Stronsay Drive/King's Gate and Surrounding Streets Objections

## MASTRICK, SHEDDOCKSLEY & SUMMERHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chairman Steve Delaney, 33 Benbecula Road, Aberdeen. AB16 6FT

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Allison Swanson, Committee Services Officer, Aberdeen City Council, Town House, Aberdeen.

## PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT – (STRONSAY DRIVE, KING'S GATE AND SURROUNDING STREETS, ABERDEEN)(VARIOUS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) ORDER 2011

Dear Ms Swanson,

On behalf of Mastrick, Sheddocksley & Summerhill Community Council I would like this letter of representation to replace our previous submission which was made in respect of an earlier round of consultation on these proposals.

We agree there is a need to address the traffic impact caused by the Tesco development at Rousay Drive but question the logic behind these proposals. Whilst accepting some traffic will originate from residents south of Kings Gate travelling to the Tesco store along the Kings Gate, Stronsay Drive, Eday Road route, we are not convinced this traffic will be substantial. In this respect, we feel that the mitigation is being applied in the wrong place!

We believe a signalised junction at Kings Gate/Stronsay Drive (and associated works) is long overdue and would not therefore object to this part of the proposal. We are not convinced that these proposals would result in any reduction in traffic movement on Stronsay Drive but do not feel we can stand in the way of a much needed signalised junction which would benefit local residents exiting onto Kings Gate.

The proposed signalised junction at Stronsay Drive, Stronsay Place, Eday Road is very different. Stronsay Drive is a road many choose to avoid due to the awkwardness of negotiating its build outs, commonly referred to as "the obstacle course" which is the main reason we don't see much traffic using it to access the Tesco store.

If these proposals were to proceed, this would result in traffic signals where they are neither needed nor wanted and a significant loss of residential parking spaces. These works would result in displacement of vehicles causing a knock on effect for neighbouring streets. It would also result in residents having to park further away from their homes where no real justification has been demonstrated which would deem this to be necessary. As well as causing considerable inconvenience to residents, the proposals for this junction would create a traffic queuing situation where none currently exists. We remain unconvinced that this route would see any major traffic impact from the Tesco store and believe the developer contribution could be put to more beneficial use to introduce further mitigation at the Lang Stracht which will see a significant increase in traffic as a result of the Tesco proposal and others.

We have already written to the Council requesting the progressing of a Lang Stracht Brief to look at the cumulative impact of all development along this arterial route and the setting up of a fund derived from S75 contributions to deliver major road improvements. We accept the Tesco application pre-dates this and no further contributions can now be sought from them. What we would like to see is the financial contributions from the proposed signalised junction and associated road works at Stronsay Drive, Stronsay Place, Eday Road diverted to such a fund where we believe they would contribute towards a greater degree of much needed mitigation measures.

This is a one off measure and we need to get it right. As a possible way forward we would request Committee consider postponing the measures proposed for the Stronsay Drive, Stronsay Place, Eday Road junction until 12 months after the Tesco store opens. At that time a traffic assessment would be needed to assess the changes at both this junction and on the Lang Stracht to determine the area of greatest need for the mitigation measures. We would be much happier if the proposed measures were evidenced in the manner suggested and, should our appraisal of the situation be correct, the contribution diverted to Lang Stracht infrastructure improvements.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

Steve Delaney

>>> Alister Christie <\_\_\_\_\_> 8/16/2011 3:22 pm >>> We at 44 Angusfield Avenue Aberdeen, wish to register our complaint/concerns with regard to the proposed restrictions at Westholme Avenue.

We feel that these proposals will increase the (  ${\rm Rat}\ {\rm Run}$  )on Angusfield Avenue  $\ {\rm that}\ {\rm occurs}\ {\rm between}\ {\rm Kings}\ {\rm Gate}\ {\rm And}\ {\rm Queens}\ {\rm Road}$  .

We trust our concerns will be taken into account, please confirm receipt of this correspondence.

Regards Alister & Lorraine Christie