

Additional emails received to CCMP@aberdeencity.gov.uk during the simulator consultation period:

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| 1 | <p>Good afternoon, I'm writing on behalf of the Equalities Participation Network (EPN), which is a forum of different equalities groups across all protected characteristics in Aberdeen City. It's been set up to facilitate communication between Council officers/staff and 'seldom heard' communities. So far, discussions at our monthly meetings have been very positive. We're very interested in the consultation on the City Centre Masterplan, and we'd like this to be the topic of our next (online) meeting - next Thursday, 25 June, from 5:00-6:30pm. Is it possible for someone from your team to come along and give an overview the process, and take some questions from Network members? Your contribution wouldn't need to be very formal, just a short presentation followed by a Q&A. In total, we wouldn't expect this to take more than 30-40 minutes of your time. Putting a human face to the consultation process would help our members feel confident in sharing it with their communities, and would help you reach a range of different communities at once, deepening your equality perspective in the Masterplan process. More broadly, we'd like to know if there are existing plans for the various projects being consulted on, whether equality impact assessments have been carried out, and whether considerations raised by the EPN can be part of that process? (though I'm aware it might not happen for some time yet) Please let me know if someone from your team is available on the 24th of June, and also if there's a way for the EPN to contribute collectively to the consultation. All the best,</p> |
| 2 | <p>Please send me ALL information available with regard to this plans for new a stadium at our beautiful beach. Send an email with all the details, I would be obliged.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Good afternoon We are assisting a client with submitting a response to the current consultation. Please can you confirm the other methods available for submitting a response other than using the online questionnaire? Kind regards</p> |
| 4 | <p>Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to ask about the forthcoming Public Consultation on the future of the City Centre and Beach. I gathered from a newspaper report that there is going to be one, but have seen no notification about one in the Press. Would you please tell me when this consultation is due to start, and also the finishing date, as it is nearing holiday time, and we are anxious that we, and everyone else, has plenty of notification and a chance to participate fully on such a major issue. Yours faithfully,</p> |
| 5 | <p>Hi, I am emailing as I feel I am unable to get my voice heard via the questionnaire. Forcing people to allocate a large number of points means people have to choose options they disagree with and skews the results. Please remove this restriction so you can get the true opinion from the citizens of Aberdeen. It's disappointing at there are parts of the plan that I very much agree with and would like to see prioritised. For example I strongly agree with upkeep of buildings on a Union Street and getting them in use. I strongly disagree with over pedestrianisation as that will kill the life of the city centre. The exception is small side street such as Belmont Street which are an ideal candidate for pedestrianisation. Union street should be kept open to traffic as it is a wide street and was designed to be a main thoroughfare. Please review this questionnaire because as it stands it does not allow people to express there viewpoint freely. Kind Regards</p> |
| 6 | <p>Dear Sir/Madam Whilst I welcome the beach at last being included in masterplanning for the city, it strikes me that your public consultation process is both inadequate and poorly advertised. There are fantastic examples of civic engagement, consultation and involvement across the globe in such exercises, including the use of technology to attract design inputs to the projects.</p> |

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| | <p>You seem to want to set the criteria for the consultation, rather than allow for a process that enables citizens the freedom to consider options and present them.</p> <p>I would strongly recommend that you speak to stakeholders such as the Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and the Built Environment about how they may help. Their Drawn North project is an example of what they can bring. Combined with civic engagement processes such as have been seen in Madrid, Amsterdam, Bogota and other cities, we have the opportunity to change the dynamic of how one looks to use civic capital in Aberdeen.</p> <p>I would be happy to discuss this with you if there is a genuine interest in considering how this process can be improved.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> |
| 7 | <p>Why is there a problem with the school dinners vouchers again we lost £200 last year as there was only about 5 vouchers were valid when i got on to Sodexco about them not working i was just blanked. I e/mailed them 8 times and never got a result i kept getting put though to other departments like a tennis ball. We never got a resolution to any calls despite giving them the voucher code. Now it is happening to this new voucher scheme this is a shambles whoever runs this outfit could not run a message it is a disgrace. The reporter from the sun Newspaper is calling me today to get a story about this shambles.when you try and get in touch with them you get no reply.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Hello,</p> <p>I submitted my feedback yesterday. I think it is probably too late for me to add a comment to it but would you mind letting me know if this is possible?</p> <p>Thank you</p> |
| 9 | <p>As discussed, please see attached response on behalf of our Client, Esson Properties.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could please acknowledge safe receipt.</p> |
| 10 | <p>Hello</p> <p>My name is [] and I unfortunately missed the public consultation about Aberdeen city as I was on holiday. However, I wanted to get in touch as I have a proposal for funds for cold, freshwater showers for the Fittie area of the beach, and am passionate that this would be a very worthwhile way of investing in the local, growing community of open water swimmers and surfers in Aberdeen and the surrounding area.</p> <p>I took up open water swimming over lockdown, and over the last few months have watched the beach get busier and busier with swimmers and surfers. The presence of Scotsurf, Roots and beachfront pop up cafes/coffee vans have helped solidify this portion of the beach as a 'hotspot' for locals and tourists alike. With the development of many open water swim groups in recent months, I now know many locals who now turn to the beach as a place to 'hang out', swim and grab a bite to eat, rather than going into town. The energy and lovely atmosphere of this portion of the beach has huge potential for growth if this community is invested in, and I (and others I have spoken with) believe that cold water showers would be one of the best and most affordable ways of doing this.</p> <p>Installing one or two cold showers in the promenade area of Fittie near the beach would be a brilliant way of supporting the local swimming community and developing tourism and making the beach a more desirable tourist spot. This would be invaluable for rinsing off sandy kit/wetsuits after a swim session. I believe they would be very well used. I certainly use cold beach showers at other similar seaside destinations.</p> <p>I am more than happy to discuss my proposal further and would be very keen to, as an avid user of the beach. I'm sure many of my friends from 'Swim Free Aberdeen' would be happy to as well. I hope you will consider my proposal and I look forward to hearing from you about the next step.</p> |