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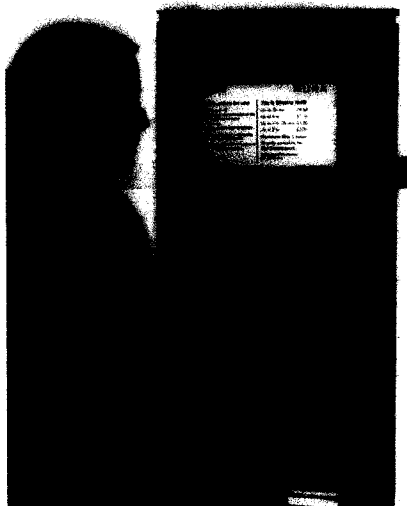
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Dear Sirs,

## Planning Application No. 06/004105/ENID Installation of 38 Parking Meters in St Andrews Town Centre

We, PREF (Protect Rural East Fife Group), hereby object to the above application on grounds as follows:

1. Insufficient advertisement and absence of consultation. We are concerned that this proposal does not form part of the current St Andrews parking plan and that plans differ from the controlled parking zone shown in that consultation.
2. Departure from the adopted St Andrews Area Local plan in so far as this application does not appear as a scheduled project. Interestingly, we can see no mention of such a project in the draft St Andrews and East Fife LP nor the Local Transport Strategy.
3. Size, Colour and Style of the proposed machines is unsuitable.  
We note that the proposed specification of parking machine is an 'Aura' 1.86m tall, manufactured by Metric Ltd. We feel that the size of this particular machine would be obtrusive in the historical center of St Andrews and since smaller designs are available on the market, with similar specification (refer illustration on the right below) we feel that these should be investigated together with the possibility of customizing the design to suit the character of the town.



Aura  
1.84 m high



Smaller Alternative preferred  
1.59m high max

4. Positioning of meters should be subject to an artists impression or photo montage especially for sensitive locations such as those machines adjacent to A listed and historic buildings.
5. Any installation of Parking or ticketing machines should form part of an overall Road Surface / Footpath improvement program.

Overall, we accept that some form of charging system is required for St Andrews town center and we are not against the principle of parking meters (or 'ticketing machines' for sake of a better description). However, since this matter does not appear to form part of the Council's plans we are not convinced that this matter has been properly investigated and the application must be premature.

We should be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of PREF  
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