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Sent: 21 November 2011 07:28
To: in coming@lh23hisa.scotland.gov.uk
Subject: FW: city hall

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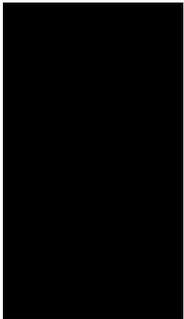
From: ANNIE MCKENZIE [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 November 2011 18:57
To: hs.inspectorate (external)
Subject: city hall

dear sir,or madam,

i am writing to you regarding our listed building the city hall in perth,i and lots of other people in perth dont want it to be taken down.i think the full council should have a say on such a big matter as that,there was just the committee off 11 people out off 42 councilors,7 voted to demolish it and 4 against,now when we elect our councilors it is for all matters in big decisions like that.i was talking to our deputy lord provest last tuesday night and he said if i had a pick i would pull it down tonight.now from the very start a mr linacre from perth wanted it and the council would not give it to him,he has been at the council since warfside company got it taken back,so why are they hell bent on pulling it down when he would like to take it over and get it oppened again.i hope you see fit to deny them demolishing it and let it get to the people who wants to open it up and get some life back into it.so we urge you to please dont allow them to take it down.

yours

mrs annie mckenzie



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From: Mcgrath PJ (Paul)
Sent: 22 November 2011 14:25:33
To: Ministerial Correspondence Unit
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs
Subject: FW: Perth City Hall

For MACCS please

Paul John McGrath 1 Correspondence Secretary 1 Office of Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs 1 0131 244 1653

From: Owen Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2011 4:43 PM
To: Hyslop F (Fiona), MSP
Subject: Perth City Hall

Dear Fiona,

I was wondering if as a Minister it is possible for you to look into this case in Perth surrounding the City Hall, which the council is pushing to demolish to create a civic square.

I am concerned that the plans for the design of such a square have been sketchy at best, with the claims of economic benefit being equally vague and as yet, without substance.

Having watched yesterday's debate led by yourself on the importance of placemaking and architecture within Scotland, I found myself agreeing with comments from across the chamber, in particular with your assertion that the demolition of existing buildings being costly as well as environmentally unsound. Indeed, having researched much of the content of Joe Fitzpatrick's speech and reading the briefing papers before the debate, it further seems frankly counter intuitive that Perth should do away with fine building with much potential.

Indeed comments from around the chamber focussed on much of the "vanadlism" that was done to cityscapes across Scotland in the 60 and 70s when buildings such as this were pulled down without due consideration. Whilst further strengthening your own call for a reduction in VAT on repairs and renovations, this building highlights the potential of a town such as Perth (vying to become a city), to combine utilise its old buildings for economic benefit.

There is considerable anger at the plans:

http://www.scotsman.com/scotland-on-sunday/scotland/anger_at_piazza_plan_for_site_of_perth_city_hall_1_1801726

Yet the council is determined to go ahead with the plans:

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/Perthshire/article/18814/council-report-says-there-is-no-viable-alternative-to-perth-city-hall-demolition.html#comments>

In the above link the council appears to favour demolition with no consideration for alternatives. In the link below, we see that little over a decade ago the architectural merit and popularity of the building was a focal point for the city.

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/Perthshire/article/17211/1990s-leaflet-praising-perth-city-hall-reignites-row-over-the-building-s-fate.html>

I realise the Government may be unwilling and/or unable to do anything to intervene, and realise that Historic Scotland will have the final say over whether demolition is acceptable however it is an issue which has been of considerable interest to myself, and in light of yesterday's debate seemed a good time to enquire.

I realise that this is not a constituency matter, and I myself am not a resident of Perth, but I felt given the debate on the motion perhaps you would be the best person to contact?

If not could you possibly point me in the right direction of the minister to contact?

Apologies for the length of this email I realise it is overly verbose and given the volume of correspondance time consuming.

Many thanks,

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Tel: [Redacted]

1st November 2011

Barbara Cummins,
Longmore House,
Salisbury Place,
Edinburgh EH9 1NS

Dear Madam

Perth City Hall – Proposed Demolition

To my dismay I understand that there are plans afoot to demolish Perth City Hall. As you can see from my address I am not a resident of Perth but, because of family connections, I have become very familiar with the town and love its character, layout and the architecture it has left.

The architecture may not be everyone's cup of tea but Perth needs this building. If you look around the centre of Perth you have the modern architecture of the shopping precinct, which you can see, in any city in Scotland. How long will it be before the precinct is crumbling and becomes an eyesore? Perth City Hall was built, as you know, in 1911 and it has stood the test of time. It stands solid and proud, in fact, everything a City Hall should be. It is a monument to Civic pride and I honestly think it compliments the Architecture of St. John's Kirk beside it. The solid symbols of the Church and of Civic pride. It probably even helps protect the exterior fabric of the Kirk by shielding it from the worst of the weather.

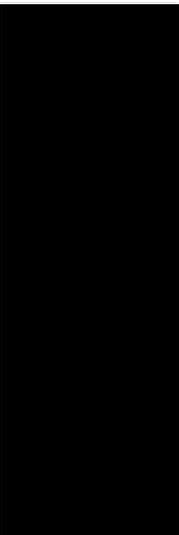
My understanding is that the City Hall is a Category B Listed Building. I live in a Category B Listed Building in Edinburgh's New Town and I can just imagine the outcry if I decided to demolish that building and build something else. There is no way I would get away with that and even my buildings insurance reflects this!

Apparently Perth & Kinross' Council leader insists the decision to demolish the city hall is right, claiming there is "no viable alternative." I think he should look at the "Save Perth City Hall from Demolition" Facebook page and he might get some really viable ideas about how the hall could be used and even make a profit to boot. Let's face it the amount they would have to spend to demolish the building could be used to make it viable.

I know that if I were a tourist visiting Perth for the first time it wouldn't be St. John's Shopping Centre I would be looking at but the history and beauty of the place. I cannot understand why Perth & Kinross Council cannot see the potential in this building. One of Perth's most famous sons, D.O. Hill, artist and pioneer in photography was born not 100 yards away from the Hall and yet, apart from a small exhibition in the museum a few years ago, I have seen no mention of him anywhere in Perth. The museum doesn't have enough room for all of it's exhibits and I am sure to have an annexe like this to show it's collection of photographs alone would bring in people from all over Scotland and possibly further afield. This is just one of the ways the hall could be used.

Please do not let this wonderful building be demolished. The people who want it to go don't see the beauty of the building or what it stands for and why it was built. As they say, "once it's gone, it's gone" and what will be left - another open space of which Perth has plenty of already.

Yours faithfully

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Mrs. Rhona Cameron.

