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Please reply to this venue:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> His Majesty's Theatre
Rosemount Viaduct
Aberdeen AB25 1GL
T: 0845 270 8200
F: 01224 337690 | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Hall
Union Street
Aberdeen AB10 1QS
T: 01224 632080
F: 01224 632400 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aberdeen Box Office
Music Hall Union Street
Aberdeen AB10 1QS
T: 01224 641122
F: 01224 632400
boxoffice@aberdeen.com | <input type="checkbox"/> The Lemon Tree
5 West North Street
Aberdeen AB24 5AT
T: 01224 337688
F: 01224 647259 |

Dear Sirs

Proposals to extend Car Parking Charges in Aberdeen City

I write regarding the proposals to extend car parking charges in Aberdeen up to 8pm and to have an overnight charge. This will have a significant impact on customers attending performances at the venues we operate – His Majesty's Theatre, the Music Hall and The Lemon Tree.

The majority of performances in these venues start at 7.30pm or 8pm and customers normally park between 7pm and 7.30pm. The proposed changes to charges would mean that our customers would face a charge for parking until 8pm and another charge for overnight parking. This could add up to £3.50 to the cost of their evening out.

The Board of Aberdeen Performing Arts considered the matter at a recent meeting and concluded that these additional parking costs would be a significant disincentive to coming to our venues and that if implemented would seriously impact on our business. This proposal would also have a knock on effect on restaurants and public houses providing pre and post theatre catering. The Board of APA have asked me to write to the City Council to register their objection to these proposals.

I would also like to request that I am given the opportunity of raising these issues in person, at the relevant Council committee when Councillors meet to consider this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Duncan Hendry
Chief Executive