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2016-06-10 19:34:39 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	#saveourgeorge !! Its a historical building, it could be a great community space, a cinema etc.
2016-06-10 19:31:41 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	
2016-06-10 14:01:49 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	The old George picture house is a well-known Portobello landmark and an irreplaceable part of the cultural history of the area. It is a rare survival in the area of Art Deco architecture, which has recently been echoed in the building housing the Beach House café and flats on the Prom at the end of Bath St. What is required is imaginative and sensitive adaptation for appropriate use. Demolition would be an act of inexcusable and utterly insensitive vandalism inflicted on the local built environment, and should be vehemently resisted.
2016-06-10 08:27:27 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	So many flats already. One of the attractions with Portobello is the variety of building styles and the areas quirkiness. Surely restoring the building would be better.
2016-06-09 16:44:08 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I object to this iconic building being demolished. It is part of Portobello's heritage. If property developers want to build more houses why can't they convert the building without knocking it down?
		<p>I would like to object to the proposed demolishing of the George on Bath Street on the following grounds.</p> <p>-Unacceptably high density / overdevelopment of the area.</p> <p>Portobello has recently had new residential development at Harbour Green, St Marks Lane, Phoenix house, and Baileyfield. Portobello does not need more housing development. All these developments are in the catchment area of Towerbank Primary school. This school is already oversubscribed and has had to have it's catchment redrawn. The school does not have enough physical space for more children moving into the catchment area.</p> <p>More private housing development is contrary to the needs of the local area, which needs more social housing/affordable/ rentable housing to retain it's social mix.</p> <p>This development does not support social sustainability by designing for different kinds of households, being all two or three bedroom flats.</p> <p>The area also need affordable workspace. The Baileyfield development has displaced dozens of local artists, crafts people, small businesses and musicians. The community has also lost St James's Church hall And is under threat of losing Bellfield church. This building would be more appropriate to be developed into community space and workspace, so that the local community doesn't lose the benefits these businesses created. There is currently a feasibility study underway to convert this building into community space by Out of the Blue, meaning there is a viable alternative to this proposal. "</p> <p>-Visual impact of the development</p> <p>The development is not in keeping with the style of architecture on Bath Street and would have a negative effect in terms of scale and proportion that is wholly inappropriate in a conservation area. This is a listed building that is an important part of Portobello's history and identity.</p> <p>The proposed design does not fit with the local DNA, and it would look completely out of character to the nearby architecture. It neither complements or harmonises (Edinburgh Design guidance 2.4)The scale and proportions of the frontage are also not in keeping with the rest of the Bath Street. (Edinburgh Design guidance 2.2) The proposed development is of poor quality and out of character in terms of its appearance compared with existing development in the vicinity and defiantly not of a higher standard of design as is expected in a Conservation Area. The proposed development would have an adverse effect of the development on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area'</p> <p>Interference with "Safe Routes to school http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/.../19/safer_routes_to_school</p> <p>The closure of the streets around Towerbank at pick up and drop off has already made morning and afternoon traffic in Beach Lane, Mentone Avenue and Bath Street dangerous.</p> <p>This is a concern when added to the increased traffic that demolition and development will bring to an already congested area, where parking is impossible and vehicle movements difficult due to over crowding and one way systems. The development will put children walking to school at increased risk.</p> <p>It also seems that the development's car park positioning will likely necessitate that all the cars coming out will have to go and do a 3 point turn around Ramsey Place or the end of Mentone near Beach Lane, which is filled with children walking to and from school.</p> <p>http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2005/08/16154453/44548 Number 65 in this document suggests that planning should encourage walking to become the prime mode for shorter journeys through arranging land uses, by utilising urban design and encouraging specific schemes, such as Safer Routes to Schools....."</p>
2016-06-09 10:23:50 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	There are also three pre-school/ nurseries within a short distance of the development, Blossom, Towerbank Nursey and Toddlerhut.
		<p>I think that the parking implications will be considerably detrimental to the area.</p> <p>The design of the new flats is uninspiring.</p>
2016-06-08 20:27:51 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	There should be a period of time to allow community buy-out options to be developed. Commercial developers have capital to move quickly on these developments whereas the community would normally need to self-organise to find a solution that works for the community.

2016-06-07 21:14:12 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Why pull down another beautiful building use it for the community
2016-06-07 10:09:57 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	The George is not only a beautiful building, but links Portobello to it's history as a seaside town. Portobello would benefit from this building being improved and upgraded and I would absolutely support a proposal from Out Of The Blue to create an Arts Hub in Portobello. There is a huge residential development being developed at the Baileyfield site and what Portobello needs is more cultural and leisure amenities to attract and keep those new residents into Portobello where in turn they shop and eat and bring cash to the area. I implore Edinburgh Planning Department to think creatively and to be a leader in thinking about how to maintain a cultural history of Portobello and Edinburgh whilst enabling new creativity and cultural growth for the future. The cared for and looked after George will bring people to Portobello all year long. Please save this building for us, our children and grand children!
2016-05-31 15:45:03 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Portobello has a comprehensive collection of buildings covering almost every period since 1600's. The County/George building is the only remaining example of Art Deco period. It would be criminal to lose it. I thought listed building status would protect it. Sadly some faceless individuals who do not have any connection to Portobello will be making the decision regarding its future.
2016-05-31 10:40:21 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	I live very close to the George (on Marlborough Street) and wish to object to this development in the strongest terms. My reasons for these objections are: 1. Parking The parking situation in this area is already really bad. Anytime I look out my living room window I see a car trying to back up the road to let another pass. There are also problems with parents picking up their children from Towerbank Primary, which causes a bottleneck. I already do not own a car because when I have borrowed or hired a car, the parking situation has been so stressful that it has undermined the joy of being able to take trips. The addition of 21 flats, with potentially more than 21 extra cars on the streets, will severely aggravate the situation. 2. Publically-Accessible Space Portobello is growing very quickly, especially with the large new development between Portobello High Street and Baileyfield Road. As such, I think it is very important that we do not lose existing publically-accessible space. Bingo may be going out of fashion, but at least the Bingo Hall has been somewhere I could take my friends on a rainy day. The surrounding cafes and pubs are often so full you cannot get a table. I feel it is important that any development to the George keeps it as a space that can be used by all residents. 3. Architecture The proposed building is not at all in keeping with the style of the street, with its beautiful Georgian and Edwardian terraces. The facings of the building is wrong, the shape is too square, and also much higher than the existing building. The existing deco building is beautiful, with its curved facing and gentle steps. I strongly feel that this existing building should be preserved. Thank you for taking your time to read these comments.
2016-05-30 21:47:24 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	
2016-05-30 11:32:15 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	It always seems a shame to demolish a listed building and I have reservations about yet more residential accommodation in the centre of Portobello with all the attendant parking and traffic congestion problems. The school is already over-subscribed; has this been taken into consideration?
2016-05-30 11:11:34 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I have many concerns about the proposed demolition of the listed art deco cinema on Bath Street. Firstly it is an iconic art deco building and Portobello does not have many buildings from this period. Many locals consider it a landmark of the area and even people who don't live in the area have remarked on how they enjoy looking at it when they visit the area to go to the beach. When you speak to people who grew up around this area, the George cinema often comes up in conversation. It was built with the purpose of entertaining the community and it is still currently used and enjoyed by a community who attend the bingo. There are many alternative uses for a space such as this and I am very sceptical of the argument that they have explored all possibilities in the past three years. When the building was put on the market, where was it advertised? It seems very short sighted to consider destroying such a unique building because currently bingo is a bit out of fashion – look what happened to vinyl sales and record players! Suddenly the public became interested again and the industry is booming. Having examined the plans it would appear that firstly the size of the original building has been 'accidentally' expanded so that the proposed building does not appear to be higher than it. It also would appear that part of the building extends further forward than the tenements beside it (number 12). This would narrow the pavement at this point and as the pavement is currently narrow in a lot of areas, I notice that people often use the wider pavement at number 14 to bypass large groups. Bath street is used as the main thoroughfare to the beach and also many parents and children use it to get to Tower Bank Primary School, narrowing the pavement further increases the risk of pedestrians spilling on the road. In addition to the nearby school, there is also a nursery opposite so I feel that narrowing the pavement would be a dangerous idea. I also feel that 21 flats would have a great impact on traffic, although they may have one allocated parking space each, many households have more than one car and there is already a lot of double parking and congestion in the area. This is also going to be worsened when the new development of the Tower Bank School annexe is completed and 6 more flats will exist on Bath Street. I think that during the period of construction and demolition the access to the road may be reduced and local businesses such as cafes and hairdressers may suffer due to decreased footfall. I worry about the impact of 21 flats on the sewerage system. Currently our living room and bedroom look on the bingo hall and I feel that 21 flat will decrease our privacy greatly. It will potentially block light to the front our flat as well. I also am against a massive construction project outside my bedroom window as I work nightshifts. Overall the thing I object to the most is the destruction of a building that I love because it was one of the great attractions to live on this street.
2016-05-30 07:50:14 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	My kids did a project about Portobello a few years ago, including the Bingo Hall. It is a beautiful building with a great history - to pull it down would be a travesty. I am entirely opposed to the plans. I could accept the existing building being converted into flats whilst retaining the external structure and facade, but do not agree with the demolition of this magnificent Art Deco building.
2016-05-29 21:37:34 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	George cinema is a land mark o the bath street. There is rapid increase of flats in Portobello and Joppa, but lack of community spaces and spaces for creative buisnesses.

2016-05-29 11:01:27 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is an historic building which should not be demolished. The design of the proposed new flats is ugly and not in keeping with the surrounding buildings. The proposed flats will block sunlight on the street. This is a densely populated residential area and does not need more traffic or parking issues associated with more occupants.
2016-05-29 09:56:24 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	I visit Portobello on a regular basis for a walk on the Prom and the beautiful beach. I have always taken the route past the George. It makes me smile to think that the people of Portobello can still enjoy the such a lovely building for entertainment. Their is already a proposal for new flats and houses from Barret's and I see Hart builders have started work again on their flats. Portobello is a seaside town with ancient history attached to it. This iconic building should be preserved at all costs. New build flats in the area of Portobello would not enhance the town one bit.
2016-05-28 13:22:10 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I like it the way it is. Why try to fix something that's not broken
2016-05-28 12:52:36 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The destruction of another priceless historic building is simply vandalism sanctioned by a short-sighted council. The current building is a valued community resource and there is no pressing need to replace it with residential units which bring money to the pockets of developers but nothing to the community.
2016-05-28 10:46:50 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a beautiful, historic building, which gives character to the street. Too many of these buildings are being destroyed - we need to preserve our heritage, not destroy it.
2016-05-28 10:25:34 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Why would Edinburgh choose to demolish an historic building (once again!) to build another eyesore. Portobello is a beautiful place and full of families and young children who can look back to these old buildings and be told of their former lives and new lives to come rather than have them torn down and all that history lost! It would be yet another disaster of a planning application like so many others in Edinburgh. All this and not to mention the chaos it would ensue in a quiet and small street in happy Portobello where I visit frequently and hope to love some day.
2016-05-28 10:16:56 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	This is a unique in the middle of a thriving community its. I feel a more thoughtful community focussed solution could be found that would enable the community of portobello to benefit as well as the beautiful architecture of the George.
2016-05-28 10:11:26 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Communities need congregation spaces; creativity over homes there is still room for.
2016-05-28 09:24:31 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The loss of the bingo hall would be a disaster for Portobello. It is a part of the character of the town. Portobello is founded as Edinburgh's seaside and the hall is key to the character of the area. The charm of the town is the mix of public and private spaces over a diverse range of architectural styles. The population of Portobello is growing and the town needs more public space. The hall offer offers multiple opportunities for the community and should not be lost. The planned development is out of scale with its surroundings. It is too big and too densely packed with residences. The proposed flats would be detrimental to the visual appeal of the neighbourhood and offers nothing to enrich the social fabric of the community.
2016-05-28 08:39:43 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The cinema is one of the last remaining landmarks of Portobello's 20th century heyday - it adds to the uniqueness and character of the neighbourhood. As such the building itself is worth preserving and a public / community use found for it. Also, there has been significant housing development in the area recently and 2 further large projects underway. The high street is already a traffic nightmare: adding yet more housing would exacerbate this problem yet further.
2016-05-28 08:12:52 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The George is an architectural asset to the community which would be sorely missed, should it be demolished. I feel that the addition of further, high-voltage housing to the area does not justify the loss of the original building and so I am opposed to the development.
2016-05-28 08:09:35 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Let's get it put to good use for all the community instead of lining developers pockets.
2016-05-27 23:18:08 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The parking on Bath Street has been over-capacity for years. Other new flats on the street, despite providing minimal parking, have made it near impossible for existing residents to park nearby. There simply is not enough space for the inevitable influx of extra vehicles this development would bring. Population density in this area is also an issue. This area does not have infrastructure for endless new high rise residential units. The limit has already been reached and surpassed. Schools are overflowing, doctors and dentists at capacity. Community spaces have been lost over the years. The proposed development is also aesthetically disappointing: unimaginative, uninspiring and unthinkable to even consider something as bland as that to replace a C-listed landmark piece of Portobello architecture, not to mention destroying an Art Deco historical feature. The plan would also change the street, blocking sunlight from nearby residences. It can't be allowed to go ahead. This is a conservation area. It has already been vandalised by erecting 'Miami-style' flats on the historic Victorian Promenade, ruining the lines and sticking out like a sore thumb for miles. Don't make another mistake - keep the beautiful historic Art Deco landmark and turn down the developers predictable solely-for-profit plans.
2016-05-27 22:54:50 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	I object to the proposed demolition of this significant example of an historic 1930s art deco style cinema.
2016-05-27 22:54:28 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a listed building in an area already very populated. To rip down a Listed building to create another large biding of flat with ultimately inadequate parking provision in an area already struggling with parking. Enough provision of flat, especially with new building planned The loss of this art novo listed building wild be a massive loss to the cultural balance within portobello
2016-05-27 21:11:39 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Could the building not be adapted for other use if that's what's needed? Such a shame to lose this building.
2016-05-27 17:52:25 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Please preserve this beautiful building.
2016-05-27 17:17:14 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Save this Art Deco building! It's quite wrong that it should be demolished, it could much better serve the community and be preserved for future generations
2016-05-27 14:31:01 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	This beautiful and distinctive building greatly enhances the architecture of Portobello. It should be preserved for future generations a fine example of the Art Deco style from the 1930s. Sadly not many of these buildings are left. I would be very saddened to see it demolished.