Mrs. Rhona Cameron

Wentworth School
Exeter, New Hampshire

November 2011

Dear Sam

Please note a strong provision of questions to the proposed cancellation of Woodbury Hall, A number of questions as to the proposed building of part of the existing car coverage of the Mill Village and the proposed program are being left for the Board to decide. The proposed building is not. The existing will demolish the program building of the Woodbury Hall. The program building is being moved to the other side of the road. The proposed building is being moved to the other side of the road. The proposed building is being moved to the other side of the road.

From Kenneth L. Coe

[Redacted]

P.S. I am pleased to say that the Board of the Woodbury Hall is being moved to the other side of the road. The proposed building is being moved to the other side of the road.

HAN McKenzie, MA, CA,
[REDACTED]

11 November 2011

Director
Historic Scotland
Longmore House
Salisbury Place
EDINBURGH EH9

Dear Sir/Madam

I read that Perth City Council is contemplating demolishing its Town Hall

This is an iconic building, B listed, and many countries and cities would give their eye teeth to have a building like this ... but Perth are considering its demise!

Please, please do not allow this to happen, or its encouraging its deterioration so as to be totally unfit for habitation, and subsequent demolition.

We, in Scotland, are so terribly uncaring in many quarters for our heritage; don't we care for our history and tradition? Is it lack of self-regard or respect? I care, and I know you care, so let us do what we can to reverse this attitude.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Hamish McKenzie

[REDACTED]

From: ishbel wiggetts [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2011 10:47
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: Perth City Hall
My husband and I strongly object to the demolition of Perth City Hall.
Perth must be among the very few towns in the UK which are without a functioning town hall.
Yours faithfully
Ishbel and Charles Wiggetts

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Dear Sir/Mr. Dear Sir

I am writing to you
to raise other city hall, it is a
lovely building, why anyone
would want to demolish it is
beyond belief, it could be used
as before, for W.R.I. fairs, fruit & veg
stalls, country dancing, keep the
tea dances, flowers and craft fairs
working alley, market, it could be
used also to keep youngsters off the
streets, the potential is fantastic
how the council want to do away
with more of Perth's heritage is
beyond thought, the concert hall was
to be used for some of the things
but no such can afford the price
they ask, especially on a weekly
basis

Plus the fact, I dislike it for
safety reasons, no hand rail no
centre steps. If's Tains, there are
a lot of people, don't go if they
have to sit upstairs, if at a show.
At the church and clubs I go
to, doing voluntary work. I have
heard only 1 person out of over
a hundred, want it knocked
down, so please save our City Hall
we already have two splendid
green 1 month 1 South (Gables) we
don't need 1 in the centre, to
get wind sheets, bottles, cans,
paper etc, to be all over, after a
week-end.

You only need to visit ^{the} square to
get the message in Dundee.
Perth is an old town, that's what
tourists want to see, they see Pargos
almsack, we need to keep up our own
image. so please save our City Hall
Thank you

From: john robertson [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 November 2011 18:22
To: HS.Members
Subject:

Dear sir/madam

As a resident of Perth it is with hope that our City Hall can be saved from what i would call vandalism I am sure there is viable use for this important building and I am writing to ask if there is anything we can do to stop this from happening. I have seen the plans for an open space and am not swayed by this Perth does not have the climate for such a piazza idea,
yours
john

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From: Marion
Sent: 16 November 2011 14:12:05
To: Scottish Ministers
Subject: Perth City Hall

Dear Sir/Madam

I have heard on the news today Perth City Council have voted to demolish Perth City Hall. As a native of Perth I have followed the saga of this building's future. It holds sentimental memories for me, I went to the dancing etc. in fact met my late husband there. There used to be lots of events held there and it's just been allowed to deteriorate. I would like to be recorded as being against the demolition.
Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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From: Johnston C (Clare) on behalf of PS/Historic Scotland
Sent: 17 November 2011 09:51
To: Murray V (Victoria)
Subject: FW: Perth City Hall

Victoria

For HM to reply

Thanks

Clare

-----Original Message-----
From: Parsons R (Ruth)
Sent: 17 November 2011 07:58
To: PS/Historic Scotland
Cc: Wormald L (Luke)
Subject: FW: Perth City Hall

Clare

Can you pass to heritage management to reply please.

Ruth

Ruth Parsons | Chief Executive

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-----Original Message-----
From: sarah stobbie [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 16 November 2011 22:45
To: Parsons R (Ruth)
Subject: Perth City Hall

Dear Madam

I write to you concerning Perth city hall.

I am disgusted in the decision to demolish a piece of Perths heritage in favour of a 'civic square'.

Perth is a dying town! There is nothing left anymore, they expect 150k visitors to flock to our square but really what are they coming to see?? Rows of to let signs on the shops and numerous empty shops!

No one in Perth wants the demolition of the City hall, can it not be handed to the people.
Can it not be used for a market hall? This has proved successful in other towns and cities.

Perth council has to be stopped! They are intent on ruining this town and they seem to forget that we are not a Mediterranean town, we don't have the climate for al fresco dining!!

We need to be looking at things that will attract people to Perth not drive them away!

I meet more Perth people when I'm in Dundee, Stirling or Livingston when I'm shopping there than I do in Perth and the reason for that is these place know how to attract visitors.

I really think this decision is wrong and once the Hall is down they will realise the mistake they have made and by then its far too late that part of Perths history will be gone forever!

Sarah

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From: White L (Lucy)
Sent: 21 November 2011 07:21
To: in coming@lh23hisa.scotland.gov.uk
Subject: FW: PERTH CITY HALL

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From: Ron Craik [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 November 2011 10:45
To: hs.inspectorate (external)
Subject: PERTH CITY HALL

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to voice my disgust at the decision by Perth and Kinross council to demolish the City Hall a **LISTED BUILDING**, if this building was owned by a private individual they would not allow it and I would not think Scottish Heritage would allow it either. If this goes ahead does this mean that other people will have the right to knock down listed buildings?

I think they should have looked at doing what Edinburgh has done with the Morningside North Parish Church in adding various floor levels and have a lower hall space for craft/ farmers markets etc, and the upper levels as office space for small companies or charities and also tourist information.

Who is driving this demolish?? to have a civic square with the weather we have had in the last 2 years is ridiculous. It was even high lighted on the TV programme towns that it would not be in the interest of Perth to demolish the Hall. The council have just spent thousand paying the High Street (which is not completed) and even now the new slabs are cover in chewing gum etc. What sort of rubbish is a square going to cause???

I would just like to let it be known that I am proud of my roots and heritage and over the years P&KCC have destroyed most of it.

Kind regards
R.Craik

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Louisa Humm
Senior Inspector
Historic Scotland
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18 November 2011

By email

Dear Ms Humm,

**Perth City Halls, King Edward Street, Perth - 11/01083/LBC and
11/01082/FLL**

SAVE Britain's Heritage writes to request that you refer this case to the Scottish Ministers. We believe strongly that the application was approved without proper consideration to the building's considerable architectural and historic significance which is reflected by its Category B status.

