

Speaking for Scotland's Buildings



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

Council: Falkirk

Application reference: P/20/0508/LBC

Address: St Helen's Parish Church, Church Street, High Bonnybridge

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The AHSS Forth & Borders Cases Panel have examined the proposals and object to two elements:

1) uPVC is not an appropriate material for use on a historic building in a conservation area. We would prefer the existing windows to be incorporated within new glazing where possible, but the materials should be longer-lasting and without the heavy-looking frames required by uPVC.

2) Glazed balconies are again inappropriately modern, quickly becoming dirty and unsightly, and reflecting light oddly, a far cry from their transparent modern intent. We would prefer a metal railing here, which could be of simple contemporary design.

We broadly welcome the remainder of the proposals concerned with rescuing this vacant building of architectural merit, and wish the development well.