2016-05-27 14:16:57 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The George is the only significant Art Deco building in Portobello, and is a striking landmark in Bath St. It is a rare survival in Edinburgh of the work of Thomas Bowhill Gibson, a specialist in cinema design, who endowed a scholarship at Edinburgh College of Art which is still awarded. I am aware of a group in Portobello who want to acquire the George for community use and am unaware of any initiative by the current owners to find an alternative use. All avenues for re-use should be explored while the building is still in reasonable condition. Therefore I object strongly to the proposed demolition
2016-05-27 12:49:49 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I think the exterior of the building should be maintained (minus the blue bingo canopy).
2016-05-27 11:41:20 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I think the old bingo hall/cinema is of historic importance and could be a fantastic community space. I think preference should be given to enabling members of the community to have more time to find ways to convert it into a place that the whole community can benefit from. More flats will mean more congestion in an already highly built up area.
2016-05-27 11:00:11 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	It wd be a travesty to demolish this valuable old building with so much history and replace it with yet another block of flats. Keep Portobello's character!!!
2016-05-27 10:21:24 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The cinema/bingo hall is unique and an important part of portobellos history. Please don't let it be torn down. There are already enough residencies in Portobello!
2016-05-27 06:17:14 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Heed must surely be taken over its listed Art Deco status. Bath Street has considerable traffic problems at the moment , especially at the narrowing of the street approaching The George. This is a highly densely populated street. 21 new flats are not appropriate.
2016-05-26 13:08:37 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Building in central position ideal for community use and of historical interest as an example of Art Deco. Not ideal for housing as area already congested and proposed block would darken surrounding houses and induce considerable traffic problems along the narrow Bath Street and Mentone Avenue. The building could be converted into a community centre, replacing the Wash House which could be demolished and sold for housing, much better site for housing than the Bingo Hall. The Art Deco Whitehouse in Craigmillar has been very successfully converted into a library and, I think, a community centre. The conversion could be a joint Council/community project with the community applying to the Scottish Government for a grant under the recent Community Empowerment law.
2016-05-26 00:15:13 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Lost for words on this one. In order to keep this short & sweet. That's one truly dreadful facade. However, it fits well with the other atrocities that are cropping up around Porty. Has anyone considered the infrastructure/ social implications of all this new housing being built? Probably not - it all seems to be about making money these days.
2016-05-25 22:48:55 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The built environment: the existing (and forthcoming new project at no.26) buildings in Bath St are like a highly condensed anthology of 200 years of architectural styles, and the former George cinema makes a striking contribution to this unique streetscape, whereas the proposed replacement is yet another bland quasi-postmodern design that can be found all over Edinburgh. 21 new dwellings will mean that perhaps 30 or more extra vehicles will be using the Street on a daily basis, creating even more congestion at busy times. Infrastructure issues: Portobello surgery is unable to take new referrals, and Towerbank School is operating at full capacity.
2016-05-25 20:57:13 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a beautiful historic landmark my parents went here when they were young can't destroy a stunning piece of portobello history
2016-05-25 16:39:40 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Ideally the old cinema would be usable in current format as a community orientated venture however realistically, given the challenges of that as a longer term project, the original façade should be retained in any future alterations and any new building should match the footprint and height/width of the existing building. If flats were to be built serious consideration should be given to car parking and access - current congestion on Bath street and surrounding area already causes problems. Currently there are barely enough car parking spaces to meet residential demand and school pick-up/drop-off times are chaotic as it is.
2016-05-25 16:26:41 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	This is a lovely old Listed building which should be retained and maintained for community use. Not yet more luxury flats which ordinary local people can not afford.
2016-05-25 15:24:08 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This would involve the loss of an attractive Deco building which adds to the character of Portobello. It would then be replaced by another bloc of unremarkable apartments. More residential accommodation on Bath Street would cause overloading on an already congested street. While recognising the difficulty in finding a sustainable use for such an old cinema, it's destruction, and the resultant increase in the density of habitation in central Portobello would be a retrogressive step and increase the road congestion already very apparent in the area.
2016-05-25 15:16:08 +01:00	I support the proposals.	A listed building is of no value for its own sake the use to which it is put to is the value and housing, which I hope will be affordable, is much more of an asset

2016-05-25 14:40:54 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a unique art deco building that would serve much better as a central local community cultural centre in some form I think. I run a local arts group, Art Walk Party, and strongly believe its use as an artspace or returned to its former glory as a cinema, would be so much more appropriate for the community in which it is in. Its location on a busy narrow street, already difficult to drive down, will only create further problems with increased traffic even if it does have parking within its grounds, there are important questions of access and congestion. I don't see what the proposed development would really add to the area. As a building with immense historical value it deserves to be restored to its former glory and be a central hub that serves the local community.
2016-05-25 12:39:43 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I cannot believe they would destroy this beautiful building to build MORE flats!!!!
2016-05-25 12:36:28 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The loss of this Listed building would be another nail in Portobello's coffin. It could surely be put to a more valuable community use rather than become the location of a mediocre block of flats.
2016-05-25 12:21:06 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is an iconic building which requires restoration not demolition. There are precious few of these Art Deco style cinemas left in the UK. It is understood that the interior is largely preserved and could be returned to its former condition. Parking in this part of Portobello is too difficult already without 21 further residences. The building's current use supports a community function. Such use should be maintained.
2016-05-25 11:50:38 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Lovely old building should be kept and used for something other than a modern block of flats. School is already too busy and parking a nightmare in this area.
2016-05-25 11:49:26 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	While I have no problem with a change of use or adaptation of the current building I am unhappy with the demolition of a listed building.
2016-05-25 11:48:55 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Portobello already has too many children for Towerbank Primary school and this would be in catchment. It is a stunning building and would be much better used as a cinema again or some other business retaining the building.
2016-05-25 11:47:03 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I think that given all the building in Portobello at the moment it would be a great pity not to preserve the bingo hall, an integral part of Portobello for many years as a base for community activities of some sort, and to preserve the building. Portobello is the sum of its parts and if it is so gentrified by all that is going on it will lose the very essence of what Portobello is about and has become. At the moment the bingo hall also meets the needs of a section of those who live in or travel to Portobello and section of the community whose needs must be remembered in planning and developing Portobello. I am also conscious that a facility Verden studios that provided a base for many young people to form bands and participate in music has been lost and so am interested in the discussions that Maureen Child has had with Rob Hoon but would also like this gap to be considered and I am sure with funding and soundproofing- music facilities would be an important area to consider. The school generates a great deal of musical talent but this also has to flourish away from the constraints of school and Verden studios enabled this.
2016-05-25 08:33:57 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is an iconic building and part of Porty's heritage. I also do not understand why this proposal is valid if it is a listed building. There seems to be plenty of new flats available in the area and would question the need for more. Maybe Porty is ready for a local cinema, showing a selection of well chosen movies.
2016-05-24 22:02:28 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	Dear Sirs, I write to note my objection to the proposed demolition of the former "George" Cinema on Bath Street in Portobello and construction of a new block of flats; my objection is based on three main areas: 1) The building is a listed building in a conservation area and is an extremely rare example of mid twentieth century Scottish cinema design. The building is clearly in good condition, being currently in use, and would be suitable for a number of alternative uses. Demolishing a building such as this would represent a significant loss to Scotland's architectural heritage and frankly would make a mockery of the whole listing system. Listed buildings in good condition should not be demolished, and buildings in conservation areas should be maintained as far as possible in order to uphold the characteristics of an area recognised as being of special importance. Furthermore the new proposed building is entirely out of keeping with the character of the area. 2) Bath Street is already a very crowded street with difficulties in parking and crowded access, a development such as this is too large for this area and would be a disruptive influence on the people of the area. In particular the large amount of parking this development would require is entirely unsuited to the area. 3) Such a large project would be very disruptive for the people of the area, this is a busy area with a large amount of housing, families and small businesses. It is also very popular with tourists and visitors to the area. A large and ongoing construction project such as this would be damaging and disruptive to the people and businesses of the area as well as to the local economy. For these reasons I must urge you to reject this proposal. Kind regards, Matt Gorrie
2016-05-24 14:16:03 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Preserve the superb Art Deco architecture. It's a wonderful example of the era. Please!!!!
2016-05-24 13:07:58 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a listed building and has significant historical and architectural heritage. There are few original Art Deco buildings left in Edinburgh but 100s of new flat developments. The existing building could be regenerated and restored whilst still being turned into flats. See Beresford towers in Sauchiehall Street in Glasgow where they maintained the original Art Deco architecture and style whilst converting into flats. Whilst the regeneration of Portobello is important and positive - so is its history as a seaside location.
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2016-05-23 21:48:31 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I would be very sorry to see the loss of this building. It is an interesting art deco design and if it is not in good use as a bingo hall, then a conversion or restoration to some other more relevant purpose for the local area would seem like an infinitely more appropriate and appealing outcome, retaining some character, rather than yet another block of flats. I was under the impression that 'listed' buildings had protection from demolition so am somewhat surprised to hear of this proposal. Some more information on this would be welcome.
2016-05-23 21:40:20 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I object to the demolition of the bingo hall/old cinema. The building has listed status and could be bought by a community group and utilised appropriately. The proposed flats are not in keeping with their surroundings nor are they considerately designed. The area is already under considerable pressure for parking and extra residents will not help.
2016-05-23 17:33:16 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It would be a disgrace to knock down this beautiful building and build modern flats. It's part of Portobello's history and could surely be put to better use than flats. Also adding more residential properties to this street is madness. It's already congested -- making it a hazard for pedestrians and parking impossible. Would the council be considering demolition if this was in Morningside or Stockbridge...Look at what other communities have done with their old cinema buildings..Bo'ness, Campeltown, Aberfeldy. This too could be a thriving centre. Please let's save this for our community.
2016-05-23 17:22:52 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Portobello is known for its quirky, unique atmosphere. Housing is going up everywhere in Edinburgh, and in my opinion a tall block of flats, likely to create a closed in feel to the top of bath street, losing an amazing building, would be the last thing Portobello needs. Community space is being lost to Portobello and this would be a perfect venue to provide ongoing facilities for the community.
2016-05-23 14:00:10 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Don't destroy a portobello landmark. A building of this heritage could and should be put to better use. Reforming it to its former glory will serve the community so much better than these proposed flats. And bring even more visitors (and their cash) to the area which is loved for its charm and character. There are several undeveloped plots nearby so no need for extra accommodation. Not only is there already an issue with parking in that area. It will only add to the pressure on the already over populated schools.
2016-05-23 13:47:46 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I believe a building of this heritage and stature in the community should be put to better use. Specifically, I am of the opinion this building should become something for the community, like a dominion style cinema. There is no need to tear this down for accommodation. At present, with the addition of other new builds occurring across Portobello, this will only serve to put more pressure on the already over populated schools.
2016-05-23 11:42:34 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The density of this development will further increase traffic using Bath Street and place more pressure on parking spaces that are already extremely limited. It will increase Portobello's population in conjunction with other developments such as the Baileyfield site placing further strain on local services such as schools and GP surgeries. It seriously diminishes the heritage of the area by demolishing an historic listed art deco building. It reduces the civic amenity of the area by removing a social facility for existing local residents. The proposed development is of low architectural merit in comparison to the existing building. The scale of the building will deprive neighbouring properties of sunlight. I oppose this proposal.
2016-05-23 11:38:47 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I object to this application to destroy this stylish building which has so much potential as a community resource, only to replace it with another bland set of flats.
2016-05-23 11:21:09 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	I am writing to strongly object to the demolition of The George in Bath Street. This style and type of building is becoming an rare and endangered species, it would be criminal to destroy this building let alone replace it with mediocre housing. Whilst it is true that Portobello needs more housing, it has become a popular area, popular in part to its idiosyncratically rich architectural heritage. If the George was to go it would be a blow for the residents, for the preservation in Scotland of Art Deco buildings and for the future of Portobello in terms of visitors and future generations. No one will ever come to Portobello to see a block of mediocre flats. Why would anyone destroy such an iconic building with many unique and quintessential Art Deco features including its fixtures and fittings. It is important architecturally, socially and as part of Portobello's heritage. I would like to take an active part in campaigning to save this building.
2016-05-23 09:53:37 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	1. The George is a Portobello institution - can't fathom why you'd get rid of such an iconic building in favour of such an unsightly development 2. Buildings such as this really do attract people (tourists) to Portobello - there are several architecturally beautiful and unique buildings on this street 3. The traffic congestion in Portobello is getting ridiculous, to the point it's seriously making me consider leaving the place. We need less, not more, cars in a built up area (particularly on that street) 4. There is potential for that building (The George) to be a multi-use venue, given the right support: cinema/arts or music venue, community hub - let's think of the long term here 5. The current bingo hall brings people into Portobello - Edinburgh's Seaside - and it's more in keeping with a seaside town 6. Building works such as the ones outlined in the proposal would cause havoc in the centre of Portobello. Just not worth it in my opinion.
2016-05-22 23:21:09 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This iconic building should be preserved - Portobello and Bath St does not need more flats or traffic and certainly not at the expense of the George.