Perth City Halls is of national importance and a fine example of a civic building. It is the work of Glasgow architects H E Clifford and Lunan and was built between 1909-14, in a monumental neo-Classical style and remains a dominant and handsome presence in the Perth City Centre. Its ashlar walls crisp with stone detailing mark the Halls out as a building of the highest quality in terms of construction and materials. Distinctive features include the three-bay coupled Roman Ionic portico, while inside, there is a galleried rectangular hall with five bays of lunettes and an arched ceiling.

The City Halls has been highlighted by the council as a key building in the City Centre Character Area of the Perth Central Conservation Area, designated by Perth City Council because of its special character. The council's Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (September 2008) identifies a number of 'key views' to and from the Halls.

SAVE does not believe that the applicant has met the required tests as set out in national planning policy to justify demolition of a listed building. The building has not been adequately marketed – we are told by the applicant that in 2004 the preferred developer did not produce 'an economically viable scheme for the building' - and there is no evidence that alternative uses have been actively sought. We believe the building should be put on the market again for a reasonable period to allow other prospective buyers to come forward.

In our view, demolition will also contravene national and local planning policy on conservation area which requires that conservation areas must be enhanced and appropriate controls exercised over demolition.

The City Halls is eminently capable of reuse. Leading conservation architects Simpson and Brown have drawn up an alternative scheme which has shown how the Halls could be converted to provide a market hall (inspired by those at Leeds, Spitalfields in London and Cardiff), with business and retail on the first floor and a part-covered terrace and gallery at the top of the building. The scheme would also include a visitor centre and café. A market hall such as this would be the only of its kind in Scotland and would serve to boost tourism and the local economy while preserving an important part of the city's heritage.

In light of these points, we urge Historic Scotland to recommend that this application is called-in for public inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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Rhiannon Tracy
Buildings at Risk and Casework Officer

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18/11/11

To whom it May concern,

Regarding Perth Town

Hall or Perth City Hall,

it would be sacrilegious

for it to be knocked down.

Look at our concrete New

Towns. Perth relies on

tourism + wants to be known as

the City of Perth. Why does

the person(s) want off of

knocked down? The Earl of

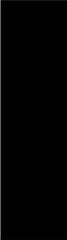
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Dear Sir,
DEDICATION OF PEARL CITY HALLS

For my 66 years, I have never
overheard and ~~celebrated~~ ^{celebrated} my
myself in modern social, cultural
or political in my home town of PEARL
However the application by
Pearl and Kinross Council to demolish
Pearl City Hall has so shocked me
that I feel compelled to register my
objection. I am confident that you
will figure required many letters and
will have enjoyed my eloquent
than I am able to show in the

Councils procedures and reasoning
For my part, I do not
know whether or not the building has
particular architectural merit and
would feel it is relatively unimportant
to this debate

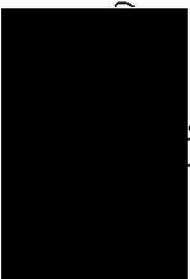
What is paramount is that
the building is part of the rich and
interesting heritage of Perth and
Scotland

In this proposed act of
vandalism I believe, the greatest
problem is that once gone and the
Councils rationale for its decision
is open to be flawed, as it inevitably
shall be, no amount of kind
regimes or apology will return to us
this so important symbol of our
heritage and history

I agree and heed that
you refuse the Councils application
to demolish the next few years
old but for the 6 year old who
want thank us if we deny them

this book with their rentals
and Estery

Yours sincerely,



D DUNCAN

Brough Y (Yvette)

From: Dymond N (Nicole)

Sent: 21 November 2011 10:48

To: Murray V (Victoria)

Subject: FW: Perth City Hall

Victoria

Email received into the external box.

Nicole

From: Captain Ian McRae [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 November 2011 09:44

To: hs.inspectorate (external)

Subject: Perth City Hall

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to respectfully ask you to oppose the demolition of Perth City Hall.

The proposal to demolish is typical council "slash andburn" policy, seen all too often in cities all over Scotland. Dundee, for example, once had a city centre of great interest which, if developed, could have been a major tourist attraction. Instead the Council decided on demolition and the construction of concrete monstrosities. Compare this with the fate of the Old Town in Edinburgh, or the centre of York, where old buildings sympathetically restoredhave proven a real draw for tourists.

The City Hall in Perth is a magnificent piece of architecture which, if lost, is totally irreplaceable.

I urge you to put a stop to this madness in Perth.

Sincerely,

Ian F. McRae,

[REDACTED]

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From: Dymond N (Nicole)
Sent: 21 November 2011 11:30
To: Murray V (Victoria)
Subject: FW: Feedback assigned to hs.inspectorate@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Victoria

Another email in connection with Perth City Hall.

Nicole

-----Original Message-----
From: Historic Scotland website [mailto:hs.shop@scot.gov.uk]
Sent: 21 November 2011 09:37
To: hs.inspectorate (external)
Subject: Feedback assigned to hs.inspectorate@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

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The following link is a guide to our standards for preparing a response but you may also find it useful to send the link to the correspondent with the response. Raising the Standard:
<http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/aboutus/raising-the-standard.htm>

Thank You

Type of feedback:
Send a comment

Subject of feedback:
A listed building

Other:

Comment:
The Perth & Kinross council have decided to demolish the Perth City Hall and replace it with a Piazza. I think this is an act of criminality and implore you to put a stop to this vandalism. There are hardly any buildings of note in Perth and the council have not really tried to secure a lease for the building as it is obvious they just want to see it destroyed. Surely there must be something that can be done to stop them

Reply?:
yes

Reply type:
email

Name:

Sndra Murray

[REDACTED]

Email:

[REDACTED]

Phone:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lucy Anderson

Sent: 22 November 2011 20:04

To: Johnston L (Leigh)

Subject: Perth City Hall

Dear Leigh,

I am writing to you to express my absolute disgust at Perth Councils decision to demolish Perth City Hall and I do not believe that other options for use of the building have been given due consideration. I hope that Historic Scotland will act in Perths best interest and preserve this beautiful and potentially useful historic monument. Yours sincerely,
Lucy Read

Sent from my iPhone

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Allen L (Lynn)

From: Johnston L (Leigh)

Sent: 29 November 2011 12:17

To: Mu rray V (Victoria)

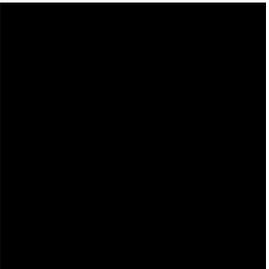
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From: Tair Muir 

Sent: 23 November 2011 09:08

To: Johnston L (Leigh)

Subject: Perth City Hall



Dear Madam,

I have written a letter a few months ago to your department with my objection to Perth and Kimross Council's plan to knock down our listed City Halls. I wasn't sure if my original letter was still being taken into account so I am just popping in a wee e-mail just in case. I am concerned that the council is citing the reason for demolition by saying that the hall is redundant and hasn't been used for a number of years. I would like you to know that since the opening of the new concert hall, the old City Halls have been under lock and key and been made unavailable to the people of Perth and Kimross. The building is fine and in good condition and was one of the first steel framed buildings of this type. It is older than some of the buildings around it so isn't as claimed an 'Edwardian Interloper' and if you look back to the oldest maps of Perth, this area was always built upon and never an open square which I believe would be odd in a medieval street plan.

