

SAVE BRITAIN'S HERITAGE

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SAVE Britain's Heritage is giving its strong support to imaginative proposals from the Perth City Market Trust for the rejuvenation of Perth City Hall, which has been under threat of demolition for many years. The urgency of the situation is underlined by the fact that Perth and Kinross Council will decide on the new proposals on Wednesday and appear likely to reject them leaving the way open for demolition.

In SAVE's view the City Hall is a major Edwardian landmark and a distinguished piece of architecture, well built and well detailed by the best Scottish architects and masons. One of the attractions of the proposals is that it makes very good use of the central space with a first floor gallery with additional retail space. This brings activity to the heart of the building and will provide new public realm for the city which will be available to the public throughout the year, everyday and hopefully during the evenings too.



An image taken from the proposed scheme from Perth City Market Trust. Simpson and Brown Architects.

This proposal, which is supported by the Prince's Regeneration Trust as well as an impressive array of local and national organisations and businesses, will create jobs and bring new economic activity to the city centre.

SAVE's President Marcus Binney says: "it would be entirely premature to agree to demolition just as a constructive proposal has come forward. Unlike some of the earlier proposals, which involved disfiguring alterations to the buildings, the new proposal is carefully thought out and will breathe life into the entire building including the upper stories, with a mixture of shops and places to eat as well as small stalls for regular market use".

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Notes to editors:

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