2016-05-22 17:29:08 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>I live on Bath Street and really love the George Bingo Hall building. It is a great, stylish Art Deco building and very much part of the character of the street and of Portobello centre as a whole. Buildings such as this used to be much more common but are getting less so as they get demolished - it would be very sad for us to lose them all, especially as the building is listed.</p> <p>The proposed residential block has absolutely no architectural merit and is completely out of character in relation to the adjacent tenement and terraced flats. Bath Street and the surrounding streets support a very dense population. The streets are already heavily congested and I would be very concerned about the impact of such a large new development on the parking and traffic congestion.</p> <p>I would far rather another use could be found for the existing building: we need to retain different building uses in the area; if it all becomes residential Portobello will lose the variety in doing so, lose one of the things that attracts many people to the area in the first place. I would like to see use of the building extended and opened to other members of the community. The White House in Craigmillar is a lovely example of a restored Art Deco roadhouse, it now houses various social enterprises and is well used by the community. It would be great if something similar could happen to the George.</p>
2016-05-22 16:37:53 +01:00	I support the proposals.	
2016-05-22 14:44:49 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>This is the last Art Deco building in Portobello and as such is of local historic significance. We should be attempting to preserve a range of buildings in the area in order to better maintain links to Portobello's past. Otherwise we will just become an other nondiscript, dormitory settlement of Edinburgh.</p>
2016-05-22 14:08:15 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>21 flats is a huge number of flats to add into an already densely populated area. Although parking will be part of the building there will be additional parking required and the on street parking is already overwhelmed.</p> <p>The area that is at present parking space with large trees is going to be lost to building and will overshadow the houses at the south end of Mentone Ave.</p> <p>This is a listed building and should have its facade preserved.</p>
2016-05-22 12:46:47 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>Portobello is more than just somewhere for people to visit during the summer. It is a community that deserves public space to come together and thrive. The building on Bath Street is beautiful and should be protected rather than flinging up yet more ugly housing that chips away at the heart of portobello. This building absolutely should not be demolished.</p>
2016-05-22 09:14:43 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>I live in Edinburgh and am dismayed by the number of original buildings that are allowed to be knocked down and replaced by bland flats or high density housing. A city is attractive because of its built heritage through time, and, once lost is gone forever. Too many buildings have been lost in Edinburgh and there is always regret years later. Communities need buildings that are not just for living in otherwise we will get what we deserve for just demolishing for gain - soulless blocks of flats with nothing around to hold them together.</p> <p>Unless cities and towns allow light and open spaces in planning (or keep what is there) built up rows destroy the fragile balance between the need for homes and open spaces, different levels and areas of no housing. Again, once the balance has gone and replaced, it is lost forever.</p> <p>Please consider the wider uses and needs of Portobello and reject this application.</p>
2016-05-22 09:03:59 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>This is a valuable example of Art Deco architecture, valuable in its rarity in Edinburgh as well as beauty. The whole of marine parade in portobello is gone as is the open air pool. Edinburgh planning seems to have made some strange choices lately, especially in the south side - Bernard Street, Causewayside, and these buildings which were worthy of note, and I'm sure listed at some point, are now gone forever.</p> <p>I think the George is iconic and beautiful and if it isn't able to survive as a bingo hall (which I am surprised about, given that communities are all trying to improve resources for older people and dementia sufferers, as well as the fact we are enjoying a resurgence in traditional community events and activities- markets, village fairs, knitting / sewing circle, quizzes etc) then perhaps another community use could be given to it - bearing in mind the land sold recently by Kings Road, ending the life of the artists' studios and the music recording studio.. We have enough bland and ugly houses and halls of residence going up, and I see this building as being one that should be protected - like the stone coades and the kilns, it is part of a heyday and it is part of Portobello's rich and stylish history.</p>
2016-05-22 02:36:09 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>The visually striking art-deco building is one of a very few art-deco buildings in the city. Instead of demolishing it could be enhanced - refreshed (and perhaps re-purposed) and added to (new design to incorporate the existing building) rather than the original building being completely demolished. Losing the (for the city rare) building would be a great loss and the area would loose some of its both historical and visual identity.</p>
2016-05-21 20:48:47 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	
2016-05-21 19:52:05 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	<p>Lovely Art Deco building! Don't demolish it. Portobello needs to keep its buildings of character.</p>
2016-05-21 18:16:57 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>It seems a terrible shame to demolish such a iconic portobello building - it should be restored to its former glory as a cinema and used by the community.</p>
2016-05-21 17:18:53 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	<p>I don't often take time to object to planning applications bit I think the loss of this art deco building would be very sad.</p> <p>I think the planned design is very unattractive and completely out of keeping with the surrounding area - more like a poor effort from the 90S. As a local resident I can not understand why anyone would think the local community could cope with so many more people parking?</p> <p>I am also concerned as a parent of children at Towerbank primary. The school is obviously over subscribed and the catchment has subsequently been substantially reduced. The last thing it needs is such a big residential development in its catchment.</p>
2016-05-21 16:55:58 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>considering that the area is already very congested with traffic, the building would be much more useful if it were revamped for use by the community.</p> <p>Progress does not mean tearing down historical buildings</p>
2016-05-21 16:40:57 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>yet another lovely building being taken away due to developers wanting to build flats.</p> <p>I do not support this.</p>

2016-05-21 16:17:33 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>In my opinion the George Cinema is one classic example of Art Deco style architecture in Edinburgh and should not be demolished.</p> <p>Also it is a hub for the community in Portobello and is frequently used.</p> <p>The proposed building looks out of place and is not suited for the neighbourhood area.</p> <p>If you want to demolish a building I know one near the promenade that looks ugly as sin and nobody would miss it.</p>
2016-05-21 16:08:53 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>More traffic could be a real issue as the area can already get very congested. I am also concerned that they would not supply enough parking for all the flats would exacerbate the problems we already have with parking in Portobello. Tall flats would block sunlight from the street and would likely not fit with the surrounding buildings, unlike the bingo hall which has for so long been part of the area. It just is such a shame that such a great building would be demolished for the sake of money and if it is being done more needs to happen to reassure people who live in the area that issues around parking and fitting in with the surroundings are being dealt with. The fact that misleading drawings have been put out there already does not reassure me or others.</p>
2016-05-21 15:49:19 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>This is a historic building which should remain for community use</p>
2016-05-21 15:21:26 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>We should enable relevant social and economic activity by redeveloping the site to benefit local residents. Preserving the architecture is possible at the same time as promoting art and cultural activities, which will also be good for the city's cultural status</p>
2016-05-21 15:07:44 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Portobello is already on the brink of being overpopulated with three other building sites on the go - Bath St, High St and Inchview Ter. 2. Already problems with places for next intake of children at Towerbank primary. 3. Already huge problems finding a parking space in Mentone avenue. Given that many families have two cars, and some with grown up children still at home having three, 21 more flats on our doorstep is bound to worsen the problem. 4. Further population will add to the burden for local GP surgery, waste disposal etc 5. It is really necessary to tear down a lovely piece of Art Deco instead of restoring it to its former glory and add to the charm of Portobello, which is one of the reasons it attracts so many visitors, especially in the summer months, most of whom spend money in the shops and cafes here, thus adding to Portobello's financial health? Could it. To be used for the good of the community or restored into a cinema, or theatre, or offices, or a creative space for artists?
2016-05-21 14:52:46 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>My objection is primarily concerned with the loss of a beautiful building of architectural and cultural significance, only to replace it with one of little or no merit.</p> <p>Furthermore, to permit the destruction of this listed building, would make a mockery of the listing process, put into place to protect our heritage.</p> <p>Please note, that Historic Scotland regard it as ' A prominent building within the locality, by an important Scottish Architect of the Inter-War period'.</p> <p>It would be embarrassing, to have to admit, that it was our generation who destroyed this building and others similar, in the way that previous generations demolished Victorian, Georgian and older buildings of Architectural and historic interest. It is clear that this building is held very dear in the community, and that only a little imagination would be needed to re-purpose it for the benefit of the town.</p>
2016-05-21 13:18:51 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>The impact of 21 flats with associated parking on Bath Street cannot be underestimated. The road is one of the main access routes to the beach and the flow of traffic is already restricted due to parking on one side. It relies on the patience of drivers to wait either at the entrance to Mentone Avenue (the corner of which is where the proposed development is sited) or at the junction of Bath Street and Straiton Place. If there are more cars attempting to gain access/leave Mentone Avenue this will impact both up to the High Street and down to the Beach. Mentone Avenue already struggles with double parking due to lack of space. I base my comments on my own experience having lived in Bath Street for 14 years.</p> <p>I also object on the grounds that a listed building such as this should not be allowed to be demolished without consultation with the local community. Only after all avenues are exhausted should demolition be considered.</p>
2016-05-21 12:34:20 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>I object to the demolition of the former George cinema as it is a beautiful old building. If turned into an arts space this building could bring so much to the creative community of Portobello.</p>
2016-05-21 12:33:49 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>One of the most striking buildings in Portobello. I've bought properties on the basis of being next to it.</p>
2016-05-21 12:18:54 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>It is a lovely building. We have enough new properties being built in portobello at the moment</p>
2016-05-21 11:57:53 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>This building is a historical piece of art that should be maintained and protected for all Edinburgh citizens.</p>
2016-05-21 11:51:00 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>This characterful building is a landmark in Portobello. This era of cinemas have been accepted as classics of design for many years, yet are still disappearing. With the recovering sense of community in Portobello and the recent increase in an artistic frame of mind in the locality, this historic building could be better put to a multitude of uses to benefit the people of the town.</p>
2016-05-21 11:48:28 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	<p>This Art Deco former cinema is part of the fabric of Portobello, it provide a real benefit to the quality of the area. Whilst it's most recent use as a bingo hall has not been ideal and I appreciate there are constraints on how the building can be adapted for a future use, I still feel that it would be an act of vandalism to demolish this modest but still wonderful Art Deco treasure.</p> <p>I am not one of those people who wants Portobello to be preserved as theme park to its seaside resort past, I want development and do not object to more housing, but this is a building that needs to be saved.</p> <p>Furthermore the impact of congestion of cars from a further 21 flats in an already busy Bath Street would be unacceptable to residents, pedestrians, parents with small children and other users of Bath Street gaining access to the beach and prom.</p>