Thanks for considering my objection again.

Alastair Muirhead.

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Leigh Johnston
Historic Scotland
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23rd November 2011

Dear Ms Johnston,

Demolition of Perth City Hall, Perth

We have been led to believe that you are responsible for noting objections for the demolition of Perth City Hall. As a family, we strongly object that a building of such grandure, position of usefulness & historical value should lose its right to protection through listing just to enable a lax council to save funds by the demolition of this property.

In all the years we have noted Perth City Hall to stand empty, we, as members of the general public & as council payers have never been informed that this property was open for public hire. If the council's main objection is to running costs then they have failed to advertise the property sufficiently to ensure its continued use leading us to believe they have had an agenda for this property for some time. We also do not feel that to demolish a unique part of Perth's history is the right of any council.

Is Historic Scotland not charged to safeguard the nation's historic environment, which includes that of the Perth City Hall & to promote our history? How does the demolition of Perth City Hall fit into this framework if not in an environment & historical capacity? Is it not Historic Scotland's role in protecting this property from the money grabbing short sightedness of Perth & Kinross Council.

In short, we are formally objecting to the inappropriate action of loss of listed building status from Perth City Hall & the right to remove such a prominent & beautiful building.

Yours sincerely,

Linsey & Paul Morgans

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From:
Mary Ellen Herdman [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2011 11:17
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Perth City Hall

Dear
Leigh Johnston,

I
am writing to register my objection to the proposed demolition of Perth City
Hall. I am not convinced of the argument that there is no possible future use
for this building, especially given the proposals submitted by Simpson and
Brown. The building seems to me to be in an ideal position for a
Tourist Information Centre and could also give greater prominence to the

collections crammed in to the Perth Museum and Art Gallery, which seems rather small and antiquated for all that it tries to do in a limited space.

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also have grave concerns about the effect on the local businesses of all the disruption which would be caused by the demolition work - I cannot see that St John's Square would be an attractive place to sit out in good weather to enjoy a coffee or meal in as it is at present. How can 2 years of major disruption be in the interests of adjacent businesses?
Nor, it seems to me, would the end result justify the difficulties on the ground. I don't think the practical implications of demolition have been fully thought through.

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will say that when I moved to Perth 18 months ago I was quite happy at the idea of demolition, but living here, understanding better what the implications would be, and thinking positively about what the City Hall building could be used for in ways that would benefit the community, has given me a different perspective. I think the chance could be taken to retrofit the building in such a way that it would be an exemplar of good design using 'green' principles with a high specification for insulation, sustainable energy use etc. Surely the millions of pounds proposed for the demolition could be used to a more positive end?

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hope Historic Scotland will be able to overturn the rash decision of Perth & Kinross Council.

Yours
sincerely,

Mary
Ellen Herdman

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23 November 2011

Dear Ms Johnston

I write to express my grave concern regarding the proposed demolition of the Perth City Hall, recently agreed by the PKC. I hope there is time to reconsider this approval and to find an alternative use for the Hall.

I do not live in Perth but have family living in Perthshire and as such regularly visit Perth. I love coming to Perth and I see this town having great potential but worry about the current state the town is finding itself in. Clearly regeneration is what is needed, and despite a new Concert Hall, this is yet to happen convincingly and fully.

The demolition of the City Hall to create an open public space is not the way forward. There are plenty of open public spaces in Perth already. A large open windswept space with no cover in a town that has an average rain fall of 1500mm, an average temperature of 17C and cold north easterly winds I believe is not in the best interest of the town and its population. Such an empty space in the heart of the town will not attract regular footfall which is needed for local business and it is those around this square that will suffer as a consequence leading to more closures and more unemployment, not less. This is common sense, everybody can see this.

However, the plans put forward by Simpson and Brown Architects (Edinburgh) are an elegant, practical and a financially positive way forward when considering this building's future. Having visited the English Market in Cork, Ireland, which was vibrant and buzzing with activity from local market stalls & traders and small restaurants I am convinced that this type of covered market and business space is the type of regeneration needed for the centre of Perth. I'm told this could be a first for Scotland and could become a draw for visitors to Perth, not only from the local surrounding area but also as a draw from further afield (as the English Market in Cork has become a tourist attraction.)

I am sure PKC have considered their decision with care and for some reason cannot find a way forward for the City Hall so now is the time for Historic Scotland to show leadership, innovation and flair in finding a use for this building. I have visited the Facebook page 'Save Perth City Hall from Demolition' where lots of people have put forward all sorts of ideas. I presume the main problem is the current maintenance costs to the council but if this could be addressed successfully (such as for example with a commercial partner or applying for European Grant Funding for the refurbishment works) this building could be saved before it is too late.

The future of the City Hall is the future of Perth!

Yours sincerely

Ms Renee Groeninx van Zoelen

To,

Historic Scotland,

Perth.

Edinburgh.

Wednesday, 23/11/2011.

Dear Historic Scotland,

With regard to the enclosed artist's impression of what the proposed civic square for Perth will resemble, the artist concerned must surely think that Perth is in sunny Staly or sunny Spain or Mayra and not in Scotland. He or she has surely not heard that due to climate change it has been predicted that Scotland is likely to have more dull, wet, rainy and windy weather during the summer months. This is likely to limit the number of outdoor activities that can be held. It will therefore be more sensible to retain and preserve the City Hall. It is well built and well roofed and is wind and watertight. If the Perth and Kinross Council no longer want to use the Hall for civic purposes it could be used as a museum or perhaps even

converted into flats for people to live a good comfortable life in central Perth. During the Second World War the Hall gave good accommodation to many Black Watch soldiers, some of whom went to fight against the Germans in Normandy. Yes the City Hall has served Perth well and has its own special history.

According to the cheerful vision of The Editor of The Dundee Courier newspaper (who is a most ardent supporter of Perth & Kinross Council) the civic square will be ringed by restaurants, cafes and public houses spilling out on to the pavements. Sadly, however, it is most unlikely that the drinks spilling out on to the pavements from the public houses will have any respect whatsoever for the quietness and dignity of nearby St Johns Church.

Finally it really will be dreadful if yet another demolition company is permitted to make yet another fortune from the destruction of yet another fine well built Scottish

Building of character.
Yours faithfully,

The Friends of Perth City Hall.

