



Speaking for Scotland's Buildings

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Dear Gary Horne

RE: 19/03478/LBC | Kirkcaldy Police Station St Brycedale Avenue Kirkcaldy Fife KY1 1EU

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above planning application. The proposals are for external alterations including removal of 4 no. chimneys, reinstatement of roof finish and removal of entrance gates. The North East Fife Cases Panel of the AHSS has considered the proposal and wishes to make the following comments.

The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland commends the reuse of one of William Williamson's best buildings. However, the chimneys which it is proposed to remove should be retained if they are part of the architect's original design. Certainly, chimney no 1, with its distinctive coping, looks original and is a prominent element of a significant elevation of the building. Of even greater concern is the intention to remove the ornamental iron gates bearing the burgh coat of arms - clearly an important feature of any civic building, quite apart from their obvious artistic merit.

Accordingly, the AHSS wishes to object to the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Davidson
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