



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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Dear Linsey,

Many thanks for your emails of 16 & 17 July concerning TRNSMT. Apologies for the delay in replying. I certainly note that you have made your concerns about this event and stayed away from home for a number of days. Obviously, it is disappointing that you felt you had to do this. I also completely deplore some of the awful behaviour you describe, such as excrement on your doorway and the amount of drugs, broken glass etc. in the area.

On the other hand I have only had a very few constituents in touch with me complaining about TRNSMT, and when I carried out a survey last year the majority of people supported it and other events on Glasgow Green, and in fact quite a few felt that the Green could cater for more such events. While there is a certain amount of disruption around these I do think that most people live in that area because they want to be part of the vibrant City Centre life and, I guess everyone has the option of living further away from the City Centre where prices are generally lower, and there are less big events.

I certainly do agree that if a commitment was made to re-open the park on 17 July that should have been kept. However, I do think that was too early for them to promise and I would have thought that after such a major event, two days would not be enough to clear up the area. I think last year, the Green was closed for a much longer period so it is positive that this year it was closed for less time.

I also note, that you phoned the helpline to make complaints, and if I can suggest that you put future complaints in writing to the Council, I think that will carry more weight and they will take them more seriously. Similarly, if you can encourage your neighbours to also put in writing whatever complaints they might have, then I think that will help the case.

I know that the Council is keeping Glasgow Green and TRNSMT under review and I certainly hope there will be an improvement Next Year.

Yours sincerely,
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