

THE VENUE FOR ORAL HEARINGS

Venue location

The hearings of the Inquiry will be held at Maryhill Community Central Halls, 304 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 7YE. Please click on the attached link for a map <http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&tab=wl&q=G20%207YE>.



Maryhill Community Central Halls

Timetable for the day of oral hearings

Hearings begin at 10am and run until 4pm. There is a short break between 11:30am and 11:50am and lunch is from 1pm to 1.45pm. There is then a further short break between 3pm and 3.15pm.

Transport to the venue

By Road: The venue can be easily accessed from the M8 motorway. From the east, you should leave the M8 at junction 16. From the south, you should leave at junction 17. You should then follow signs to Maryhill Road (A804).

Limited free parking is available near the venue. However, if you are coming by car, please leave plenty of time to find a parking space.

By Rail / Underground / Bus: St George's Cross and Kelvinbridge underground stations are approximately 10 minutes walk from the venue. The underground system links to Partick station (for trains from the Dumbarton area), Glasgow Queen Street station (Buchanan Street underground station) and Glasgow Central station (St Enoch underground station).

Trains run regularly to Glasgow stations from all over the UK and local bus services also stop near the venue.

For more information and timetables, please consult Traveline Scotland www.travelinescotland.com or phone 0871 200 22 33.

Venue Facilities

Maryhill Community Central Halls remains open to the public for purposes other than the Inquiry. The Inquiry has use of certain rooms only. The Chairman and Inquiry Team accept no responsibility for any papers, documents or personal possessions whilst anywhere in the venue. Such items, therefore, should not be left unattended at any time.

Maryhill Community Central Halls has a large hearing chamber for the Inquiry. There will be seats designated for the public and for media representatives in the chamber.



Maryhill Community Central Halls hearing chamber

Witnesses may wait to give evidence in the hearing chamber or in a separate room within the venue.

The Chairman expects all those attending the hearings to behave appropriately. No disruption of proceedings or disturbance by anyone will be tolerated.

Maryhill Community Central Halls has a café on the first floor which serves a range of hot and cold food and drinks. The café is open between 9am and 3pm. There are also a number of shops and supermarkets nearby where refreshments can be bought.

Please note that food and drink (other than bottled water) should not be brought into the hearing chamber.

Accessibility

We have tried to ensure that the building is as accessible as possible. The building has a lift and all of the rooms are wheelchair accessible (or can be readily made so). There is an accessible toilet on the first floor adjacent to the lift.

Sound systems for individuals who are hearing impaired are available. Please advise Lynne Allan, our Witness Liaison Manager, if you require this facility or if you have any other individual requirements. Lynne can be contacted by phone on 07717850374 or by email to lallan2@scotcourts.gov.uk.

Choice of venue

The Inquiry Team looked at possible venues closer to the Vale of Leven Hospital and concluded that the venues were not suitable.

The venues in Dumbarton did not provide a large enough room for the hearing – to accommodate everyone entitled to attend the hearings, including the public, Core Participants and their legal representatives. The Inquiries Act 2005 requires the Chairman to take reasonable steps to ensure that the public can attend the Inquiry.

In addition, the venues in Dumbarton required considerable upgrading, meaning that they would not have been available for use by the time the Inquiry intended to start its hearings. The costs of upgrading would be considerable.