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From: Gair Dunlop
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To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: Perth City Hall

Dear Leigh Johnston,

I am writing to express my
concern about the planned demolition of Perth City Hall.

It seems to me that a city
in dire need of imaginative thinking to re-invigorate its centre may be in
danger of taking an irreversible step towards hollowing itself out, and denying
any other function than retail a place. In the current climate where retail
itself is evacuating the city centres of Scotland, such a policy is in danger
of creating blank voids in the guise of 'urban piazzas',

The Hall itself could be a
focus for renewed community engagement with the city centre, and should be
considered as central to the 20th century history of the town and beyond.

I hope that you will consider the demolition request to be ill-thought out and a potential liability to the urban future of a town which needs its heritage as part of its future.

Yours sincerely,

Gair Dunlop

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From:
Rob Carr [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2011 12:28
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: Perth City Hall

Leigh

I understand you are coordinating objections to Perth & Kinross
Council's recent decision to demolish Perth City Hall.

I only recently moved to the area, but was struck on my first visit to Perth's centre - some 12 months ago - that
the imposing Hall was lying empty in such a
prominent position within the centre of the town. Only last week did I discover
that the council - who not only own the building, but have the power to also
decide the listed building's fate - approved demolition. I contacted my local
councillors yesterday to find out more information, and state my amazement at
why such a nihilist fate had been decided by the council. The councillors were
very helpful and informative, but their fundamental issue seems to be that they

cannot identify a use for such a redundant building, and demolition seems to be the only option left.

I wish to object to such a decision, and would hope that Historic Scotland is able to intervene to prevent irreversible destruction of Perth City Hall. Perth is regarded by many as a fine Victorian/Edwardian city, and removal of such a building would be massive loss to the visual appeal of Perth. I also feel that there must be some national body - whether that is yourselves or some other government-sponsored department/agency - that could assist Perth & Kinross Council re-assess the situation and help them regenerate the building into something that could benefit the town's centre.

Thank you for your help.

Robert Carr

(Subscribed Member of Historic Scotland)

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Allen L (Lynn)

From: Johnston L (Leigh)
Sent: 29 November 2011 12:18
To: Murray V (Victoria)
Subject: FW: City Hall Perth

From: NORMAN MURDOCH [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2011 09:57
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: City Hall Perth

Plan to attend meeting to stop the demolition of the hall

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From:
Ian Littlejohn [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 November 2011 19:22
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: Perth City Hall

Having been brought up in Perth but resident in Edinburgh for many years I am dismayed to learn about the proposal to demolish the City Hall having fond memories of competing in the annual Perth Festival as a boy in that grand building. I feel that it could be put to better use as an Art Gallery as common to many such establishments the current building contains much art that is never on display and consequently never seen by the general public. I am a retired pharmacist and my experiences in Edinburgh would lead me to believe that a park of the size envisaged by the destruction of the City Hall would be a magnet for drillects and drug abusers. On the other hand an Art Gallery may well have a drawing power especially during winter months that would bring in much needed revenue to the city.

Good Luck

Ian Littlejohn

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Subject: FW: Perth City Hall representation

-----Original Message-----
From: Katharine Huggett
Sent: 24 November 2011 20:23
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: Perth City Hall.

I am writing as a member of Historic Scotland to request that you block the demolition of the grade 2 listed building known at Perth City Halls.

The council has had its mind set on the demolition of this building since they closed it 10 years ago. It has repeatedly asked the public via consultation what should be done with it and then when they didn't like the answer left the property alone again for a few years. The plans that have been suggested by a variety of different consultants could help small businesses once again become established in the city centre. Whilst the facade should be retained, the internal structure would need some work to re-purpose it but it would allow the city centre to become a centre of attraction once more. The opening of this structure as a fixed stand covered market that could be utilised by the various markets that visit the town would benefit everyone, we currently stand out in the wind and rain which does nothing for business. The second floor could house the small shop units while the top floor could become a gallery or office space.

This building was once a major feature of old Perth and before the building of the St Johns centre, it had a public open area in front of it. The Council has allowed other building to encroach on the City halls space and now feels it should be demolished to make was for a faceless square that will be of no financial gain to anyone. The effect of the demolition on the neighbouring buildings has not been determined and I am concerned that some of them will suffer an increase in the erosion and decay as a result. There is a mixture of building materials present in the square and none of it matches. The City Hall also stops this from being obvious to visitors as on each turn around the City Hall a new view is revealed of both the other buildings and the hall itself. Removing the centre building will also reveal the poor state of maintenance of neighbouring buildings. The complex archaeological excavations that will also need to happen will leave the whole area unfinished for years and more of the businesses will move out. The potential for other buildings to become weakened by the vibrations of demolition has also to be taken into account. Not

forgetting the effect on traffic and the dirt that will result. The building of a civic square will have a negative effect of the surroundings overall.

St Johns Kirk will also become exposed, additional risk to this building must also be taken into account.

The City Hall is a wonderful example of creative architecture. It is an interesting building to look at and it poses a number of questions to the visitors eg how old is this? What is it made of, why is it here..... I did not fully appreciate how young the building is until recently, and it is surrounded by others that span a similar age but you would not be able to work it out just by looking. It would be unreasonable to destroy something that can be reused. It is not falling apart, revenue from re-use makes more sense than committing the city to yet another onslaught of dirt and dust from demolition to reveal nothing but a wind tunnel. One of the things that makes Perth stand out from Strirling and Dundee is that it has not allowed its older buildings to be removed or changed. City Hall is part of that.

Please help us protect this building.

Katharine Huggett

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From: Johnston L (Leigh)
Sent: 29 November 2011 15:44
To: Murray V (Victoria)
Subject: FW: I object to the plan to demolish Perth City Hall and replace it with a Piazza.

Victoria,

As discussed - for 'cuttings' response .

Many thanks,

Leigh

-----Original Message-----

From: Charles Wardrop [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 November 2011 22:20
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: I object to the plan to demolish Perth City Hall and replace it with a Piazza.

Dear Leigh Johnston,

The P&K Council's plan has very little support in the "Fair City" or the County. Good, low-cost suggestions for redevelopment, such as a Tourist and Visitor Info Centre, Disabled Persons' Library, local History Museum, a fresh-food market, with any left-over space to be converted to flats by a local builder, have all been brushed off, like the majority opinion, by some of the Councillors and Council officers, such as Messrs Jim Irons and Nick Brian. There is suspicion of an underlying, secret Council agenda, so crazy seem their proposals to destroy a historic asset, with a hideous building site for years, then a useless empty space, all at great cost, with no long term job creation.

The proposed replacement by a square, a piazza or "Plaza" has minimal support and many objectors-you will have seen their views in detail.

Very many of us in the town and County deplore these daft proposals for destruction and waste, at vast cost, with great, avoidable losses. We hope Historic Scotland will be able to save the City Hall, for adaptation to useful purposes.

