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Old Aberdeen
AB24 3HS

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Development Management
Planning and Sustainable Development
Aberdeen City Council
Business Hub 4
Marischal College
Broad Street
Aberdeen
AB10 1AB

Dear Sir/Madam

14 Chanonry, Old Aberdeen AB24
Change of Use from residential (class 8) to Business (class 4)

I wish to object to the above application for the following reasons:

Compatibility with other uses in the area and Precedent

This property is within a residential area and its current use as a residential property should be maintained. Should the planning department allow this change of use, it would be obliged to allow other properties within the location to also be changed from residential to business as a precedent would have been set.

Impact on amenity

The use of the property as a business premises, will by definition have employees and visitors. Given the nature of the business (religious) it would be expected that whilst some "working" will be during normal working hours some will take place during outside normal working hours and thus intruded on local resident's lives and their enjoyment of their properties.

Effect on a conservation area

This part of the Old Aberdeen conservation area has been described as the Jewel in the Crown of Aberdeen and should be kept as such, without the intrusion of a business. A business will affect the tranquillity of the area and one where people go to for quiet contemplation.

Sustainability and Impact on parking

The property is not located to the proposed resident's place of work, nor is it on a bus route to it (Huntly Street). The workers in the offices will have to bring cars and it may be that the existing parking within the property will have to expand into the garden to accommodate them.

I urge you to refuse the above application on these grounds

Yours sincerely


Patrick Birchley