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Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

EIR-17-1435 – 15 High Street

Thank you for your information request of 30 April 2015. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Any information available to whichever officer(s) in the Environmental Protection Service Department actually carried out the environmental assessment of no. 15 High Street with regard to the planning application ref: 170710.

It is important to know what information was available to the officer(s) and which formed the basis of their assessment with regard to the exact nature of the adjacent properties.

Information available to the officer at the time of the assessment:

- Information contained within the application Ref 170710 and planning portal
- Officer's local knowledge
- Geographical Information System
- Google Maps
- Information from planning case officer

The nature of the adjacent properties was established using the officer's local knowledge, data held in Aberdeen City Council's Geographical Information System, and Google Maps.

If the officer who carried out the assessment and also [REDACTED], who presented the Memo/Report to the Planning Case Officer, were at that time aware that the property directly adjacent to the south of no. 15 (i.e. the Roman Catholic Chaplaincy) is both a quiet place of worship, devotion and prayer and also a residential property – the permanent home of the priests who run the Chaplaincy there.

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The Officer was aware the building is the Roman Catholic Chaplaincy and as such was classed as having the same level of sensitivity as a residential property thus providing sufficient enough grounds to justify the request for the noise impact assessment to provide evidence of any impact.

If the officers were aware that the property immediately adjacent to the north – the Confucius Institute – is frequently host to classes and events for primary school children.

No, however it was considered to be a sensitive premises regardless.

Copies of all recorded information which shows upon what basis the environmental health assessment of the proposal for no. 15 was made with regard to the nature and use of the adjacent properties including communications from the applicant, or from the University as owner of the property, from the Planning Dept., or from any other party, or reports, memos, written notes from phone calls, notes on a database or correspondence from within the Council either to or from the Environmental Health Dept.

The Officer established the presence of sensitive receptors using the information sources provided in the answers to questions one. Records of these individual consultations are not held, other than the consultation memo ref: 170710 publicly available on the planning portal:

<https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Or by contacting the Application Support Team at:

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We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA. However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.