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11<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Dear Mr Jeffrey

**Re: 11/00402/FUL      BANNOCKBURN HERITAGE CENTRE, STIRLING, FK7 0LJ**

**A new interpretive exhibition and new heritage centre for the Battle of Bannockburn site with improved landscaping, parking and access facilities and demolition of existing centre**

The Trust has examined this application for the above and wishes to comment as follows:

The Trust wishes to **support** this application.

The Trust attended a presentation of the proposals by the Architects and representatives of the National Trust for Scotland and Historic Scotland on 21st June 2011.

The Trust feels that the bold and contemporary design concept is fitting for the site, helping to create a sense of character and atmosphere in a location which has lost much of its setting. The defensive character of the exterior of the building is in contrast to the light and welcoming interior and courtyard, creating an exciting visitor experience and setting the scene for the monument itself. The Trust is pleased to note that aspects of Secure by Design have been taken into account in the proposals.

The materials proposed appear to be appropriate, high quality and evocative of the atmosphere and character of a battle site. The patterned dark brick helps to break up the elevations and express the functions within, while the black gloss pantiles give the impression of an impervious shell. We would note however that the specification and careful detailing of these materials will be essential to the success of the building.

The Trust also welcomes the proposed alterations to the route through the site. By swapping the locations of the car park and visitor centre, allowing visitors to move directly from the centre to the monument, it is felt that the visitor experience will be enhanced. We would support the principle of further improvements to the monument and the landscaping as part of a wider enhancement programme.





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