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Dear Ross

### **Proposed Changes to Off-Street Parking within Aberdeen City - Preliminary Statutory Consultation**

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the operation of the off-street car parks as outlined in your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011.

We have no objections to the proposals being put forward for changes to the operation of off-street car parks and fully support the aim to simplify the overnight charging regime. In particular, we agree with the proposal to remove the overnight charge of £1.50 between 8pm and 8am. We agree that the revised system being proposed will help to simplify the charging system and reduce the confusion that has been experienced by the general public recently.

We do however have a number of questions in relation to how the scheme will operate and for which further clarification or thought may need to be given to as the new regime is put into place:

1. In places where there is currently a one or two hour maximum stay, will this maximum stay also apply between the hours 8pm and 8am or will a longer stay be permitted?
2. Will restrictions on single yellow lines in the relevant areas continue to finish at 6pm? We feel that in order to ensure simplicity of the system, there needs to be a consistent policy of hours and charging between car parks, the parking bays and the single yellow lines.
3. In relation to allowing permit holders to park in off-street car parks between 6pm and 8am, we feel that members of the public may question why this is restricted to overnight parking rather than permitted at all times. It may be beneficial to be clear on the objectives of this policy as many residents may not understand why they would be required to move their car from an off-street car park before 8am.

4. Learning the lessons from the recent past, the simplicity of the regime to be implemented will be vital for its success along with clear and concise signage and enforcement.

Overall Nestrans is supportive of the changes being proposed and I hope the points I have highlighted above are helpful in taking this proposal forward.

Yours sincerely

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