2016-05-21 11:12:59 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Poor design, demolition of a listed building that could be used as a community space, traffic and parking concerns, increased pressure on Towerbank primary school. Building not in keeping with surroundings. There is a serious lack of community space with the demolition of studios at Baileyfield and the closure of numerous churches in the local area. The current space should be kept and developed into a community space, cinema, theatre etc with the backing of Edinburgh City Council.
2016-05-21 09:42:04 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It would be a tragic loss of interesting architecture.
2016-05-21 09:13:33 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The Art Deco building has been a part of the community in Portobello from its days as a cinema to now being a social hub for a lot of elderly residents in the area. I believe it is important to appreciate all periods of buildings within Edinburgh.
2016-05-21 08:52:38 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Please consider carefully Councillors about this huge decision you are about to undertake. Although this may seem like a good investment opportunity to the council and will most likely generate you money. Spare a thought for the impact this will have on a local community steeped in history. Refrain from continually knocking down local landmarks in order to fill the coffers of big developers. Portobello has undergone huge development recently, therefore we are moving with the times. Just for once Councillors listen to the local residents and don't take the easy option by knocking this building down but have some vision to turn it into something that will benefit our younger generation.
2016-05-21 08:49:44 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It is a lovely building which should be preserved. Bath Street is a narrow and busy street , adding yet more traffic to it would be detrimental to all.
2016-05-21 08:49:19 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The building is listed for a reason. We can't destroy our heritage. Keep the building as is and c Invert into flats if you must
2016-05-21 08:32:26 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Stop demolishing heritage buildings. Up Cycling philosophy applies to architecture too. Although on paper this proposed replacement offers some good features it is a visual blight on Portobello. Let's see some alternative suggestions to repurposing what is already there
2016-05-21 08:00:50 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a poorly conceived project with many flaws but more importantly it will rob Portobello of an iconic building which could be put to good community use. The number of community spaces is on the decline and if we display foresight and ambition this could become a cinema with flexible space for performance, café and space for art displays. this is a real chance which we must not pass up. Others will destroy the proposed plan as lacking in feasibility: parking, traffic congestion, existing problems with schools already full. I focus on the chance that we have NOW to do something lasting and permanent for the community. Pull this building down and the chance is gone forever.
2016-05-21 07:55:24 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Why why !!!!
2016-05-21 07:50:15 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Please allow us to protect our local heritage and particularly this piece of wonderful deco architecture (a memory of the outdoor pool springs to mind - sadly we lost that). Currently, there are many new properties being built in Portobello. So a simple question, will the impact of these proposed properties leave the same cultural legacy or indeed hold the same potential as the current George Cinema for a new and growing community? You know the answer.
2016-05-21 07:35:06 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	More high density housing in an already overly congested area is not the best use of this space. I would much prefer to see the original facade maintained and the building converted into a space the whole community could benefit from. Also, the proposed style of the apartments is not in keeping with other architectural styles in the area
2016-05-21 04:26:15 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	
2016-05-21 01:23:35 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Why does a listed building need to be demolished in order for developers to make money when the building could be used by the community?!
2016-05-21 00:26:04 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The building is listed. Portobello is already changing a lot. Leave some distinctive buildings please. This building is a landmark.
2016-05-21 00:10:50 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This building represents a strong piece of Portobello heritage, something that is important to all residents both long standing and new. The character of portobello is a very important aspect of the community and should be preserved - thus, I assume, the reason for the designation of the location as a conservation area and the listed building status of this particular site. This planned residential block is not only out of keeping with other properties (in fact, more than a little ugly and unoriginal) but also much larger, a factor bound to have a negative impact on the surrounding residents.
2016-05-21 00:01:12 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Loss of heritage and community facility. New flats will only increase pressure on the already oversubscribed primary school.
2016-05-20 22:34:11 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	I strongly object to the demolition of this important historical building.
2016-05-20 21:53:28 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Historic building. Would be heart breaking to see it go. Adds culture and history to a very popular area in Portobello. The venue should be refurbished to relive it's former glory.
2016-05-20 21:35:08 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	This listed building, or at least a nice building in the Bath Street location, would make a much better community centre than the rather miserable wash house. I'd want to see the flats in Adelphi Grove and the community centre in Bath Street.
2016-05-20 21:20:41 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	A gorgeous building it should be kept and used as an art centre to benefit the residents of Portobello for generations to come
2016-05-20 21:16:08 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The local community continues to lose space that is vital for local economic development for business and social enterprise. More housing in the area adds to the concerns that the local primary school is already over full and this area is in the catchment.
2016-05-20 20:30:09 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Why should we loose another iconic building. In addition the proposal on that particular site is too dense in an already very congested /overdeveloped housing within the locale.

2016-05-20 19:42:33 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I would like to strongly object to demolition of the Bingo Hall and the building of a block of flats as shown in the plans 16/02052/LBC. The proposed designs are what many parts of Edinburgh are being subjected to - high volume architecture with no design merit and no thought to local community needs. The existing Bingo Hall could be an amazing local asset if the community were allowed to see through the project in process with Out of the Blue - a creative community space bringing a much needed cinema/creative venue/hub to the area. The proposed flats would offer nothing to the existing community, design wise they are an offensive alternative to an architecturally and historically interesting building. I can think of nothing worse for Portobello than tearing down a unique building and replacing it with a bland, financially driven alternative. And that's before the impact on what is already a very densely populated and high traffic area, with a hugely oversubscribed school are taken into account.
2016-05-20 19:39:02 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The bingo hall is a building on significant public interest. It adds greatly to the character and feel of portobello, and is much loved and well used by local residents.
2016-05-20 18:34:50 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a listed building which is part of the history of the area and adds character to this street, this area does not require more residential housing but does require careful thought about the use of the existing buildings which do not need to be demolished. There is more than enough planned residential building in the Portobello area already and the extra pressure on the current infrastructure will be unsustainable if more houses are built. I'm sure that with a little thought better use could be made of this building. This is a major road used widely by people wanting to make use of the promenade and beach and with more housing there is a further risk to pedestrians from the increased car use in the area. These buildings once lost can never be replaced and the area will be much the poorer without them
2016-05-20 18:29:26 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It is a beautiful building that needs to be preserved.
2016-05-20 18:07:16 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Not only is the hall a bit of an architectural landmark it's also a public space for the locals which could be put to much better use than more flats.
2016-05-20 18:02:44 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This style of building is a centre piece of design and can not be allowed to be changed, it is a small piece and time of history in Portobello and Edinburgh.
2016-05-20 17:30:55 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The George Cinema, formerly, The County, is an important listed building and an excellent example of the the Art Deco/Moderne style. it is part of Edinburgh's heritage and Portobello's history. Bath Street is fragmented enough with disparate housing, and retail, buildings, of mixed aesthetic worth and state of maintenance. The traffic and parking problems are severe. The demolition of an iconic building (iconic as a piece of heritage architecture and as a fragment of the collective memory) and the rise of rapidly and commercially built flats would cause further problems and precipitate the fragmentation and desolation of this once lively street. As a child of Portobello, born in Straiton Place, I feel, with many other long-term residents that this scheme would have an adverse and depressing effect on the status of Portobello as a Heritage Site, which is, at this very moment being examined.
2016-05-20 17:22:00 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This distinctive Art Deco building has been a Portobello landmark for a very long time, known by all Portobello residents and visitors, and even further afield - I had occasion to visit the premises of lighting specialists elsewhere in Edinburgh, where to my delight a large photograph of the George cinema graced one of their walls. Though its cinema incarnation is long gone, it holds a special place in my heart, being the first cinema I was taken to as a child, to see Disney's magical "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves". It would be a great loss, not only to Portobello but to Edinburgh in general, were this building to be demolished and replaced with a block of flats. Would it not be better to restore and maintain the structure in its original style, and to find a suitable, community-oriented, purpose for it? Blocks of flats abound, but this building is unique, and should be treasured. I am certain that the huge majority of Portobello people must be in favour of retaining it, and would be immensely sad to see its demise. It is a listed building, and should be protected.
2016-05-20 17:07:57 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I am concerned about the increase in traffic in this area of high population density. I am concerned that this building will reduce sunlight to the street and other dwellings nearby. I am concerned about the loss of a building of such historical significance to Portobello
2016-05-20 16:10:40 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Listed buildings make a city interesting and give it a soul. Shameful enough that in the 60s many artfully designed buildings were demolished to make room for concrete monstrosities. That are being demolished now unlike the still existing older buildings. Don't make the same mistake. Create a city with flair, appeal and soul. Nobody wants to live in an ugly house made out of cardboard boxes!
2016-05-20 15:45:50 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This architectural gem has so many advantages for the community and also potential for many more uses. This street is over crowded and very busy it is. New flats are not required here.
2016-05-20 15:17:53 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	What an absolute disgrace to even think that this is appropriate. I don't even know where to begin with a subject like this in terms of the value buildings like these connect our sense of history to our present community. Coming from Glasgow, I am well aware of what a city can become without lack of respect for the integrity to such structures. I am only 38 years of age and looking at the beauty that our cities once were in photographs to the patchy building sites they became over the 60's, 70's and 80's, well I can only say that I pine for places that I have never set my own eyes upon. This building represents complete importance to history and present community and without even placing a bet, whoever reads this, I think you know it.
2016-05-20 14:42:25 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I understand the importance of exploiting brown field sites, but this is another development which will affect the quality of life for local residents in a non-reversible way. The George is a Landmark, and a community resource that should be re-imagined for the 21st Century. I object to the building being erected in a conservation area. I object to the listed building being demolished. The immediate area is already densely populated, and this will only serve to reduce the quality of life, where the pressures of population are already affecting the space needed in an urban community to have a reasonable quality of life. I also object to the loss of space as the new development would extend beyond the footprint of the existing building by some margin, removing one of the last clear spaces on Bath Street and cutting out light to Mentone Avenue. It looks like another brutal, ugly and dull building which will clash with the surrounding architecture, (if of course aesthetics can be considered in an objection.

