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RE: 17/00059/LBC Land To North Of Victoria Road Kirkcaldy Fife

The Forth & Borders cases panel would like to make the following comments on the above application, we hope they are useful.

The architectural interest of this building is not in question. However, it is not clear that every effort has been made to save what is a hugely significant building within its local setting. While the recent offer of the site for £1 appears to have had no developer interest, there appears to be some local interest in a community-backed scheme, which the recent offer was not relevant to. We would like to see any such scheme given appropriate opportunity to take advantage of the relatively new territory of community-led buy-outs. This could take the form of an active approach to give maximum support to any such scheme, with a commensurate delay in seeking demolition.

Accordingly, the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland wishes to object to this application in its current form.

Yours faithfully,

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on behalf of
Forth & Borders Cases Panel

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