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Dear Sirs

14, The Chanonry, Old Aberdeen

It is very difficult to live in a small community, such as Old Aberdeen, and be opposed to planning applications involving long standing neighbours. We do not have any objection to the proposal for the new occupant of No. 14 to live and work there, nor do we have any concern about others working from there as well.

We are, however, concerned that the houses might cease, permanently, to be classed as "residential" and need to be described as a "business".

During the 1980's, when the University of Aberdeen was required by the University Grants Committee, to sell the houses that they owned in the Charanry, care was taken to ensure that families would continue to occupy this area. In making this decision, they were allowing "The Charanry" to continue the history of this area.

Over the years many of the new occupiers have gone to great lengths to maintain and improve their houses and to care for the generously sized gardens.

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The concern is that if one house is allowed to be used for business purposes, and has an official "change of use" then, inevitably a precedent is set. Any future 'house for sale' is a potential business property.

There is not a shortage of office accommodation in Aberdeen - there is, in fact a great deal of office space available. It does seem, therefore unnecessary to risk this conservation area.

As we said earlier, we have no objection to the suggested new arrangement per se and we hope that somehow a 'middle way' can be achieved.

Yours faithfully,