We will send you some relevant press-cuttings, by "snailmail" to indicate local peoples' published opinions.

Yours sincerely,

Isabel & Charles Wardrop, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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For OR please&

Michael Birrell

Information and Office Manager

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From: ANDERSON, Alexander [REDACTED]
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From: austin flynn [REDACTED]
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Subject: Save Scotland's Perth City Hall

For your consideration, You must have fond memories of the Hall.

The Retention of Perth City Hall

The elected council of Perth 100 years ago had a vision, a vision that epitomises the inner glow of belonging, belonging to a community, being at one with ones neighbours. They built a City Hall for the people of Perth, it was to be the centre piece of civic pride, built to accommodate the interests of all citizens at reasonable cost.

They left a legacy, charging all subsequent councils to uphold that ideal, hence the pronouncement that it would last for centuries, that was no idle boast, their vision of the building would prove correct, it would last for centuries. Unfortunately their faith in subsequent councils seems to be disappearing into the quicksand of political expediency and the abyss of stagnation, the lack of vision is a failure of our current council who appear deaf to all ideas,. Surely a dereliction of duty, a duty owed to those whose dreams they inherited, a duty to the people of Perth.

Puerile excuses come from the lips of the incapable: In recent times council spokesmen have criticised the building on the grounds that: It detracts from the view St John's Kirk, it was a planning mistake, its ugly, its out of proportion, its made of concrete, the cherubs are overpowering and much more. If that is so why, as recently as 1996 did they include the following on one of their official documents, I quote :

Perth City Hall is a building of great architectural significance and beauty. Together with the Kirk of St John, it forms the focal point of central Perth, and, seen from the Mercat Cross in King Edward Street, it is appreciated at its majestic best . Cynicism is not my forte but, why the turnaround in the council member's perception of the City Hall, any of the critics care to answer?

How many of the councillors supported, or objected to, the inclusion of the building into Category B, listed status? Could be an interesting research exercise.

However honourable the MD of McEwans, the close proximity of the City Hall to that enterprise does raise questions of vested interest, I would hate that his criticism of the hall is muddled due to this factor but would it not be wise of him to back his statement that its planning was a mistake by some concrete evidence.

Talking of concrete, comments have been made that seem to suggest that it is some form of inferior material, it is interesting to know that it was used in building construction in ancient Egypt and Rome, some of which are still standing. (Arch of Septimius Severus)

These excuses have little to do with the criteria used in determining the Historical and Architectural value of the building, more to do with a PR campaign for the City Hall's demise.

History cannot be destroyed, neither can the architectural elements that transform a building into a unique structure be hidden, they are real, not ephemeral, they are part of our heritage and culture to be cherished and not torn down on the whim of some committee hell bent on destroying our inner city environment. Their policy is there to be seen, derelict shops, peripheral development, urban blight.

Planners forget the most important element in a community is the feeling of belonging. They cannot see, nor accept that Perth is the focus of city and county life

and would allow for an environment for cooperation. This is required for the regeneration of this area within Scotland. It should be the hub used to revitalise village and town life, life that is so important to the prosperity of Perth and Kinross.

Did we get cooperation? No, even although a motion was put forward to raise this matter with the full council, it was defeated, but not by a majority Does that appear strange? Is the future of a category B listed building not important? Is it that attempts to allow all of our democratically elected members a say not contrary to the law of representation and even more so of common sense?

Was my elected member, party to, or opinionated to the same decision as the committee? I will never know so I cannot challenge his or her decision and gauge my reaction to the candidate in future elections. Refusing the amendment is going to be very embarrassing to those councillors deprived of having a say.

We even had excuses from the chairman who had to relinquish the chair due to concern about a pre-emptive strike. It would have been much more dignified if he just apologised.

My own impression and those sitting beside me was that the meeting appeared to be orchestrated by one person, Mr John Kellas, someone who appears to have a powerful role in the activities of committees that control Perth and Kinross Council.

I read one day he was opening an office for citizens to enquire about jobs. Why refuse to discuss an opportunity for the employment of 150 with the chance of an educational development unique in Scotland? It would appear that enquiry comes before deployment, a recipe that ensures that the importance is in looking, not providing. Most are intelligent enough to know the ramifications of such a policy.

Is Vivian Linacre an honourable man? I did a credit check on him and found nothing untoward so I have no idea. Will the council give details why his proposal is falling on deaf ears? Why cannot his concept drawings be considered as a viable alternative? Surely an independent intermediary, an expert in this field could be appointed to investigate this alternative, is that not democracy in action?

On the question of accountability

Where by the way, is the Councils Business Plan for the square? Have they taken on board, without question, the unrealistic revenue predictions, picked out of thin air by their consultants?

Is the projected profit of ?50,000 realistic considering that the one in Edinburgh is

currently running a deficit of ?2225,000 and has made a loss every year since opening?
I am told that the one in George Square Glasgow also runs at a loss. When will the
business plan be presented to the people of Perth?

Other proposals are emerging and the four million pounds set aside for the City Halls
demolition would go a long way in adapting the interior to meet some of these
requirements. Knocking it down is a cop out of the councils responsibility in the
upkeep and care of our listed buildings.

Austin Flynn

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Sent: 29 November 2011 15:25
To: HS.Consultations Perth &
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Subject: FW: Perth City Hall
representation

From:
Marion [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 November 2011 12:59
To: hs.inspectorate (external)
Subject: Perth City Hall

Dear Sirs

I am very concerned
about Perth City Hall, the Perth council have voted to demolish this listed
building. They have this crazy idea of creating a plaza on the site and
demolish this much loved building. I am a native of Perth and went to dances
and concerts etc. there, in fact I met my late husband at a dance. They will
create a big draughty area and the existing outdoor eating areas will lose the
shelter of the City Hall.

Please refuse permission to demolish The Perth City Halls.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Marion Dow

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From: Johnston L (Leigh)
Sent: 29 November 2011 15:29
To: HS Consultations Perth & Kinross
Subject: FW: Perth City Hall representation

From: Derek Burns [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 November 2011 11:12
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: Perth City Hall

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Dear Ms Johnston,

I start by admitting that I am no where as articulate as the likes of Denis Munro a fellow owner/occupier in Beaumont House.

I know nothing of the legal/red tape that goes with planning decisions re demolishing the City Hall what I do know is what a mistake it will be for the residents of Perth & in particular the residents in the St John's Place area.

Born & bred in Scotland and having lived abroad for many years & returning ten years ago I have seen a huge drop in the living standards/quality of life, for the town council to think that a creating a plaza will benefit the city are living in cloud cuckoo land!!

There is no way that the style of living in this country can be compared to those that live for example in Europe or further afield South Africa.

The 'cafe society' mentality does not exit in this town or I suspect country.

Simple things like pavements covered with chewing gum, cigarette ends, rubbish thrown down (even when a rubbish bin is two steps away!!!) etc. already exists.

