

Dear Sir / Madam

I am [REDACTED] a local resident to Laurencekirk

I am writing to you today with reference to the proposed purchase and / or asset transfer of the Former community centre 148/152 Highstreet Laurencekirk, Aberdeenshire AB30 1BL from Aberdeenshire council to the Catalyst community regeneration company with a view to them creating a community hub to support the activities of the catalyst church and to provide community groups a further facility to let.

I OBJECT to this proposal for the following reasons:

Lack of General information as to the plans for the facility & what it's intended uses are which leads on the the below issues

Lack of suitable off street parking for the facility and it's user groups which would lead to further congestion in one of the busiest and congested parts of the main Street through the town. In turn disrupting the flow of traffic, generating increased traffic and reducing road safety for both users and local residents which in turn would also lead to the further issue of local residents not being able gain adequate parking near there own homes.

Lack of suitable access / egress for the various trades required to carry out the extensive renovations. Again this will impact the local residents as trades will have to access the premises from main Street with further disruptions to local parking,the traffic flow and road safety.

Lack of suitable access / egress for disabled users. The highstreet has a deep double kerb along it. I appreciate there are lowered kerbs but one is primarily for a local business and the other for a private residence.

Noise pollution from the facility once up and running affecting local residents as it is generally a quiet area of the town. This is also a concern for during the renovations but I understand this would be temporary.

Laurencekirk already has a purpose built community campus at the north end of the village which is available to use by all. I feel this campus addresses all the issues I have raised above and fail to see why this could not be used by the catalyst church in future as more suitable and cost effective option. Failing that there are various other under used buildings around the community such as the Dickson hall and masonic hall that are in very good state of repair and also address the issues that I have raised above.

I can be contacted at:

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Best regards

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