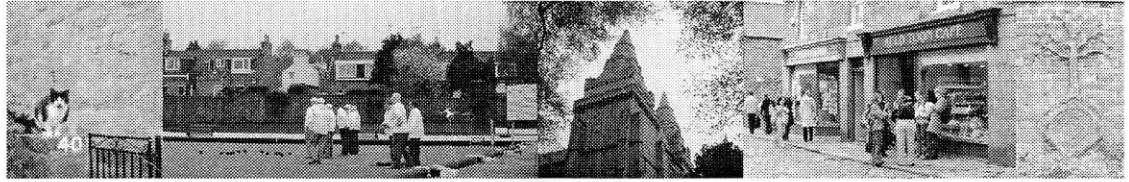


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Council's Threat to Relocate St. Peter's

With the publication of the report "Review of Culture and Learning Provision in the St Machar ASG Area in the spring, St Peter's Primary School learned it was being marked for possible relocation. The move to one of the other primary schools in the area was going to entail either the whole school or simply the Catholic pupils. Parents and staff were totally opposed to any move that would divide the school or undermine its identity and ethos, and the School mounted a swift and vigorous defence.

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Sunnybank residents vent traffic frustration

At a packed meeting in Sunnybank School on Friday 15 April, around 100 Sunnybank residents finally had the opportunity to vent their frustration at the traffic measures currently in place – or not – in their neighbourhood. There was unanimous agreement that some solution had to be found for the congestion, bordering at times on chaos, at the Bedford Road, Powis Terrace, Elmbank Terrace junction. And this was without the third Don crossing.

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Do We Want to Repeat the Design Mistakes of the 60s?

[xL/NL] On 16th Feb 2005 the University presented an outline of the proposed development to be situated at the former Dunbar Halls site. The public meeting was arranged for University of Aberdeen, the developers (UNITE), and their architects Acanthus, represented by Douglas Forrest and Gregor Small. This was the earliest opportunity for such a presentation as design was still at an early stage and not sufficiently complete for a planning application to be lodged.

Following a brief introduction from Angus Donaldson representing the University, Douglas Forrest gave a Power Point presentation of the proposed development. It was made clear that design was at an early stage and consequently much of the detail was not yet available. The proposed use of the site is student accommodation intended to house 460 students. This is to be achieved by the construction of three buildings, the largest one extending to 4 storeys. The scheme would also involve the creation of a new 'street' joining The Chanonry and Don Street. It was stated that this would be restricted to pedestrians and emergency vehicles normally, but access for cars would be allowed at the start and end of terms to assist students moving in and out of halls. On-site parking would be available for 50 vehicles. Mention was also made of obligations on the architects to consider archaeological matters and mature trees.

"I don't want another street"
A Resident

A question and answer session followed the main presentation to allow residents an opportunity to

"We intend to develop the area sensitively"
The Architect

have outstanding queries answered and air their views. Answers were initially using the Dunbar Halls Planning Brief passed in March 2003 as a reference point, but several residents were not aware of this document or its standing.

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