would have concern regarding safety at this time.

Furthermore there may be an issue relating to Police emergency response vehicles exiting Marischal College and we understand that this will be consulted with Police Scotland separately.

On a similar vein, the Scottish Court Service may require access to the kerbside to facilitate the transfer and movement of people to and from the Sherriff Court. Removing this section of available kerbside may present operational difficulties within their site.

As the area is subject to future development, roads officers would suggest that a taxi rank at this location should be subject to further discussions as part of the ongoing CCMP refresh, and the redevelopment of the Queen Street Quarter.