



Speaking for Scotland's Buildings

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Ranald Dods
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Council Headquarters
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Dear Mr Dods,

RE: 21/00875/LBC | 56 High Street, Peebles

Thank you for your consultation on this application. The AHSS Forth & Borders Cases Panel **objects** to the proposed re-slating.

The rosemary clay tiles are a key historic and architectural feature of the building, specifically mentioned in the listing, and should be retained, or replaced like-for-like only if a full condition report shows this to be necessary. They are likely to date from the late 19th or early 20th century, replacing earlier slate, but form a prominent and significant part of the building's history, likely pointing to a significant renovation at that time.

They also form a significant part of the variety of historic architectural materials found on Peebles' High Street. This is the only two-storey building with rosemary tiles, and one of only three buildings on the High Street with these tiles. Elsewhere in Peebles they are also rare and therefore contribute disproportionately highly to the character of their historic buildings such as Dr Clement Gunn's surgery at Lindores and a mid-20th century villa on Bonnington Road.

The suggested Spanish Siga 37 slate is also not suitable for this very visible listed property on the high street, where a more typically Scottish-appearing slate would normally be appropriate. However the tiles should be retained in this instance.

On the redecoration, the window bands should be painted (as at present) to match the woodwork. We have no comment on the proposed colours.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Alastair Disley, Convenor
on behalf of the Forth & Borders Cases Panel