2016-05-20 14:23:58 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It's a fantastic building - is it not listed or otherwise protected?
2016-05-20 14:22:28 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It is important, in my opinion, to retain a building, such as the George, to provide for the community, a venue for community based activity, being theatre, movies, bingo - whatever. To lose such a building to residential accommodation is a loss. Please re think the proposal and look at ways to engage the community with Arts/Entertainment. Yes, it is true that housing is important, however, many people already live, work and want to engage in the locality in which we live. If we focus only on housing and ignore the factors that centre a community and engage the people who live there, then all we are doing is providing a roof over heads. Human beings need more than this, we need to have structures that are preserved and perhaps modified, to engaged the souls who reside there. Just sayin'
2016-05-20 13:26:41 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	
2016-05-20 13:10:57 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	Everywhere you look in Edinburgh old buildings which had a lot of history have been replaced with houses or flats which are going to be an eyesore and another part of our heritage is lost. Although I now live in Fife I attended portobello high and regularly went to George
2016-05-20 12:41:54 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I was born in 18 Bath Street Portobello on 6th March 1938 and spent most of my early years in the town. It is sad that such an iconic building should be taken away for ever in the name of profiteering. I believe that the Mabury Roadhouse was save the wreckers ball and I demand the same for the George.
2016-05-20 12:29:58 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is an iconic Grade C listed Art Deco building that has been a part of Portobello's social and cultural fabric for decades. Please see sense and preserve the building. On a practical level, the proposed residential development will bring about further problems with traffic/parking, blocking light to existing properties and adding to population density in what is already a busy street. Thanks
2016-05-20 11:51:00 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Enough of our history has been erased already. Modern buildings appear to have a very short lifespan. Portobello High for example, a few decades old and demolished yet the original school still stands. Another modern building is not what the area requires.
2016-05-20 11:36:23 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	
2016-05-20 11:34:02 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The new development is not in keeping with the surrounding area and the number of proposed properties will unduly impact on traffic and local amenities.
2016-05-20 11:31:33 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	This is a beautiful building. A portobello landmark. There are enough flats in the area. The proposed building does not have anything to offer.
2016-05-20 11:25:17 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Little by little the prized historical character buildings which makes our city unique are being replaced with dull, bland, generic buildings until we will look like any other boring city. Art Deco buildings are scarce enough in Scotland without losing another fine example to developers. The Portobello community would lose an ideal building to act as a hub, to bring the community together and celebrate its seaside art Deco heritage in regeneration. Which other resorts up and down the country have done to great effect. Housing would also prove a nightmare with parking in a already congested area.
2016-05-20 11:21:47 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Silly idea
2016-05-20 11:16:36 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Big mistake to demolish building
2016-05-20 11:06:25 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This will not help the Portobello Community with traffic congestion not to mention blocking sunlight that is vital to our children. This is a close knit community and has been for decades. We don't want that taken away from at area and ruined. I lived in Portobello for years and still walk down regularly with my son. I strongly object with this
2016-05-20 11:06:13 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	the old ladies wont get there bingo. fun park has already gone soon we will have nothing of entertainment in are on streets just beacuse someone wants to get more money with selling homes.
2016-05-20 11:00:29 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Does the fact it is a listed building mean nothing nowadays? The new design does not fit in with the surrounding area. The traffic flow is already restricted in this area and this would make it much worse. Demolition and rebuilding would cause an incredible amount of disruption. The current building is beautiful and it would be wonderful to see it restored and used for the community. Cinema, concert/music hall. There is still money to be made here using it for its original purpose as opposed to destroying local history.
2016-05-20 10:42:02 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	It's not necessary
2016-05-20 10:41:26 +01:00	I support the proposals.	
2016-05-20 10:40:03 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Bath street is one of the luckiest streets in Edinburgh. It has a beautiful art deco building in it. Any new monstrosity the size of the proposed building will block out natural light. What about car parking? It's bad enough there just now without more being added to the problem. Please please don't give approval.
2016-05-20 10:39:05 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Beautiful Art Deco building that needs to be restored not demolition. I lived in Portobello for 23 years, there is so many other purposes for this building once it has been restored.

2016-05-20 10:31:59 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>I wish to object to the demolition of this listed building and the proposed residential development. The current building is a listed structure and an important part of Portobello's built history. There are few surviving buildings of this period (1930's Art Deco) and the existing structure is iconic, original and inspiring. The original structure and facade contribute to the seaside identity of Portobello and it's seafront. It is in excellent condition and should be repurposed for members of Portobello's community. There is potential to revitalise this building as a resource for the community and an example of preservation of Art Deco architecture.</p> <p>The proposed development would negatively impact on the streetscape. The proportions of the proposed development are uninspiring, visually ugly and out of scale with the rest of the architectural style on Bath Street. The proposals are architecturally lazy and regurgitate the standard formula of drab, utilitarian, cost-saving UK domestic architecture of the late C20th.</p> <p>The overall impact on the local environment would be negative: heavy impact on local parking, increased traffic volume, litter and waste collection. The proposals don't show any provision for recycling.</p>
2016-05-20 10:11:55 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>Building flats is going to add to an already congested area. For the past 2 years that I have noted, the traffic has become much worse, constant traffic jams. To add to this detrimental to the area. Developers must understand that building in an attractive place ultimately deteriorates that place and takes away from its very beauty and attraction. This new build will block natural light from surrounding buildings. Knocking it down is losing some very important 'art' and history in the area. We have already lost the outdoor swimming pool art deco building and to lose something further is sad. Parking is horrendous in Portobello, but even if parking is offered, it is the traffic that is added to in these streets. Over all I am fully against More flats being built in Portobello and pulling down such an important building for the sake of finances to the building company. Do NOT KNOCK DOWN THIS BUILDING.</p>
2016-05-20 09:38:58 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>The loss of yet another interesting building in this area would be a travesty. As well as an increase in traffic in an already congested area Portobello schools are having to continuously increase in size due to more dwellings being built. Bath street is the main thoroughfare to the beach for visitors and the proposed building is not in keeping with the area. The area has been saturated with faceless flats in the last few years. Please stop now.</p>
2016-05-20 09:25:04 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I am writing to object to planning proposal 16/02052 FUL, the demolition of the existing listed bingo hall at 14 Bath Street, Portobello.</p> <p>The building's art deco style adds to the architectural diversity of the area and appears to be in good condition.</p> <p>It provides a link to Portobello's history as an entertainment and tourism destination - Edinburgh's seaside where visitors have always flocked to.</p> <p>The community would benefit from this building being returned to a vibrant centre for film and the arts - a meeting place for all members of the community and a potential creative space for artists and families. As well as cultural benefits there could be economic benefits of such a venture.</p> <p>There are numerous flats currently for sale in the local area, and it's not clear what benefits additional housing would bring.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p> <p>Louisa Finch</p>
2016-05-20 09:15:30 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	
2016-05-20 09:01:21 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>Listed buildings are listed for a reason. They are important history. Art Deco architecture like this should be respected the same as Victorian/ Georgian etc. The proposal to replace it with poorly designed and badly built flats is typical money making without a thought to the community. The George will still be standing in another 100 years if kept. These flats will need to be ripped down and rebuilt in 40 or so years. Visitors come to Edinburgh to admire the beautiful architecture not new build flats.</p>
2016-05-20 08:57:31 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	<p>a beautiful architectural design and historic hall should be preserved within the area and local community</p>
2016-05-20 08:52:58 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	<p>The impact on traffic, sunlight and population density. The design quality "ugly as sin" and the loss to Portobello and the community if we lose this great old Art Deco building.</p>
2016-05-20 08:40:50 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>Gradually portobello has been witnessing, and enjoying, a resurgence of visitors to the area. The promenade has been revitalised, new bars like the Dalriada, espy, skylark, and palm tree bringing a new social crowds, exciting bijou shops like Friday street, cove, Martha's attic, art activity has flourished with big things on the beach and the Porty art walk.etc etc...</p> <p>The George is a fantastic looking building that could be capitalised on greatly as an arts related venue, new community centre, or at the very least retaining the beautiful historic facade. Already portobello faces a scourge with the new aldi and unimaginative flats currently being built, plus ones going up by the health centre look equally soulless. Please protect the charm and history of portobello, and more than that invest in the booming regeneration. Capitalise on these strengths, not breaking them down. Not to be demolished!!!</p>
2016-05-20 08:31:29 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>This is a beautiful building, which as a local resident I would be very sad to see go - especially to be replaced by such an ugly looking development. Added to that this street is already a nightmare for traffic & parking. It is also being built right in the centre of the tower bank primary catchment which has just had to be redrawn as the school is oversubscribed.</p>
2016-05-20 08:30:22 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	
2016-05-20 08:30:08 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>An absolute disgrace if the demolition gets passed, this has more history and far more beauty than Appleton Tower, for instance, a building that was considered for listing and itself was a product of cultural vandalism. And what about our seniors, they have already lost their indoor bowling centre.</p>
2016-05-20 08:25:57 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	<p>The existing building is beautiful, the council should be doing there utmost to keep this place, not demolishing it.</p>
2016-05-20 08:18:02 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	

2016-05-20 08:07:16 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I feel that a beautiful building should be saved and another use for the building should be found something that would allow the community to benefit from the lovely building.
2016-05-20 07:42:10 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I don't want to see this building demolished and yet another block of flats put up the congestion from traffic parking etc would cause huge problems and I think this building could be put to better use.
2016-05-20 07:21:58 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Edinburgh has a duty to save her buildings of beauty and interest and stop this cashing in on popular residential areas. This beautiful city is in danger of becoming dull. We need our old buildings. I see people chatting outside this bingo hall. It is not derelict. It is not unused. It is a positive place to be. Stop being silly. We're more important than money.
2016-05-20 07:18:54 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Bath Street is already witnessing a new build block of flats in a gap site on the street and further residential development on a large scale is happening at the Baileyfield site. The impact on Portobello in terms of infrastructure, parking etc will be significant if a further 21 flats are squeezed into the Bath Street site. Furthermore the old cinema is of architectural merit and considerably adds to the character of Bath Street.
2016-05-20 06:41:09 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Inappropriate destruction of listed building. I find this proposal appalling. It should be blocked
2016-05-20 06:37:46 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I think we should be attempting to save this wonderful Art Deco listed building for use as a community asset. Portobello is short on community space but has a healthy active community who are looking for affordable space to carry out their different activities. I think the proposed replacement housing looks low grade and isn't particularly pleasing to the eye so would not fit in with the character of the street. I would urge CoEC planning to reject this application and look for ways to work with the community of portobello to retain this piece of our history.
2016-05-20 06:25:41 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	We should be preserving this building, instead of knocking it down and building ugly flats that will look out of place
2016-05-20 05:58:17 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a listed art deco building which gives Bath Street its unique character and holds memories for many people including me. It would be extremely short-sighted to demolish what is part of Porty's history and replace it with yet more student flats. Surely it could be utilised while keeping its facade?
2016-05-20 05:46:50 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	Yet again, another historic and culturally important building lost, and why instead of understanding the potential of re envisaging such an important building, that is iconic within Portobello and beyond, we see carbuncle plans to develop flats! Come on, our history and values are being stripped back and exploited. The area cannot justify a development like this, parking, traffic management, noise, additional impact on schooling. These plans are architecturally poor, lack vision and will not enhance the street in any shape or form. I strongly object!
2016-05-20 04:45:51 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This building is one of the distinguishing features of Portobello. We need to protect our heritage not through it away so easily.
2016-05-20 01:13:35 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	Art Deco Buildings are lovely. Why build identikit flats
2016-05-20 00:49:08 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Every inch of space in portobello is being squeezed for new developments which are solely profit machines. There is no additional thought given to community needs and space, let alone vital services such as gp, dentist and school provisions.
2016-05-20 00:00:13 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The first issue is that this proposal would add even MORE traffic to an already congested area. It will make the area increasingly unsafe for children attending the school. Secondly, why is a beautiful Art Deco, listed building being proposed for demolition rather than restoration? It is an iconic remnant of Portobello's grand history. It is absurd that a company wants to destroy it to build what are sure to be unaffordable flats displaying a design that makes absolutely no attempt to match the style of the surrounding buildings. It will be an instant and jarring eyesore. Please don't blight our neighbourhood with this travesty.
2016-05-19 23:57:48 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The building proposed is an eye sore and is not in keeping with the old building or the history within the street. Parking and traffic on this road is already bad, more properties would add to this.
2016-05-19 23:44:41 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Dear Stephen, Please don't destroy history and contribute to the current influx of flat-pack, lego style architecture that is popping up everywhere. We are going to look back in 30 years and cringe at our soul-less cities. This beautiful building is part of Edinburgh's charm, it needs to be saved somehow.
2016-05-19 23:31:56 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This beautiful old building is a part of Portobello's heritage. It is of a unique design and still has potential as a resource for the local community. Bath St is a main route to the Beach for many visitors to Portobello and this building adds value as a tourist attraction thus helping to generate income and interest from further afield. To create more flats in Bath St is to add to an already crowded, traffic congested street. The street has a co op store, a nursery and many children & families use it to get to the beach. More traffic in such a narrow road will add to the pollution and danger to children.
2016-05-19 23:30:04 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It should be best to let the Edinburgh Art Deco heritage perdure and getting it restored instead of replacing it by generic-looking blocks.
2016-05-19 23:18:48 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This building represents classic historic architecture that should be retained for future generations. It adds to the character of Portobello and is a link to a different period of the past than offered by the surrounding Georgian and Victorian buildings. Notwithstanding these concerns, there is already significant housing developments being built in Portobello, which will increase traffic in the area. Bath Street is already short of parking space, crowded with cars and due to on street parking, passable only by single file traffic. It is also in close proximity to a very busy primary school. This development would add to this traffic congestion and resulting environmental impact.

