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Dear Sir/Madam

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE RELOCATION OF ARC RIDING SCHOOL PLANNING APPLICATION NO 150110

This letter is written in support of the relocation of the ARC Riding School from Milltimber to Nether Anguston. This relocation will allow a key facility in Aberdeen to remain with access to 105 acres of grazing, within Aberdeen City boundaries. The centre has been carefully designed to blend in with the surroundings and its development would allow the greenbelt to be utilised to its full potential for recreational services, compatible with the countryside setting and agricultural surroundings.

The centres accessibility will ensure all users can be catered for and the horses will be accommodated in modern, fit for- purpose stabling with access to 100+ acres of quality grazing. The development will allow ARC to retain and expand its specialist staff to continue providing expert riding tuition and educational services. The approval of this development will also allow ARC to continue to expand their business and further contribute to the local and national horse riding community; its refusal could mean the end for this vital service.

Sport Scotland have recognised the value of this non-profit making organisation by approving the first stage of a lottery funding application. They recognise the support, enhanced level of social inclusion and access to horse riding and care provided by ARC. The new development will allow the current waiting list to be serviced using a more efficient use of space and buildings, creating a modern facility that could be used for generations to come.

In conclusion this application should be approved as a vital sporting facility and resource in the Aberdeen City area. Scottish Government policy strives to protect and develop sport to encourage health and wellbeing and the ARC proposal fully embraces this providing a safe haven for young people to spend their time, investing heavily in the local community. The approval of this proposal will allow a highly commended equestrian centre to continue their outstanding service, offering immense benefits to all user groups. The centres development would allow the greenbelt to be utilised to its full potential for recreational services, compatible with the countryside setting and agricultural surroundings.

Yours sincerely


Brian D Donald

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Comment for Planning Application 150110

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type :
Comment : Dear Sirs

I am writing to express my support for the planning application, Reference 150110, made by Aberdeen Riding Club to re-locate and develop a purpose built facility on the outskirts of Aberdeen.

I was and still am greatly upset to discover that the area of land where Aberdeen Riding Club are currently are based at Oldfold Stables, Milltimber has been re-zoned from its original Green Belt status to now allow houses to be built on it. However I am delighted to see that the Riding Club have managed to source another area of suitable land where they are hoping to re-locate their well established business too. Their planning application to build a purpose built equestrian facility on this redundant farm appears to be an ideal location, as it is situated within the city boundary, the design seems to make good use of the existing land and fits in well with existing nearby buildings.

In addition to support this application I feel that it must be know that Aberdeen Riding Club (ARC) offers a valuable service to the local community in its aim of making horse riding accessible to all. There has been a great loss in recent years of such facilities due to land being re-zoned for housing. As a result I feel it is imperative that this planning application be approved and thereby supporting this venture to prevent this sport being all but completely lost in the area. As the local journals recently reported ARC are also great supporters of Riding for The Disabled and the Befriend a Child Scheme providing crucial therapy to many adults and children in the city of Aberdeen and the surrounding area. To quote Ed Bracher, the chief executive of the charity he said "The multiple benefits that RDA delivers; physiotherapy, enhanced health and well-being, a chance to achieve goals and access to the outdoors; make it uniquely beneficial to people with a wide range of disabilities, and we hope that Aberdeen Riding Club is successful in finding a new site so that the work of Aberdeen RDA can continue." Consent should be given to this application to construct a purpose built new facility to ensure this valuable work is continued.

Kind regards
Jill Bedawi

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type :

Comment : "Dear Sirs,

○ would like to note my support for this application as I feel it is vital that Aberdeen Riding Club continue to be able to provide a valuable service within Aberdeen City Boundaries, particularly because they are a local employer. The facility that they have applied to build would allow them to continue to employ the same number and possibly more staff for the foreseeable future".

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type :

Comment : I support the proposed planing application 150110. The site of the new development is ideal for the size of business. It has enough acreage to surpport the horses which it uses to provide services to the community. The location is also ideal as it's not too far from it current premises, as if it moves too far from the current area, it will effect the community services it provides.