Never mind the open aggression that is on show by the groups that hang around the area day & night, drink culture (people drunk by mid morning staggering around swearing & making a spectacle of themselves, drugs obviously are taken although I admit to not knowing how that affects the individuals!! The bad language used & the look of fear on the older more frail members of the community who are going about their everyday life is only too easy to see.

Demolishing the building is as far as I can see will not benefit the existing restaurants in the area as they have the passing trade already which will not increase, their patrons know they are there already & as no more people as likely to come through the proposed 'hole' in the town centre .

There are no shops that face onto the square, they are off at angles & will not gain any additional footfall, so to say the retailers will benefit is questionable as far as I can see.

I have returned the application objection forms from the planning department, never received any response or reports.

There was a 'table' set up in the shopping centre several months ago at the time of the last 'public discussion' I spoke to a member of the planning department at the time & her attitude was one of don't waste my time the building is coming down. She denied there were social problems in Perth & the city hall area in particular, eventually told her in total frustration that she must live on a different planet, not very mature but....

The building itself is beautiful, the figures & columns

eyecatching, there is nothing like it in town, to demolish would be wrong!!

There must be a use for the building, perhaps rip out interior

completely, make weather proof & perhaps use for open markets like the farmers market, the stall being let at a premium rate, the public then have a place to shelter from the bad weather helps sales, keeps building in use (albeit infrequently), council would get a very small return on rental (better than nothing if building pulled down!!)

There has to be a solution to this problem, I don't know enough about local politics or regulations but suspect that not enough has/is being done to get this resolved,suspect there is a large degree of apathy from the council members who will relaise to late that something could have been done to save a beautiful building.

There was a "concert" last weekend at the side of the city hall facing away from the square,my flat is at the back of the building but the noise was unbelievable and the council want to hold regular events of that nature.....enough said!!!

I know my comments are based on emotions/ observations rather than legal comments but I do feel that demolishing the hall will only make more problems than solutions for the town centre.

Yours faithfully

Derek M Burns

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Sent: 29 November 2011 15:29
To: HS.Consultations Perth &
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Subject: FW: Perth City Hall
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From:
ALEXANDER BREMNER [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 November 2011 15:08
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: Perth City Hall



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Dear Ms. Johnston,

I attended the meeting of Perth Council when the vote to demolish the hall was taken. A few members felt further consideration should be given to the new points raised by the public. Their views were swept aside in a most flippant manner almost to suggest that further discussion would be tiresome and unproductive.

I suggested to the council that the Hall could become a museum in which to display the many artefacts associated with Perth either residing in the cellar of the current museum or elsewhere. The Carpow boat is in Edinburgh as there is no suitable venue in Perth. The various Celtic stones from Perthshire are either in other museum or

rotting away in situ. Where are the exhibits referring to the whisky industry, the railways, the royal associations and many more events with which Perth has been associated and but whose memory is being lost. When I asked if a museum had been considered I was ruled out of order, but I persisted and it was quite apparent that no thought had been given to this suggestion or I suspect to any others.

Dundee is getting the V&A despite having recently refurbished the McManus to great acclaim. Kelvingrove and Edinburgh museums are attracting large numbers of tourists into their areas. Tourists need to eat, require accommodation, spend money in nearby shops, although this point does not seem to occur to some people, all of which would increase the economic activity of a town in decline. Have the council visited these places to see just how busy they are?

Stornoway was given a grant £4.6M to convert a castle into a museum. Perth has earmarked £6M to form the square and if able to attract similar funding would have a total pool of £10M.

Margate, in Kent, despite being in the South East of England is a run-down town with many empty shops not unlike Perth high street, have built a brand new museum for £14M. It is already reported that more visitors are coming to town, cafes have been opening and general trade is on the increase. Perth has at least as much to offer as Margate but the council do not seem to have considered anything other than retail and at the first hurdle thrown in the towel. Perth already has a suitable building in the City Hall therefore it might be expected that the costs should be less than those in Margate

The principal reason given to demolish the City Hall is to allow a better view of St John's Kirk. If the City Hall was retained, a structure similar to that in the Reistag in Berlin built into the hall or more simply a viewing gallery on the roof would give unparalleled views of the Kirk

I could continue at great length on this theme. Perth's associations with Ruskin, with the pre-raphelites, John Buchan, Patrick Geddes and many more is not being commemorated as the present museum is just too small. The layout and scale of the City Hall together with its central position would provide the perfect solution. A cultural centre for Perth which would attract commerce and be available to future generations.

In my submission I hope I have exposed the fallacy the council have been promoting, in that there is no other purpose to which the City Hall could be put or at the very least force them to think more widely than they have done to date.

I am suggesting a new start for a building which has served Perth well for 100years and I submit could continue to do so for at least another century.

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To: HS.Consultations Perth &
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Subject: FW: The Retention of
Perth City Hall

From:
eh67 [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 November 2011 16:40
To: Cummins B (Barbara); Johnston
L (Leigh)
Subject: The Retention of Perth
City Hall

Hi

I
would like to lodge my objection to the demilshion proposed by Perth and
Kinross Council.

I'd

like to draw your attention to <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.170793986337858.43585.141257649291492&type=3>

Please let me know if I need to do anything further at this stage.

Kind Regards

Elaine Hutcheson

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FROM:

27 Nov, 2011.

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29 NOV 2011
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J. J., re: Perth City Hall
As promised by e-mail,

Here are some press cuttings,
from local papers.

The much-loved Hall has
very many ^{more} supporters here than
opponents, but the Council,
incompetent as it is, want
to demolish it and replace it with a
"Piazza", rather than acting
on the many low-cost
suggestions for its adaptation.
So much for local democracy.
Yours,

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Sent: 29 November 2011 15:31
To: HS.Consultations Perth &
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Subject: FW: Perth City Hall representation

From:
ANN mcintyre [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Ann McIntyre
Sent: 28 November 2011 13:53
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: Perth City Hall

This is to express my concern at the short-sighted decision - made, in an undemocratic style, by a small Perth & Kinross Council committee - that Perth City Hall should be demolished. I question that this is the favoured choice of the majority of Perth's citizens. Our flat is situated opposite the City Hall. We look out on and walk past at that building many times every day and ponder in disbelief that it might soon be no more.

The hall is beautifully constructed - its demolition will cost a vast sum. Moreover, its destruction will cause untold and costly havoc to the public, to residents and to shop/restaurant keepers throughout that lengthy expensive process. The proposal is that the hall would then be replaced by a windy open space for which many noisy cacophony events are planned and which might well attract undesirable

lofters - the 21st century at its worst.

The Council is once again ignoring a sensible offer for use of the hall as an indoor market. This proposal has been put forward by Vincent Linacre. It is particularly distressing to have it ignored as was Mr Linacre's original proposal in 2007. At that time he already had first class tenants lined up to bring prestigious firms to Perth but at that time, the Council preferred to chose the cheaper ill-fated option from Wharfside.