2016-05-19 23:14:22 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It is an outstanding building, which fondly reminds me of my first visit to Portobello. There are few Art Deco buildings remaining in Edinburgh, so it'd be regrettable to lose such as icon. There are surely better ways to renovate the area than to completely destroy this bit of history.
2016-05-19 23:13:33 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	Sad though it is, the building may well be past rescue but do we really need another block of flats? Will these be affordable dwellings or "luxury" homes? Is there really no alternative social use to which the site could be put? Whilst the owners/developers say that they have tried to find alternative uses for the sites, has the Council commissioned any such research? In short, redevelopment of the site seems unavoidable but, is this really the best that can be done?
2016-05-19 22:57:57 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	I don't see that residential will benefit the area... there are far more important community based things current residents already need in their area without just adding people stacked upon people with more vehicles into the area. Esp when people already there don't have adequate parking or community facilities. Especially when you are already building more supermarkets and housing over community arts areas and spaces that could be used for community purposes. Community does not mean just adding more people... it actually means giving people there the space and facilities to become a community.
2016-05-19 22:55:11 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Increase in traffic .
2016-05-19 22:54:21 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a beautiful listed building in a conservation area and it would be an absolute tragedy to lose it to yet more generic flats. And in a narrow street that struggles with parking issues as it is. Absolutely disgusted at this proposal. I've lived in this area all my life and think this would completely detract from the character of Portobello.
2016-05-19 22:53:46 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I frequently visit portobello and have fond childhood memories of the power station , now gone' and the outdoor swimming pool 'now gone'. Little Art Deco architecture now remains. Could this to be used as a community hub, another block of residential shoe boxes without character or style would be a very sad mistake. Just like the one on the front at the bottom of Bath street. This is not in keeping with the local area.
2016-05-19 22:53:42 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Destruction of an Art Deco building. Increase of housing in an already densely populated area.
2016-05-19 22:49:18 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	We have a beautiful Art Deco building that has been looked after and it would be unforgivable to destroy that and replace it with the planned building. We have as a society a responsibility to preserve beautiful original architecture. I live opposite and almost daily people photograph that building. I recently had met a chap who was photographing it and writing a book on Art Deco cinema buildings and he was astonished and happy to see how well preserved it was. Please save this beautiful building which is a piece of local history.
2016-05-19 22:41:58 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It would be a crime to loose the historic and beautiful bingo hall
2016-05-19 22:40:06 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	To demolish a listed building of this nature is wrong as it adds to the character of Portobello and is a reminder of its history as a seaside resort. I can't think of other Art Deco buildings in the Portobello area. We are losing public spaces in Portobello and there is probably a better use that could be made of the building that would benefit everybody.
2016-05-19 22:35:40 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a historically significant building - it's irreplaceable and a landmark of the area. Demolishing it is inconceivable - what's the point in listing a building if you're just going to ignore that?! There is surely community use for it in another guise. Having grown up in Portobello, I feel very strongly about this.
2016-05-19 22:31:09 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	I am Porty born and The George Cinema was part of my youth, but the building is looking distinctly tired now. It does not seem to be fully used and has a huge footprint for a small amount of use. So on the whole I would vote for redevelopment unless the owners were willing to expand the property to community use
2016-05-19 22:29:57 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Historical building needs saved
2016-05-19 22:29:13 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	That street is already congested. The school annexe will be converted to flats at sometime (although was sold over a year ago to developers but now sits derilict) so traffic and parking will be impossible. Portobello has lost its communal space - st James church hall is sold and Bellfield looks like it will go. This site is not communal space but could be look at what aberfeldy did with their cinema - a real heartbeat in the community that has brough new life. This space cannot become more housing without additional community space also being provided.
2016-05-19 22:26:12 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I am struggling to believe that anyone with any sense of local history, character and aesthetics would even countenance demolishing this wonderful building. Admittedly the building has seen better days, but even if it's not everyone's cup of tea, it is an iconic example of Art Deco architecture of the sort that should be conserved and celebrated. Instead there is a proposal to demolish it and replace it with a dull, ugly, unimaginative block of flats that will have no connection whatsoever with its surroundings and will look cheap, nasty and badly designed. In my view it is ubiquitous and has no redeeming qualities whatsoever; it could have need dropped in from any city anywhere in the UK. I wholeheartedly OBJECT to this proposal. Come on Portobello, we've already lost a wonderful open air swimming pool, famous the world over - we can do better. SAVE THE GEORGE!
2016-05-19 22:24:58 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Very few buildings of this type exist nowadays. It would be a travesty to lose this iconic building.
2016-05-19 22:20:32 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Anyone that knows Bath Street knows that there's no way it could handle the increase in traffic that a development like this would bring. The road is narrow and congested, it's already tricky to drive down, and there's already a lack of parking in this area. It's already a densely populated area, and the local school is already under strain, so much so they've just reduced the size of the catchment area that these flats would fall under. Also, the demolition of the cinema would be a tremendous loss to the area, it's a beautiful historic building, and there do seem to be good alternative options that don't involve demolition, so there's really no need for it to be destroyed and replaced with standard, boring, ugly flats.

2016-05-19 22:19:41 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>I strongly object to these ugly and inconsiderate building plans.</p> <p>The proposed plans to demolish this beautiful art deco building which is rich with history for the people of portobello is appalling and robbing us of our local heritage.</p> <p>The flats that you plan to replace this beautiful building with are hideous and not in keeping with the street at all. As a resident of the house directly across the road I am disappointed I was not consulted at all with these plans and had to find out about it via social media. The proposed changes would block any remaining light to the front of my house and building work would disrupt the street.</p> <p>All of these occupied flats would contribute significantly to the already badly congested traffic and the parking problems of the Portobello area.</p> <p>Do not destroy our community further for the sake of 21 cramped and soulless flats. The vibrant local community needs and wants to reclaim this space for a greater good, please do not bulldoze that idea for future generations.</p>
2016-05-19 22:13:45 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This should be a listed building.. Very important Art Deco building !
2016-05-19 22:07:00 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>Portobello is undergoing a massive expansion with the housing on thold scottish power and standard life sites. I feel we dont need more new housing, the school is already at breaking point, there are not enough GPs and very limited parking, especially in bath street.</p> <p>The old Cinema is a beautiful, iconic building I would be sad to see disappear. We need more community space with the recent merger of churches and loss of their halls.</p> <p>We will soon have enough of a populatioin to support our own local cinema!</p>
2016-05-19 22:00:19 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Art Deco buildings are a rarity in Edinburgh but much valued and associated with the seaside. It is listed and in a conservation area and if residential development is its future then a sympathetic development using the unique facade could surely be achieved
2016-05-19 21:58:45 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This wonderful listed building could be a major asset to the local area; thee are other spaces in the wider Portobello area that could be used by developers to build yet another ugly block of boring flats, without demolishing a historic community asset. The impact on the local area has not been properly assessed - has there been a consultation process with the local community? If not, there damn well should be! I strongly object to this proposal.
2016-05-19 21:42:43 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I would hate to live opposite a new, tall, modern block of flats, blocking out my light and destroying history
2016-05-19 21:38:37 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>The flats are ugly and characterless. Portobello have enough residential properties. The current building should be saved and restored. Edinburgh council demolished nearly all of the art deco buildings in Portobello (open air pool, power station) instead of looking at innovative ways of using the existing examples of fine architecture.</p> <p>Edinburgh is saturated with blocks of flats like these. There is nothing unique about their design that says 'Portobello' of for that matter 'Edinburgh'.</p> <p>SAVE THE GEORGE!</p>
2016-05-19 21:27:12 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	In a conservation area it should be a priority to preserve buildings of interest. This is a well known landmark that attracts visitors and is enjoyed by locals as a piece of history and as a beautiful piece of architecture. Any development of this building should preserve its character.
2016-05-19 21:10:15 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>I think this is a beautiful building which could be a great Community resource. Is it not listed? Would be great to have a local arts centre and cafe in the heart of Portobello!</p> <p>Saw my first film here with my big sister "Chitty Bang Bang" Happy Days</p>
2016-05-19 20:49:47 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This lovely old building should not be demolished, it should be refurbished and be put to use by those in the community - a community centre / restaurant/ cafe / soft play centre. Bath Street is a very congested streef and this would be a mistake developing this in to 21 flats. There is no space for additional traffic / parking. Bath Street is bursting at the seams, you can barely drive up the street, never mind park. There is no appetite for this type of dwelling in a built up area such as Bath Street.
2016-05-19 20:44:07 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Listed building status of current building. Numerous half truths in the application means I don't trust the developer at all. The published design seems ugly. Although there are parking space in the development presumably flat owners will not be limited to a single car per flat and they will have visitors arriving by car only adding to the already tight parking problem in the area. And increased traffic generated, wherever it parks will add to congestion.
2016-05-19 20:14:20 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Yet another listed building in Edinburgh planned for demolition, this should not be allowed. Our heritage must be maintained. Bath street is usually difficult to get in and out of, so another 21 dwellings will only add to the congestion. There are already terrible issues with congestion in this area and the high street which is only going to get worse.
2016-05-19 19:38:56 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a very special building and should be saved for posterity
2016-05-19 19:22:54 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	
2016-05-19 19:18:41 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>I think it would be a great shame to demolish this building, which in an ideal world could be converted to a community arts centre with cinema/ stage/multiple use of the main space.</p> <p>If the housing was to be social housing only, for rent only and never to be sold, I would be prepared to reconsider my objection.</p>
2016-05-19 19:12:16 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The loss of a significant part of Portobello's heritage and of this important Art Deco building will be short-sighted move and yet another incremental erosion of "place". Once gone, these fabulous pieces of architecture can never be replaced and the plans for these mediocre block of flats will not only add to traffic congestion, it will detract from the area by blocking out sunlight and replacing a fine building with something of value with something that can be found in any town. It shouldn't be beyond the capacity of the Council to help shape a new purpose for the building that doesn't involve demolition.
2016-05-19 18:47:03 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	Listed Buildings should not be demolished. Increased traffic on Bath Street should not be encouraged and I doubt if sufficient off street parking would be provided as many residential developments need 2 spaces per unit. This should be opposed.

