

Speaking for Scotland's Buildings



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Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Application Ref: APP/2020/0139

Site Address: St James' Episcopal Church Arbutnott Street Stonehaven Aberdeenshire AB39 2JB

Description: Alterations to Access, Repositioning of Pillars and Gates, Increase Boundary Wall, Erection of Timber Fence, Formation of New Hardstanding (Tar and Paving Stones)

As a heritage organisation, The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland is supportive of any initiatives aimed at retaining historic buildings in use in an appropriate and complementary manner. Having considered the application we concluded that we could not accept the proposals presented and therefore we object.

While we can sympathize with attempts to combat flooding in this part of Stonehaven we are aware that the significant problems of flooding and the solutions to it lie elsewhere, and upstream. A blanket tar-mac paving of the west side of St James' is not a good solution: it is not only too big, and too brutal, but we even doubt that it could be "self-draining" as claimed. Another "solution" should be sought.

We would be grateful if the above points could be taken into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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Cases Panel Convener

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