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Our Case ID: H/03/03  
Your ref: **16/05300/LBC**  
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**Re: Land 55M East Of Kwik Fit, Longman Road, Inverness**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above planning application relating to the demolition of a 19th century railway building to make way for a new distribution facility. We note that the building in question is category B listed, lying within the curtilage of the B-listed Lochgorm Works to the south.

The Forth & Borders Cases Panel of the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland (AHSS) considers the existing building to have a great deal of architectural character, with its triple pitched roof, fine quality stonework and distinctive tripartite arched windows with stone dressing. We believe the building would lend itself to a wide range of uses and its demolition would result in a great loss of character to this area of Longman Road which otherwise lacks architectural interest. Furthermore, we do not feel that the applicant has fully met the criteria set out in Historic Environment Scotland's guidance on Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Demolition, which states that applicants should (a) fully understand the significance of a building and its setting, and (b) have the building's condition assessed by appropriate conservation professionals.

We therefore wish to object to this application on the grounds that an insufficient case has been made for the demolition of a B-listed building.

Yours,

Alastair Disley  
on behalf of  
Forth & Borders Cases Panel