2016-05-19 18:46:35 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The beautiful period building could be saved in some way in order to appreciate the architecture of its time I object to the height of the proposed plans & I also believe the local streets and especially parking spaces could not accommodate the extra people A revised plan on the current footprint keeping building facade but producing a fewer number of luxury flats would be ideal!
2016-05-19 18:37:13 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The design at best is gaudy and is another example of architectural vandalism that has taken place in Portobello over the years. For me the George is a lovely example of Art Deco which should not be lost! We lost the open air pool back in the 80s, we should not let it happen again with this fine building.
2016-05-19 18:29:12 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a community based historical building and it must teams in standing.
2016-05-19 18:20:55 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I think it would be a terrible shame to lose this lovely building which is also a historic artifact. It could be preserved and turned to new use. I grew up in Portobello and my maternal grandfather was an usher in the George. I have always admired the building, which gives pleasure and beautifies its neighbourhood.
2016-05-19 18:17:02 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	To demolish a local LISTED landmark is ridiculous. The area is already densely populated with little or no street parking.
2016-05-19 17:43:12 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Further to our email in support yesterday, I wish to raise a major concern about the height of the proposed building. The new building is in fact two stories taller than the red lines in the drawings suggest! The current bingo hall roof is in fact level with the ceiling of the second floor of the buildings to the south of it. If the building were to be approved at the proposed height, all south-facing windows at 18 Bath Street, 1/1 Mentone Avenue, 1/2 Mentone Avenue and 2 Mentone Avenue would not only have the sun blocked, but also any view of the sky.
2016-05-19 17:36:14 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I love that old building and feel strongly that it could be a community cinema/resource. We cant knock all these old art deco buildings down. It would be a massive loss to the charachter of Portobello.
2016-05-19 16:50:34 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I would like to see the building remain and be used as an arts space/cinema. There are enough houses being built in the area without destroying a listed building.
2016-05-19 16:43:10 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	I think its terrible that all of those lovely period buildings are being knocked down and replaced with modern blocks of flats
2016-05-19 16:40:51 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The bingo hall is and should remain part of portobello, it has been part of the community landscape for so long that it would be horrible to lose the building. A modernisation of the original building would be be by far a better proposal
2016-05-19 16:32:46 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a listed building and as such should be saved. The density of housing in this area is very large. New flats would create horrific traffic problems. The area needs new community space.
2016-05-19 16:29:40 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	There is no reason to demolish the building. It is one of the few remaining art deco properties in Edinburgh and has historical significance to the Portobello area. It is also structurally sound. It is the Council's duty to do everything in its power to protect landmarks like this for future generations. Portobello alone has lost so many great buildings of local significance from the Marine Gardens, the outdoor pool ad local railway station. Portobello would greatly benefit from this building being restored and utilised as a community hub and arts space available for events and training along with the possibility of returning it to it's usage as a cinema space. Had the sale been a little more transparent (you still wouldn't know it was for sale unless you spoke to their adjacent neighbours or follow local community social media and the Evening News) it might have allowed community groups or arts organisations to investigate the possibilities of the building in a more timely manner. I'm sure that now that the sale is more apparent that these types of organisations will be looking and showing interest in retaining this beautiful building for local use. I'm sure this would tie in with the findings of the Desire Lines project too, that Edinburgh needs more support for grassroots arts.
2016-05-19 16:23:19 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a listed building and I think it is important to retain historic buildings in Portobello which is currently undergoing so much development. The facade of this building is unique and contributes to the 'feel' of Edinburgh's seaside. The nondescript private dwellings will take another public space in Portobello into private, individual use.
2016-05-19 16:15:31 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is an important Art Deco building that contributes significantly to the 'character' of the area. To simply demolish it and replace it with flats in an already over-populated area would be incredibly bad planning on behalf of the council. There are too many cars on the streets around this area as it is and the local school is at bursting point. If possible it should be used as a community resource. Please show some real leadership and vision for the community in this area and reject these proposals.
2016-05-19 16:07:24 +01:00	I support the proposals.	Hope they are affordable!
2016-05-19 16:06:51 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	If it is a listed building then it should not be demolished. Surely this is part of the heritage of Portobello and should be retained? The different architectural styles are what makes portobello so interesting and to lose them would be a tragedy. In addition, Bath street is notoriously congested and parking is already very difficult. I don't see how you can add an additional 21 flats and their residents without making the situation impossible. I understand that new housing is always needed but I don't think this building or this location is the answer and would ask that the proposal be rejected.
2016-05-19 16:06:51 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	If it is a listed building then it should not be demolished. Surely this is part of the heritage of Portobello and should be retained? The different architectural styles are what makes portobello so interesting and to lose them would be a tragedy. In addition, Bath street is notoriously congested and parking is already very difficult. I don't see how you can add an additional 21 flats and their residents without making the situation impossible. I understand that new housing is always needed but I don't think this building or this location is the answer and would ask that the proposal be rejected.
2016-05-19 16:01:01 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Beautiful buiding which should be restored not pulled done for yet more flats in area

2016-05-19 15:36:22 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a historical building, there are so many uses for this building that would benefit the local community and bring revenue and other employment opportunities as well and supporting community cohesion, further residential properties are not needed on this already highly populated street, there is currently a private block of flats being building slightly further down the road, it would appear slightly shortsighted too look at this residential development in isolation. As a local resident I strongly object to this proposal.
2016-05-19 15:35:27 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I object to the proposed destruction of a beautiful listed building in Bath Street. Although of a different design to the majority of houses it is a very attractive building. The proposed flats are in no way sympathetic to Bath Street and will overshadow a charming, historic street in the heart of Portobello
2016-05-19 15:22:16 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	1) It is a shame to see a listed building go. Does it have to, rather than be renovated? 2) I have a concern about the number of cars, 21, that will be emerging from Mentone Avenue.
2016-05-19 15:22:10 +01:00	I support the proposals.	Not a good example of art deco. Look forward to a modern building replacing this Bingo. It will give a much needed boost to housing whilst supporting local businesses. Excellent for the continuing regeneration of Portobello, which is now a much sought after area.
2016-05-19 15:20:46 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	There is no need to rip down an Art Deco building there is going to be no where for the community at this rate
2016-05-19 15:17:34 +01:00	I support the proposals.	It may well be a listed building but in our opinion not one of the better examples of art deco design. Bath Street is mainly residential and we look forward to seeing a modern building in this area, fulfilling a need for housing accommodation. It will be good for the local economy.
2016-05-19 15:16:16 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	this building can be easily utilized as a useful community resource. it is of historical and artistic importance and marks an important time in Portobello's development. currently there are a number of flats under construction locally within Portobello I wonder if need to build more at this time, perhaps better use of this building might be to keep the facade but design the interior to accommodate a cinema/theatre/concert hall, which could be used by both the local and wider Edinburgh communities.
2016-05-19 15:11:41 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Bath Street is already a congested area we do not need anymore flats .
2016-05-19 15:08:47 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I strongly object to the proposal for 2 reasons: 1) It would make an already congested street even more congested and add too much to the population density of Bath Street. This would be most evident during the summer months with more visitors come to Portobello beach and use Bath Street as the primary street to access the beach and promenade. 2) The art deco architecture of the building should be preserved. Art deco buildings are rare in Edinburgh, particularly in Portobello, and is a unique part of Portobello's history. Instead of demolishing the building, it should be sold to the local community to restore and build a dynamic community centre, including restoration of its use as a cinema.
2016-05-19 15:08:27 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Its a beautiful building and its listed for a good reason.
2016-05-19 15:04:06 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Far too many of these listed building are being pulled down, it seems that money talks, as planning in the city/town just seem to get the green light. No matter what.
2016-05-19 15:02:34 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It's dreadful!
2016-05-19 14:56:10 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The demolition of this cinema would be a shocking heritage loss not just to the city of Edinburgh but to all the people in Scotland. It is an iconic building which should be preserved for future generations.
2016-05-19 14:55:31 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	I strongly oppose yet another listed site in Edinburgh being demolished for residential use that means the character of our city and indeed Portobello is slowly lost forever. This is a listed art deco building. One of the few remaining in the city. With such an increase in arts activity in Portobello could it not be revived as an independent cinema/arts venue for the local community. I know housing will reap financial rewards for the owners but this is part of our history and will be yet another landmark lost to Portobello.
2016-05-19 14:54:05 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I cannot believe that there is even a proposal to demolish such a wonderful Art Deco building. Portobello is turning into a area full of new builds that all look the same and the character of the area is slowly being drained away. Surely the whole point of listing a building is to protect it!
2016-05-19 14:52:21 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The current building adds contributes to the unique character of the area in addition to the fact that it brings together and provides a space for a lot of people, especially the older generation. Whilst I do support the need to address the shortage of affordable houses in the area, I doubt it very much if that the proposed new buildings/flats will address this need.
2016-05-19 14:37:13 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	I work in Bath Street and feel it is a shame that such a beautiful building would be demolished. There are so many flats in Bath street already and I feel that parking would truly need to be considered. Could the framework of such a beautiful building not be kept, even if it was flats. The building is beautiful and such unusual architecture, the proposal is not as nice and I am all for change but why does it need to be demolished.
2016-05-19 14:33:19 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	Reluctantly, I am in favour of demolition and the erection of housing. Whilst it is an historic building, it looks out of place and its use as a bingo hall is so outdated. If it was restored as a cinema, I would be in favour but I think that is unlikely, so affordable housing would be preferred.
2016-05-19 14:31:32 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I object to the demolition of this listed building which is part of our history and culture. If we don't protect these characterful buildings what is the purpose of listing them? It is a disgrace that this is even being considered.

2016-05-19 14:16:31 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>I object to the proposals. The George is a beautiful art deco building and we must fight to allow our children and grandchildren the right to preserve and enjoy different and eclectic local building styles.</p> <p>Another block of flats is just something you walk past without feeling any joy at the creativity of design and fun which we can share - with fellow Portobello dwellers and visitors alike.</p> <p>The Birks cinema in Aberfeldy is a good example of what we can achieve as a community...why not give it a go?</p> <p>Please don't demolish!</p>
2016-05-19 14:15:16 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>Why the recent review of catchment area for Towerbank school if we are now building flats, which am sure, will be purchased by families ? Will any children living in proposed flats be included in Towerbank catchment when fsmilies from the other side of Portobello High Street were excluded ? Strikes me as being a bizarre decision</p>
2016-05-19 14:14:09 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>The hall has intrinsic value to the history of portobello. Please don't do this.</p>
2016-05-19 14:09:36 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>The George Cinema is a valuable Listed Building and all possible avenues should be explored to find a suitable use for it. For this battered but still elegant Art Deco gem designed by the great T Bowhill Gibson, to be replaced by a mundane block of flats would be an irreparable loss to the community.</p>
2016-05-19 14:08:52 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>This would not be in the interests of Portobello, its cultural heritage and the provision of future amenities for its residents. The building could serve an excellent purpose as a community resource offering an independent cinema with bar / restaurant facilities. Also a space for kids play activities. Portobello doesn't need any more flats, especially not in a congested location such as Bath Street.</p>
2016-05-19 14:08:22 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>This is a listed art deco building. Once demolished it is gone for ever so we owe it to future generations to conserve it.</p>
2016-05-19 14:05:09 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>There must be a better use for a listed bingo hall than to demolish it and replace it with flats. It could become a community hub, an artists' space, a local cinema... And it's irreplaceable. I understand that it's desirable to create new housing but we also need amenities for all of the new residents, and there must be something more imaginative we can do with this building than flatten it for profit.</p>
2016-05-19 14:01:01 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>I object to the proposals for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is a part of Portobello's heritage. It would be a loss to the community to demolish an architectural gem such as this old Art Deco cinema. 2. This site has always been used to serve the local community whether it be a cinema or bingo hall. Portobello desperately needs community spaces as it's population increases. 3. Bath Street is already a street suffering from traffic congestion. A proposal such as this would only exacerbate the situation. 4. There has been and there is still ongoing development of modern flatted dwellings in Portobello. The west end of the prom is a considerable development at the expense of community space-formerly amusements. Baileyfield is currently undergoing a huge development with hundreds of dwellings. Portobello does not need even more development. 5. The local services and schools are already under pressure, Adding to the population will only increase the burden.
2016-05-19 14:00:41 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>The Bingo hall represents an important part of elderly people's life. Older people can get easily isolated from outside world and they find more difficult to form new friendships. Visiting places like "George" provides them with something stimulating, somewhere where they meet as a group of friends to have fun. All crucial aspect of anybody's life. By demolishing the Bingo Hall, some might not see each other again, they might even loose a purpose in their life. I strongly believe that supporting and elderly people to live their life to the full is a sign of every forward thinking and civilised society.</p>
2016-05-19 14:00:22 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>It's an architectural landmark that should stay in our area.</p>
2016-05-19 13:59:02 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>It would be a real shame to lose a building of such historic interest. Also bath street / and leading on to the high street from bath street, is so congested already that I can't imagine how adding 21 flats would be anything other than a traffic nightmare.</p>
2016-05-19 13:58:47 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>The old George picture house is a well-known Portobello landmark and an irreplaceable part of the cultural history of the area. It is an rare survival in the area of Art Deco architecture, which has recently been echoed in the building housing the Beach House café and flats on the Prom at the end of Bath St. What is required is imaginative and sensitive adaptation for appropriate use. Demolition would be an act of inexcusable and utterly insensitive vandalism inflicted on the local built environment, and should be vehemently resisted.</p>
2016-05-19 13:55:28 +01:00	I support the proposals.	<p>I cannot see the viability in a community buy out therefore I'd like to see the next best option. This should be an opportunity for the planners to insist on a building that will enhance Bath Street. The proposed one looks a floor too high and has virtually no landscaping to the front ! Please ensure the building looks asthetically pleasing to the eye. And insist on some forms of landscaping to it's front elevation. Developers are generally greedy. Please make Portobello residents proud of it and pleased with the Planners as thousands of people use Bath Street as the main access to and from the beach.</p>
2016-05-19 13:53:29 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>Please don't demolish this listed Art Deco building. Porty needs it's historical buildings to retain it's character and appeal. Replacing a beautiful old building with a new build is a loss to the Portobello community and should be avoided at all costs.</p>
2016-05-19 13:53:12 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	<p>While I don't disagree with the need for housing, this bingo hall is an integral part of the local identity of Portobello. It's demolition would be a terrible loss for the community, the atmosphere, heritage and feeing of this bustling g town.</p>
2016-05-19 13:51:33 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>Portobello is being overwhelmed with new housing. This is a listed building and should remain so.</p>

