

Dear Ms Swanson

Thank you very much for taking the time to explain to me the process I need to follow in response to my email letter from David Wemyss with regard to the current draft legislation to provide for extended operational hours in certain on-street zones and off-street car parks. I understand that my letter on behalf of the RSCDS Aberdeen Branch is being held as a statutory objection to the relevant traffic order and will be considered at the council's Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure committee on 31st May.

I would like to lodge a deputation for this meeting to enable someone from the RSCDS Aberdeen Branch to speak to the committee to amplify our objection. It may not be myself but I would request that the Agenda and Report is sent to myself and to others copied on this email.

As discussed I would be most grateful if this item could be covered first on the agenda, and our deputation be heard first.

Our deputation concerns the Aberdeen Branch of the RSCDS running classes in Scottish country dancing throughout the city. We are currently holding our weekly Summer Socials in the Boys' Brigade Hall in Crimon Place and plan to hold evening classes there from the autumn. We are a registered Scottish Charity.

If the proposals (to remove the free parking arrangement from 6.00 p.m. are approved it would mean something of the order of £2.50 per evening added to the cost of classes for individuals attending. As a result it is fairly likely that our classes would collapse.

We appreciate too that the proposals have implications for events in the Music Hall, HM Theatre and businesses based in town. We trust that the councillors will take the knock-on effect of the proposals into consideration when making their decision. While we appreciate the need for the Council to raise funds we urge that this is not one of the measures which is adopted.

Our deputation would recommend that car parking charges were not added after 6:00pm in this particular area.

Regards

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