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Dear Mr Miller,

Dilkusha House, Chambers Terrace, Peebles | 16/00571/LBC

The Forth & Borders cases panel would like to make the following comments. Dilkusha House is a fine B-listed villa set within the Peebles conservation area. While its North-facing elevation is visible to anyone crossing Tweed Bridge, its principal elevation faces South onto Chambers Terrace, and includes the entrance porch and elegant ballroom addition.

This application proposes to significantly add to the existing number of solar panels on the roof of the South elevation, including siting five on the most prominent portion of the main house roof from Chambers Terrace, adjacent to the entrance porch.

We broadly welcome sensitive enhancements to improve the energy efficiency and practicality of historic properties. However the positioning of the five new panels on the most prominent portion of the roof would detrimentally impact upon the historical character of the building. They would not balance the existing panel location, as the building is asymmetrical. Those five new panels would be significantly nearer the road, and not partially blocked by the ballroom extension as the existing panels are. Dilkusha House has an extensive South-facing roof valley, which should give space for the installation of additional solar panels without further adversely affecting the principal elevation, in line with current HES guidance for the siting of solar panels on listed buildings..

The cases panel would therefore like to object to the application.

Yours sincerely,

Alastair Disley, Convenor
on behalf of
Forth & Borders Cases Panel