

# Comments for Planning Application 20/01236/FUL

## Application Summary

Application Number: 20/01236/FUL

Address: Angling Club 5 Sandbed Hawick Scottish Borders TD9 0HE

Proposal: Replacement windows

Case Officer: Scott Shearer

## Customer Details

Name: Dr The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland

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## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Contrary to Local Plan
- Designated Conservation Area
- Poor design

Comment: The AHSS Forth & Borders Cases Panel has examined the application and wishes to object to the application.

The building is located in a very prominent site within the Hawick Conservation Area, and it is proposed to replace part of the existing historic shop front with uPVC-framed glazing.

The existing shop front is presently a consistent historic frontage, with later lettering, and likely later glass and grills. The doors may be original under later boarding. The glazing sits within profiled wooden transoms and mullions, which echo the profiling of the stall riser below, the pilasters, and the cornices above.

The replacement is a much plainer design and finish, which through its dimensions and lack of detailing will cause the mullions and transoms to appear significantly more prominent. Scottish Borders Council Supplementary Planning Guidance on Shop Fronts and Shop Signs (2011) states that "Repairs or minor replacements to existing shop fronts should respect the original style and date." (p10), and the HES guidance in Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Windows states, "materials other than timber, e.g. uPVC, will rarely be acceptable" (p18).

These proposals would result in a loss of historic detail, and the deterioration of a prominent historic shop front. They are contrary to policies and guidance in the Local Development Plan, and local and national guidance, and we therefore object.

We would not object to the fitting of double glazed units to the existing wooden window frames, mullions and transoms, repaired like-for-like as necessary.