Planning Dept Marischal College Broad St Aberdeen

8 Harrow Road Old Aberdeen AB24 4UF 22nd Sept 2016

Dear Sir,

14 The Chanonry - proposed part change of use from dwelling-house to business use

I wish to register a strong objection to the above proposal.

The Chanonry is a jewel in the crown of Aberdeen; a corner of the city with a unique character – just a Cathedral church surrounded by beautiful family homes, mostly Georgian manses, set in peaceful surroundings. This is a wholly residential area with no trace of commerce, and as such, there is a very real air of timelessness about it.

To introduce <u>any</u> form of business use, let alone a suite of 4 offices and meeting accommodation, would greatly detract from the character of the area, partly because of the extra traffic and parked vehicles, but also because of the office signage which would surely have to be erected.

Much more serious, however, would be the effect such a development would have on the character of The Chanonry as a whole, for without question, a precedent would have been set if this were permitted, and more such developments would follow, as the Council would be unable to refuse subsequent applications for part or full office use.

In a fairly short space of time, The Chanonry could become just another commercial or business area, like Queen's Road or similar.

This corner of Old Aberdeen is far too special for this to be allowed to happen.

I would therefore urge the Council to preserve the unique character of The Chanonry by refusing this application.

Yours faithfully,

Muriel Mackechnie