Licensing - May Day Parade

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Dear Jacqui,

Firstly may I thank you for getting back to me so quickly regarding the Planned Mayday Parade by the Aberdeen Trades Union Council. Yes we are objecting to this parade based on the reasons below.

- 1) The National Front had already announced that they will be holding a "Recruitment day event" in the Castlegate area of the city on the same date and we will not change our plans under any circumstances as we have people from different organisations attending from other areas of Scotland.
- 2) The Planned parade by the TUC is not on the application page on the council's website and therefore no member of the public has had the chance to view the application or object to it as per legal guidelines.
- 3) The chance of public disorder at the castlegate is inevitable due to the mindless thuggery and animosity of left wing organisations in the past towards our party (National Front). Both groups in the same area at the same time would be a recipe for disaster.

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4) Finally, it was revealed in 2012 that the preferred route for any processions/parades held in Aberdeen were to begin at St.Nicholas Church and end at the Castlegate. Has this changed since 2012?

This event has been planned to start at Albyn Place then head down Union street towards the Castlegate. We object to this route being used as it would seriously inconvenience the people of Aberdeen as they go about their business in the city centre on what is the busiest shopping day of the week.

Why has the TUC decided to hold a parade on the Saturday when it is acknowledged that May day parades are to take place on the Bank Holiday Monday which this year falls on the 6th May? We believe that they chose this date as they knew about our event which was already advertised for the 4th May.

If they want to hold the parade on the Monday then would consider allowing this to take place.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Yours
Dave MacDonald
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