

For the attention of Aberdeen Licensing Committee.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like for our application for a permanent taxi rank which can hold 12 taxis along with a drop off area which can hold up to 9 taxis to be in operation at The Events Complex Aberdeen (TECA) to be put forward to the April 2019 licensing board. We would request the TECA taxi rank to be operational as of the 1st of July 2019.

TECA is Scotland's brand new events venue and arena bringing the best entertainment and a world class fan experience to the North East. Replacing the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC), TECA is a £333 million development delivered by Aberdeen City Council in partnership with Henry Boot Developments. TECA is to attract an additional 4.5 million visitors, £113 million of visitor spend by 2025, to boost the local economy.

TECA is the largest ever single investment in a venue in the UK and reflects the ambition of Aberdeen City Council to diversify the local economy and brings an opportunity to add real value to the city, region and to Scotland as a whole. It boasts an impressive airport location, contemporary design and will be very eco-friendly.

TECA will offer a far more flexible and technologically advanced space than the current AECC site, enabling it to compete nationally and internationally for new events as well as broadening the appeal of the North East to business and leisure visitors from across the globe. A permanent taxi rank onsite at TECA will give our visitor's connectivity to the surrounding area namely Aberdeen International Airport, the UK's most connected regional airport, just minutes from the city's new western peripheral route, and in prime position for rail links between Aberdeen and the North of Scotland.

To assist with the overall traffic management of the site TECA will host over 2000 car parking spaces and we are in discussion with Stagecoach and First Bus to arrange bus routes to travel through the site. The taxi rank will be in use not only for TECA but also a service for the newly built Aloft and Hilton Hotel. The Hilton Hotel will also be accessible to taxis hosting a pick up and drop off area at their main entrance. With the rank being in place for the opening of TECA we can correctly manage the taxis in this area, allowing us to prohibit private hires using our rank.

The permanent taxi rank will also support the traffic management for SPE Offshore Europe will be held in September 2019. With the new venue comes new opportunities, and SPE Offshore Europe will bring around 36,000 attendees, more than 900 exhibitors from international market leaders to new innovative companies.

Please find enclosed two site maps showing the location of the taxi rank in detail along with the Hilton taxi pick up and drop off area.

If you have any questions or would like further details please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Yours sincerely,

General Manager
TECA on behalf of SMG Europe Holdings Limited