The facility is modern and will allow sustainability which will ensure services to the local area and Aberdeenshire can at least be maintained.

The business of the proposed site employs full time, part time and 3rd party staff across the Aberdeenshire area such as; coaches, vets, farriers and other equine professionals. It also provides and encourages volunteering for charities such as The Riding for the Disabled, this provides valuable services to the community on many levels.

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type :

Comment : I fully support the planning application by ARC. They work closely with Riding for the Disabled and underprivileged children from the city to increase accessibility to these groups allowing them to benefit from riding in a safe and caring environment. They provide the ONLY site for hippotherapy in Aberdeen city and work in partnership with physiotherapy students from Robert Gordon University to provide this essential service for disabled children and adults in Aberdeen. It is important that the location is still accessible to RGU students. Once completed the site will be maintained to a high standard as this is vital for disabled access. This development has the potential to be a flagship for therapeutic riding in Scotland and to raise the profile of Aberdeen as a centre of excellence for equine therapies.

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AB12 5TY

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Email : [REDACTED]

type :

Comment : Dear Sirs,

I would like to offer my support for this application. In recent years, there has been an unprecedented loss of equestrian facilities with Aberdeen City and Shire due to development of housing and there is a risk that the facilities that Aberdeen Riding Club have worked so hard to make accessible to all could be lost. It would also appear to me to be very well located within the city boundary to fulfil the needs of this long established business.

Kind regards,

David Lawson.

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Comment for Planning Application 150110

Name : Christine Bell
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Email : [REDACTED]

type :

Comment : To whom it may concern,

I am writing to offer my support for this application by Aberdeen Riding Club (ARC) to relocate their current premises.

This application will safeguard a valuable service offered locally. Recently, there has been an unprecedented loss of similar facilities due to land rezoning for housing or alternative development, and Aberdeen now runs the risk of losing such sporting facilities totally if this application is not supported. The loss of this facility from the area would have wider negative impact on the community of Aberdeen as ARC strives to ensure that this sport is accessible to all demographic groups, including several charitable organisations. Furthermore, ARC has gained national recognition in the industry for its excellence in service provision, thus serving as a good advert for Aberdeen as a city. Support of this application will allow ARC to continue and extend this work, bringing further positive national attention to Aberdeen as a leader in the industry.

The new purpose built buildings set into the natural landscape on a redundant farm makes the site ideally suited to equestrian purposes, allowing ARC to continue its excellent work. The site is well located and positioned within the city boundary to fulfil the needs of this established business, and will maintain easy access for the public to continue to use these excellent facilities.

I fully support this application by ARC.

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Comment : As Chairman & Instructor at Aberdeen Riding for the Disabled (RDA), we are hugely excited by this proposed planning development which would secure the future of Aberdeen RDA and allow us to continue to give over 40 disabled children the chance to benefit from riding every week. The design of the proposed new indoor facility means that the participants, their parents/carers/teachers and the volunteers would be much more comfortable, even during the winter months - as would the ponies!

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type :

Comment : Dear Planning Department;

We are very excited by the proposed new development for Aberdeen riding Club at the Anguston site. Aberdeen is sorely lacking for decent sports facilities beyond the normal field sports for kids and riding is without question open to anyone who wishes to take part. ARC's commitment to inclusive sporting has been known for many years and the possibility of losing this should be of major concern to the city as a whole.

Just to make it clear as to how inclusive we are talking about here. I have enjoyed walks in the country for many years but when I reached the age of 50, it became clear that my own health and fitness was being neglected. During the last year and a half I have been positively encouraged in the sport of riding starting from never having sat on a horse to the point where I am now learning to jump and regularly go for long hacks in the country with my new found friends at ARC. All in all this is a positively inspiring sport for anyone of absolutely any age whatsoever.

The new location is an excellent choice, being close enough to Aberdeen for an easy commute even at peak hours and having plenty of excellent riding areas to allow us to make best use of this wonderful countryside.

It does not impinge on other people nor should it in the future, so please, Aberdeen needs this, please let this application pass.

With many thanks

Barbara Ward
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