

## Speaking for Scotland's Buildings



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Development Management  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Planning Application Ref: 0314**  
**Site Address: Pitfour House Laundry**  
**Description: removal of partly-collapsed roof**

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.

The Society entirely agreed with the detailed comments and concerns raised in the Aberdeenshire Council Environmental Response report. We hold that it is inappropriate that the owner of a listed building fails to maintain it to the point where it becomes dangerous and then disingenuously uses the dangerous condition his inaction caused as justification for demolition. The proper course of action here is to repair the roof and replace the collapsed section. We believe that The Laundry has potential to be converted into an attractive dwelling and that that should be the plan for its future.

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

Yours faithfully,

**Dr W. A. Brogden**  
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