Presently there are many successful markets held in the streets around St John's Kirk but for much of the year, considering our inclement weather pattern, it could surely be much enjoyable for these occasions - for both stall holders and customers - if they were held in a bright and well planned indoor environment.

Apart from Perth's many church buildings - one of which has long been in unsafe disrepair - there is scarcity of architectural features in Perth. Is it right that a unique building be destroyed when its surroundings include an ancient cemetery, quaint cobbled streets and a peaceful environment and approach to St John's historic Kirk? Our family's many visitors from around the world listen in disbelief and dismay when I tell them of the Council-led proposals that the City Hall be demolished.

I know you will do all you can to help this special hall to be retained.

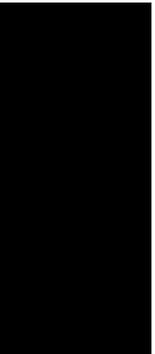
Our family are enthusiastic readers of Historic Scotland's beautiful and interesting magazine, so here's hoping that before too long your magazine may include an article on the history of and optimistic future for Perth's City Hall!

Thank you for all your thoughtful and much appreciated efforts of behalf of many of us.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Ann McIntyre



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Subject: FW: The mindset of
councillors - Perth City hall representation

From:
R IMRIE [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 November 2011 19:55
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: Fw: The mindset of
councillors

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: R IMRIE
To: perthshire advert.

Sent: Friday, 25 November 2011,
18:02
Subject: The mindset of
councillors

Dear Editor,

Although I now reside outwith the county I still maintain an interest and fondness for the area. My great grandfather, William Imrie was

a Lord Provost of Perth(1856-1861) as were two of his brother-in-laws.

One of whom, James Cuthbert (1905-1909) saw the creation of King Edward

Street and the building of the present City Hall, during his term of office.

Indeed at the entrance you will see his name, on a plaque, as testimony to

his part in the big undertaking. I refer to to the building as the "City Hall"

as in my mind it has always had this status. This brings me to the misguided

decision of the Council, to demolish it. My original objection was submitted

too late to be accepted, hence this response. I am concerned about the mindset

of the Council. That they should consider this action beggars belief.

The City Hall is a direct link to our heritage. The central position it occupies,

dominates an area to which tourists naturally graduate. It's grandeur cannot be replicated, or its history cast aside. The proposal was to replace it with nothing.

How can the Council think, that by creating an open space, they are demonstrating

to tourists a modern view. All they are doing is denying them our history. A balance must be struck between shopping malls, that have no architectural significance.

They only demonstrate the averice and " must have"attitudes of these times, against

a truly majestic structure, making an everlasting statement, to our heritage that is irreplaceable.

yours sincerely'

Robert Cuthbert Imrie,

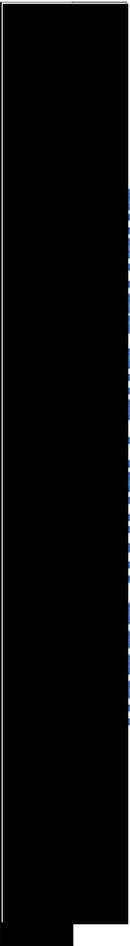


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Charles and Marilyn Godon



Ms Leigh Johnston, Historic Scotland
Longmore House
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28th November 2011

Dear Ms Johnston

PERTH CITY HALL

I wish to register my objection to the plans to demolish Perth City Hall. It is a superb building of which we should be proud. It may not have a specific use right now but it could have. And maybe not having a use is deliberate as part of the Council's strategy to force its demolition.

Buildings such as Perth City Hall are part of our heritage. Whenever one is knocked down it is rarely ever replaced by anything better. And in this case there is no plan for replacement merely the creation of an open space. There are other areas in Perth town centre where such a space could be created; there are some rather unattractive buildings near the City Hall, buildings that would never be missed if demolished. So why knock down one that is of architectural and historic merit and leave standing more modern and unattractive buildings?

Please intervene in the proposals for demolition and force a rethink.

Yours sincerely



Charles R Godon



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From:
Cummins B (Barbara)
Sent: 28 November 2011 17:17
To: HS.Consultations Perth &
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Subject: FW: Perth City Hall

From:
Alan Farquhar [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 November 2011 15:46
To: Cummins B (Barbara)
Cc: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: Perth City Hall

Dear Ms Cummins, (cc Leigh Johnston)

I am writing to lodge an objection with Historic Scotland against the plans by Perth and Kinross Council to demolish Perth City Hall.

I am shocked that

demolition of such a fine building could ever be considered and I do hope that Historic Scotland will not support such a proposal.

The reasons for demolition put forward by the council thus far are quite simply laughable. I read one letter in The Herald newspaper from a councillor who's best argument for demolition was to improve the view to another building, namely, the church which is situated just behind the City Hall. Surely our architectural heritage is not so disposable that a fine building like this can be bulldozed to improve the view of another?

Regardless of their arguments, demolishing a building of this beauty would quite simply be architectural vandalism.

I would therefore hope that Historic Scotland will not support the proposal to demolish this fine building which is valued by many people both within, and outwith the City of Perth.

Your sincerely,

Alan Farquhar

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Subject: FW: Perth City Hall
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From:
A.E. Robson [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 November 2011 01:57
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: Perth City Halls

Dear Ms. Johnston,
I am sure you are aware of the controversy surrounding the fate of the Perth City Halls. Perth and Kinross Council's handling of the matter has been incompetent, to say the least, and now seems to be turning malevolent. In spite of considerable public support for retaining the Halls the Council seems hell-bent on demolishing them and appear to be wilfully ignoring Vivian Linacre's detailed proposal to turn them into a City Market. This is by far the best proposal I have seen for this magnificent building and I am fearful that the Council will try to use procedural means to avoid even considering it, and proceed with demolition on the grounds that there is no viable alternative.
I hope that Historic Scotland will insist that Linacre's proposal be taken seriously and be evaluated independently of the Council. You are all that stands between this Council and the destruction of the Halls, which I would consider an act of cultural vandalism.

Yours sincerely,
Anthony E. Robson

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Subject: FW: Perth City Hall

From:
ANN mcintyre [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Ann McIntyre
Sent: 29 November 2011 21:08
To: Johnston L (Leigh)
Subject: Fw: Perth City Hall

----- Original Message -----

From: Ewen McIntyre

This is to tell you that I am concerned
that Perth City Hall building may be demolished.

I frequently visit my family's flat in St John's Place Perth and would very much enjoy if the City Hall could remain in place and become an indoor market. It could be a nice safe dry environment for me and my friends to enjoy. I don't like noisy, wide open windy spaces and then disabled access to the St John 's Place pedestrianised area might become even more difficult and inconvenient than it is already.

Thank you for noting this.

R. Ewen McIntyre

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From

Ewen

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