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This comment was submitted by the AHSS Highlands & Islands Cases Panel via an online planning portal

Council: Highlands

Application reference: 20/04384/LBC

Address: 11 Williamson Street, Wick

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The AHSS Highlands & Islands Cases Panel has examined the application and wishes to object on the following grounds.

The proposed destruction of the roof to form full-length box dormers on both sides will severely diminish the character of the building and of the Wick-Pulteneytown conservation area as a whole, where 19th-century terraced houses with pitched slate roofs contribute greatly to the area's character. This is the sort of development that conservation areas are designed to prevent.

In their guidance on roofs, Historic Environment Scotland stresses the 'substantial contribution' design, materials, construction and detailing have on the character of historic buildings or areas. Accordingly, the AHSS wishes to object to this application.