

## Speaking for Scotland's Buildings



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Strategic Place Planning  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Planning Application Ref: 210397/CAC**

**Site Address:** 62 to 64 Shiprow Aberdeen AB11 5BY

**Description:** Substantial Demolition of single storey building (side walls and roof) with Shiprow facing wall remaining unaltered

The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland exists to research, to celebrate, to support initiatives aimed at retaining such buildings and landscapes in use, and where threatened to defend historic buildings of merit. Sadly the proposals in this application threaten important archaeological and architectural remains in Aberdeen, and the urban design of one of its most ancient sections.

Permission to demolish any remaining walls should be refused. The wall facing onto Shiprow appears to be a very old one, and it doubles on ancient foundations. The other walls within the feu, or at its sides, will also be on very old foundations and as the site itself, when carefully cleared, will also contain archaeological remains of value, it should be very carefully conserved as it is at present.

We note the accompanying Report on Archaeology confirms the great importance of this site, and although it was prepared over a decade ago, its promised actions are not referred to in the present application. Why not? We must conclude that they have not been done; therefore, no work of any kind should be sanctioned until a full study of the site has been completed.

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

Yours faithfully,

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