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30<sup>th</sup> January, 2014

Dear Sir,

**Formal Objection to the Planning Application 131833 24 Dec 2013  
On the grounds of the effect on Union Bridge being a Listed Building.**  
<http://planning.aberdeencity.gov.uk/docs/showimage.asp?i=131833&index=111519>  
1 Union Bridge, ABERDEEN AB11 6BG

<b>Application Reference:</b>	131833
<b>Local Authority Reference:</b>	000075746-003
<b>Proposal Description:</b>	Proposed works to bridge to provide safety barrier, with associated lighting and works
<b>Application type:</b>	Detailed Planning Permission

I write in connection with the above planning application.

I have examined the plans and I know the site well.

Jamieson & Carry has successfully traded out of these premises since 1925.

I have been a partner since 1976.

I wish to object strongly to the design of the proposed works.

We accept the need for measures for suicide prevention.

We applaud the time and effort that the Councillors and Officers have invested in this scheme.

However, Union Bridge is dominant in the city centre landscape. This alteration to its appearance has already attracted adverse comments and therefore our opposition by way of objection to this planning application.

We are truly dismayed with the design of the proposed option and therefore object.

Our feeling is underlined by the following indented paragraphs are taken from the website of the Planning Department of the Aberdeen City Council:

The Union Street Conservation Area includes one of the most important examples of early nineteenth century planned streets in Scotland with the development of Union Bridge and Union Street. The street is one of the engineering feats of the early nineteenth century and contains many of the City's most important and impressive buildings.

The conservation area contains more Category A listed buildings than any other conservation area in Aberdeen. The conservation area boundary includes the entire length of Union Street as well as areas of land to the north and south that are linked to Union Street by their physical and historic connections.

Conservation areas are designated by the planning authority as being areas of special architectural or historical interest, which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. Most of the City's conservation areas have additional planning controls (Article 4 Directions) to ensure that the special character of the area is preserved and enhanced. Conservation areas are designated and have statutory protection under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997.

Aberdeen City Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Plan: July 2013:

**Policy D5 - Built Heritage**

Proposals affecting Conservation Areas or Listed Buildings will only be permitted if they comply with Scottish Planning Policy. In relation to development affecting archaeological resources further details are set out in Supplementary Guidance on Archaeology and Planning.

Planning permission for development that would have an adverse effect on the character or setting of a site listed in the inventory of gardens and design landscapes in Scotland or in any addition to the inventory will be refused unless:

- 1: the objectives of designation and the overall integrity and character of the designated area will not be compromised; or
- 2: any significant adverse effects on the qualities for which the area has been designated are clearly outweighed by social, economic and strategic benefit of national importance.

In both cases mitigation and appropriate measures shall be taken to conserve and enhance the essential characteristics, aesthetics, archaeological and historical.

We are of the opinion that the proposed design is extremely industrial in appearance and is not at all sympathetic with the gothic nature of the listed Union Bridge.

Both the lighting and the stainless steel wiring are a sudden introduction onto Union Street, with nothing similar throughout Union Street.

As the owners of the adjoining building, 142 Union Street, we would refuse any attempt to attach such an unsightly attachment to our building.

The proposed horizontal stretch cables are very likely to sag in the summer.

The proposed design includes very crude-looking barriers on the curved parts of the bridge.

Please note that this Letter of Objection to a change to a Listed Building, dated 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 is separate from my Letter of Objection of 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Carry  
Partner

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**Re: Planning application 131833: Union Bridge**

The City Centre Community council object to the above application of the proposed works to Union Bridge for the following reasons.

1. The preferred option is not as sympathetic to the historic bridge.
2. The preferred option is the more expensive option
3. The preferred option does not cover the whole length of the wall and so will not be as effective to reducing the risks.
4. There is no mention of up-keep costs for the lights on Option A.

We would also like to note that a great deal more work seems to have been spent on option A with regards to drawings and showing elevations compared to Option B.

We would therefore like to officially object to the application based on the reports preferred option.

We would urge officers and the committee to go with option B as this would be more aesthetically sympathetic, make financial sense and be more effective at protecting people from harm.

Kind regards

Dustin Macdonald  
Chairman  
Aberdeen City Centre Community Council