



The A-listed former Royal High School on Calton Hill is still threatened by plans for an inappropriate hotel conversion. While an application to convert the building into a new home for St Mary's Music School has been granted by the City of Edinburgh Council, this scheme will NOT go ahead if the latest plans by Duddingston House Properties (DHP) are also granted permission. DHP has a prior claim on the site.

We believe that the hotel scheme will irretrievably damage one of the most important Greek Revival buildings in the UK and, by extension, the set piece of Calton Hill, which lies at the core of Edinburgh's World Heritage Site.

### **Where can I see these plans?**

Google search 'City of Edinburgh planning portal'. Select 'Planning>simple search'. Scroll down to the green button marked 'Search'. Enter one of the application numbers which are:

**17/00588/FUL**

**17/00587/LBC**

Click on 'Search'. Once you are in, click on the tab called 'documents'. 'Proposed elevations' (documents 56-62) and 'Proposed visualisations' (70-75) will be the most useful to you. 'Heritage Statement 3/2' is also useful.

### **How do I object?**

Click on the tab called 'comments' and follow the instructions, or write to the council on the attached white sheet.

### **How can I ensure my objection is valid?**

To be valid, letters must contain the word 'object', and must be based on Scottish Government or city council policies. Overleaf is a list of some material objections: choose one or more of these examples, and fill in the letter in your own words. Add your name and address and the date, and sign it before sending it.

### **How can I get help with my letter?**

Visit our Save the RHS drop in surgery, open 11-4pm, Monday to Thursday until 24th March.

Located at The Cockburn Association, Trunk's Close, 55 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1SR.

**The deadline for objections is Friday, 24 March 2017**

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## Examples of Material Objections

New Parliament House (former Royal High School), 5–7 Regent Road, Edinburgh EH7 5BL

- The scale, density and height of the new building would have an adverse effect on the listed buildings and the open space
- The development will have an adverse effect on the character of the listed Greek Revival building designed by Thomas Hamilton
- The development will have an adverse effect on the setting of the school building
- The development will have an adverse effect on the appearance and setting of the designed landscape of Calton Hill
- The demolition of several listed buildings on the site cannot be justified
- The design and materials of the new buildings do not reflect the character of the listed building and the area, and the benefits of the new buildings do not outweigh the changes to or loss of the old ones
- The development would adversely affect the conservation area and reduce its special architectural or historic interest, character and setting and, by extension, the heritage of the city as a whole

### What else can I do?

The hotel scheme will go to the planning committee of the city council, and is also likely to be the subject of an appeal by DHP to be heard before Reporters from the Scottish government's Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA). The final decision will be made by Scottish Ministers.

Please write to your **city councillors** (find them at <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/councillors/search>) and your constituency and regional **MSPs** (<http://www.parliament.scot/msps.aspx>) and your **Westminster MP** ([http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/?search\\_term=Scotland](http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/?search_term=Scotland)) to voice your concerns.



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