

Dear Ms Hajisoltani,

Planning application 161194 - 42/44A Kings Crescent - change of use to gym and retail

Further to our email of 29 August we wish to clarify and update our position as follows:

The Old Aberdeen Community Council has no objection to the proposed change of use to a gym in principle.

However, we do strongly object to the claim made on the application form that there are 4 parking spaces on the application site.

1. The site location plan clearly identifies a building without any parking facility available.
2. The space referred to is the adjoining side lane and is understood by Aberdeen City Council to be Council owned (we understand the Council is continuing to research the issue) however the owner of 44A has chosen to unilaterally place a gate across this back lane to the detriment of the surrounding community.

We therefore OBJECT to this application as it stands, but will be pleased to withdraw this objection if the application is revised to show either zero spaces or 'approximately 4 spaces available for general public access'.

Secondly, a business like this will have periods of activity in the street just before a class starts and again after it has finished. This has the potential to create considerable noise and disruption to the surrounding residents, some who live immediately adjacent to no.44.

We consider it important that the business should be time-constrained such that there will be no early morning or late evening classes or events that would cause an unreasonable level of disruption.

Taking into consideration that there will be comings and goings beyond the actual times of any class, we request that, if the application is approved, then no classes, competitions or events should be held outside working hours of 1000 to 2000. This would demonstrate a level of respect for the residents.

We consider this is sufficiently important for the local community that we propose to OBJECT to this planning application on the basis of excessive local disruption, unless appropriate operating constraints are made a part of any qualified approval.

Yours sincerely,
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