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**Re: Carbisdale Castle**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above planning application relating to the castle's alteration from a hostel to private residence. Specifically, the proposal is for various internal refurbishments and alterations, and the creation of a spa and pool in the basement. We note that the property is Category B listed.

The panel would like to emphasize the importance of adhering to the application's Conservation Statement. In particular, focus should be placed on retaining and/or refurbishing original features such as the plasterwork and lighting, particularly the original drop lighting in the ornate ceilings. The panel would also like to suggest that a photographic survey of the property is conducted by HES before work is started. This will greatly add to the property's historical record as it moves to a distinctly less public future role. Overall, however, the panel welcomes the attention that has been paid to the refurbishment of the castle's original features.

Yours faithfully,

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on behalf of  
Forth & Borders Cases Panel