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

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The AHSS Forth & Borders Cases Panel objects to the new signage on this elevation where it will damage and block the fine stonework.

The elevation has a very high quality lower floor, with chamfered ashlar masonry and voussoirs, and a Classical frieze above. The existing signage is subservient to this in colour, design, size and location, and represents a limit to what is appropriate on this building.

The new proposals are significantly larger, will cause damage to the stonework by requiring new fittings, and will block parts of the frieze and voussoirs in a way that the present signage does not. It is notable and concerning that none of the stonework details are present on the plans, so they do not accurately show the impact of the proposals.

In contrast the ATM surrounds proposed infilling the arches are not of heritage concern, and additional branding here, such as bank signage within the curved parts of the arches, would not be problematic.