



Speaking for Scotland's Buildings

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Dear Mr McTeir,

19/1733/FUL | RE-PROFILING OF GARDEN GROUND AND INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE KERB AND GRANITE BOULDERS ALONG BOUNDARY AND ASSOCIATED WORKS | New Abbey Corn Mill New Abbey

Objection

The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland wish to object to the above application for the reason that it contravenes Policies OP1 and OP2 as well as HE2 Conservation Areas in Local Development Plan 2.

The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland is extremely concerned at this revised application to change the setting of New Abbey Cornmill. The Society sympathises with the position Historic Environment Scotland is in, but it remains our view that the damage to the Category A Mill and its setting, the archeologically sensitive ground that is involved and the character of the New Abbey conservation area, is too great and should be resisted. The Society objected to the previous application. The current application is significantly more damaging involving a greater loss of the Mill garden to be replaced by more concrete and more tarmac. The reason for refusing the previous application, was clearly and unequivocally given

The proposal is contrary to Local Development Plan Policy HE2 and the terms of Section 64 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 in that the proposed alterations (involving the installation of granite boulders set into concrete) would not preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the New Abbey Conservation Area.

The new application should be refused for the same reason. It is in contravention of Policy HE2 of the Dumfries and Galloway Local Development Plan 2 and also of the Overarching Policies 1 and 2 which clearly state that people and amenity should take precedence over traffic where there is conflict.

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The Society is anxious that no precedent should be set in this case which can effect the future of Category A listed buildings and important conservation areas. This particular site has the highest heritage protection available, its qualities are threatened and this scheme seems to be a short term partial fix which will not deal with on going problems. The Society was concerned that this application has not been seen to require listed building consent with the possible result that the effect on the listed buildings involved is not given sufficient weight. The Society asks that this application be refused.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Robertson
Chairman