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To Jacqui Wallace, Litigation and Licensing, Legal and Democratic Services

**Re: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.**  
**Notice of a public procession by: Scottish Defence League.**  
**Purpose: Freedom of speech, expression and movement.**

As Licensing Officer for Ferryhill and Ruthrieston Community Council I am writing to object to the above application on behalf of the Community Council. This letter reflects the collected views of the Community Council.

The application letter was discussed at the last Community Council meeting (29/05/2013) and it was decided that an objection would be submitted. We have concerns about the parade as described in your letter. It appears to be an attempt to hold a demonstration outside religious premises in St John's Place rather than a parade as such.

In the light of recent events elsewhere in the UK and the nature of the premises (Mosque) we feel this gathering would appear as intimidation of a particular religious group and we cannot see what positive purpose it can serve. There is also the concern, in view of the group applying to hold this demonstration, that there may be local disturbance by group supporters or their opponents and there is a feeling that this demonstration appears deliberately planned to antagonise. For this reason we hope that the police and City Council will see fit to prevent it.

Yours faithfully

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(Licensing Officer: Ferryhill and Ruthrieston Community Council)