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This comment was submitted by the AHSS Forth & Borders Cases Panel via an online planning portal

Council: City of Edinburgh

Application reference: 21/04216/FUL

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The AHSS Forth & Borders Cases Panel has examined this application, and objects.

The proposal is to build onto an existing modern office block with additional floors of workspace and alterations to the elevations. This is a large development in a highly visible location within a Conservation Area, just outwith but viewable from the New Town World Heritage Site.

The proposed alterations to the profile of the building by adding the additional two floors detracts from this site and impinges on the views from the World Heritage Site.

The existing building steps down in height giving the reduced scale required at the termination of this juncture between the old and new buildings on Morrison Street. The current building roof profile acknowledges the context and location as visible from the historic area, with the lower section directly relating to the historic tenements.

The proposed development with increased massing and an unsympathetic rectangular profile will be more dominant and assertive rather than relating to the context of the site. We note that the proposed height would actually exceed that of the modern building to the west.

The Panel therefore objects to this proposal.