2016-05-19 13:51:20 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is an iconic building, which is listed for very good reasons. If the current use as Bingo Hall is no longer viable other alternatives should be sought. Buildings are listed to prevent more lucrative demolition and new build development!
2016-05-19 13:51:02 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This attractive building in the art deco style should, in my view, be retained. It would be lovely to see it restored to its former use as a cinema. The demographic of Portobello has changed massively and a small art deco traditional cinema like that would no doubt be a great attraction for many families. It would be sad to see a building in this iconic style go, to be replaced by flats.
2016-05-19 13:50:07 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This building is a local treasure & should be restored & added to our list of growing attractions. Raising the profile of Portobello as a community that cares.
2016-05-19 13:44:56 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This building is listed , and i do not feel should be knocked down. It is part of portobellos rich history. More flats in this area put more straining on an already overcrowded school and doctors surgery - more school provision is whats needed in the area. We also need public and community spaces , which this would be ideal for, left as it is . WHat is the point of listing a building if it can be sold of to private commerical companies and knocked down ? NO !!!
2016-05-19 13:44:55 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Should not be developed into flats; area is too overcrowded already and this will over intensify it. Parking and access is a serious problem. Building has much greater use potential as a community resource for local groups etcetera especially given the recent closure of other halls in the area.
2016-05-19 13:44:16 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It is a listed property! Use it again for a community cinema! A lot of the history of Portobello has already gone. And this is a part more recenter history which is underestimated in Edinburgh!
2016-05-19 13:40:07 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I feel the former Cinema is an iconic Grade C listed Art Deco Portobello landmark and should not be demolished. It also provides a community asset as a bingo hall. I also question whether Portobello needs another 21 more residences and whether for example the already very busy Towerbank primary School is capable of taking more pupils in a few years time. I would also question the traffic issue with an extra >20 vehicles travelling in and out via Bath St / Mentone Ave both narrow and heavily used roads. Also plenty of residences are already being built at the new Aldi site. For all of these reasons I object to the proposal
2016-05-19 13:36:19 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Because it is a lovely building and part of Portobello character and history.
2016-05-19 13:35:41 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The George is a beautiful, historic building and to replace it with residential dwellings, which will no doubt be ugly, is a crime! Do not destroy our heritage!
2016-05-19 13:22:35 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This building is beautiful and part of Edinburgh's and Portobello's characterful architectural heritage. Destroying it to build homes few people can afford will greatly diminish that heritage. The building should be preserved, restored and made into a useful community resource or sold with an eye towards making it a working cinema again.
2016-05-19 13:01:35 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It is the same as knocking down the town hall
2016-05-19 12:43:14 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The current building is of architectural and historical interest and could be used for a community venture of some kind. Bath Street is already extremely densely populated (and will become more so when the old Towerbank primary school annexe is converted into flats), so traffic and parking is already a problem that has knock-on effects on the surrounding roads. The design of the proposed building will not add anything to the appearance of street - in fact, it will detract from it.
2016-05-19 12:12:10 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	
2016-05-19 12:09:01 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The original building is one of character and potentially could be restored to a stunning asset for Portobello. The proposed building is of undistinguished design. Where will the residents park on an already congested street? The developer should work with the building rather than demolishing the existing asset.
2016-05-19 12:00:13 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This street already exceptionally busy Decline of anything to do in porty because of decline in community space The building is distinct and attractive the nee flat design isn't Infrastructure such as schools and doctors, care support for elderly is already over capacity. Roads already congested Crime is a very significant issue in portobello, its costing us all a fortune in repairs and insurance - give young people somewhere to go, somewhere to work, somewhere to care about. This building could be put to much better use than flats that only some can afford
2016-05-19 11:47:21 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It is unacceptable to allow a listed building with significant historical and cultural value to be demolished for commercial gain. There are enough brown field sites in Edinburgh and the surrounding areas to satisfy the housing demand that this application would fulfil.
2016-05-19 11:35:15 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The old art deco building is a significant piece of architecture and landmark in Portobello. I remember researching it for a primary school project and being really excited that there was once a cinema there. It is far better placed as a community space than further housing.
2016-05-19 11:19:01 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Parking and traffic are already horrible here - and with so much building work going on,there are already lots of new homes coming. Portobello is going to lose its identity unless we keep our listed buildings/community places and arts centres.

2016-05-19 11:18:09 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>The old George Cinema building is an art deco icon of the city, it deserves to be restored to its former glory if anything else.</p> <p>The idea that it will be replaced by a rather dull looking block of flats is horrific. Not only as a light blocking eye-sore but it would cause even more congestion down what is already a busy road.</p> <p>Portobello doesn't need this project and I think you would find support for it in the area incredibly thin on the ground.</p>
2016-05-19 11:13:42 +01:00	I support the proposals.	I support the proposal as new housing is desperately needed in the area. However the development should provide its own parking area either underground or off road as bath street is already beyond capacity and this is a major cycling access route to the cycle path along the prom. Also, this is not a particularly pleasant building to look at. And the new build could be designed such that it replicates the architecture of the building.
2016-05-19 11:00:00 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I object to the added congestion that 21 flats would bring to this street. I also object to losing such an interesting and beautiful building. It is buildings like these that make Portobello so interesting & beautiful to walk around and enjoy. There are already several other buildings in Portobello being developed to turn into large residential properties and surely we do not need to convert this one too. It should be left alone. It seems that every inch of Portobello is being squeezed for its residential potential and somebody needs to put the brakes on or this beautiful town will be ruined.
2016-05-19 10:50:42 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I totally object on grounds that this is a listed building in a conservation zone, it's part of Portobello's heritage. Also Bath street is a very busy street as it is and will only get worse with the associated traffic of 21 apartments. It is the main thoroughfare to the beach. At the very least the frontage to Bath Street should be preserved. The proposed design is an ugly and unthoughtful design. Can't believe that the best they can come up with to convert from such an amazing building.!
2016-05-19 10:27:23 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This building would be out of place in bath st. Any development should use the existing building as it is more in keeping with portobello and its history.
2016-05-19 10:26:36 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Iconic Porty building
2016-05-19 10:21:22 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Historic buildings like this are few and far between in Portobello now and this one should surely be retained.
2016-05-19 10:18:44 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>The building doesn't fit in with the surrounding buildings. Mentone avenue - adjacent to the sits has a mix of traditional tenements and mews housing / Victorian terracing. Bath Street itself has historical buildings.</p> <p>The current building is an Art Deco building - a beautiful style and much overlooked. Can't the existing building be renovated if it must be converted.</p> <p>The area is already congested, schools are full and several new developments are already in the process of being built in Portobello.</p> <p>The site should be retained for commercial and/or community use.</p>
2016-05-19 10:18:01 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>It would be awful to lose this beautiful building to make way for yet more flats in Portobello. Would much rather see it converted back to a cinema and there is a group willing to run a community cinema which would be much more enriching to the area. Portobello requires more investment in the community rather than additional housing. The traffic which is already bad in the area would be increased with a potential extra 42 cars and although the proposed building has parking provision I don't think there will be enough causing further congestion in the area. The local primary school is also over subscribed so where would any families send their children?</p> <p>I don't like the aesthetic of the proposed new building. The style should at least follow the existing art deco style. It would be so sad to lose another art deco 'lost' cinema, not just a loss to Portobello but to Edinburgh.</p>
2016-05-19 10:05:07 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>The very idea that a cherished local - LISTED - landmark be demolished to make way for flats of absolutely no aesthetic or design value is abhorrent (I have had a good look at the plans). This is about money and greed, nothing more.</p> <p>The effect on the local community has not even been factored into this proposal. Tearing this building down would be completely demoralising for the community as a whole, not to mention the practical aspects. Parking - I highly doubt the parking supplied will be sufficient for all residents meaning more cars on streets already choked with parked cars. Something about the line indicating the current building is definitely not right. The flats would certainly be very imposing and make the street claustrophobic with a loss of much sunlight.</p> <p>The Old George is more than just a building. If it is torn down, something incredibly valuable, that can never be reinstated will be lost. The incredible diversity of quirky old buildings in Portobello is what makes it such an amazing place - and this building is the jewel in that crown. Tearing it down sends an awful message to our community and in general - that money is more important than people, history, and what is meaningful and valuable to people in the here and now.</p>
2016-05-19 10:02:34 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It's a stunningly beautiful example of an Art Deco building. With a little TLC it could be made truly wonderful and central to the community again. A real Porty focal point. Please don't knock it down!!!
2016-05-19 10:00:12 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The Bingo Hall is a listed building, offering a source of entertainment for the older sections of society when access to these facilities are being reduced year on year. Building more residential properties in Bath street will result in heavier traffic in an already congested area and the design of the proposed replacement is standard, bland ugly and predictable.
2016-05-19 09:56:23 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Whilst I appreciate that Edinburgh needs more affordable housing (please note the word affordable) I object to the demolition of a listed building for this purpose (also note the word listed). The proposed designs are homogenous, uninspired and ugly. Do you really want to take away historical character of a city and replace it with generic flats seen everywhere else. Could the building not be kept and re-purposed. Even keeping the facade would help retain the character of the building. We live in a city where people pay over the odds to have sympathetic double glazing added to a listed building they live in but the council can approve the demolition of a whole building - wrong! What is the purpose of listing a building of you can just ignore it later? Edinburgh City Council have few morals and no credibility when it comes to protecting the beauty of our city. Shame on you!
2016-05-19 09:45:56 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	Please don't demolish this building. It's an amazing piece of historical architecture and could be put to such better use in the vibrant community of portobello. Bath street couldn't cope with all the extra people and traffic. Please keep the building and help us use it for something useful

2016-05-19 09:42:34 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I'd like to see The George restored and used as a cinema or community space again. I think this is too important of a Portobello landmark to change.
2016-05-19 09:37:07 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	It is very sad to know that the George is going to be demolished. I had hoped that city planing would be more considerate. This is a art deco gem. Please reconsider!!! I can see it from my bedroom and living room window and grew rather fond of it!!
2016-05-19 09:34:19 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	
2016-05-19 09:32:57 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This building is important historically and beautiful. Bath street cannot sustain more flats.
2016-05-19 09:30:43 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	
2016-05-19 09:29:40 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is part of Portobellos history. Once it's demolished the area will only have another memory. In years to come there will be a preservation order on it but not if you rid the area of all these icons!
2016-05-19 09:29:38 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Listed buildings should be developed for community use and not for commercial gain..
2016-05-19 09:19:30 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It's a listed building and could be used for community endeavours. There was talk of turning it back into a cinema, can this be explored? Reduce, re-use, recycle, please! Portobello is such a thriving community and needs more spaces, not more new houses!
2016-05-19 08:48:44 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	This should NEVER happen....see Aberfoyle Birks Cinema and see what can be done to create a vibrant community resource! To demolish this cinema would be an outrage!
2016-05-19 08:42:38 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I object to the demolition of a listed building. It would seem absurd to have it listed as a special building just to let developers knock it down. Bath Street already has parking problems and difficulty for drivers trying to come up or go down the street if other traffic is passing, so to add new homes to this seems mad. this building has been a community focus over the years, could provide community events, gives a sense of community to current users
2016-05-19 08:30:38 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Art Deco building being flattened to build yet more unsightly, uninspiring and unneeded residential box. Shame on you...
2016-05-19 08:30:23 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Its a small street which will not cope with the extra traffic levels. pure madness
2016-05-19 08:24:10 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It would be a shame that a building of such character was knocked down. If it is to become a residential block would it not be possible to retain some of the Art Deco style features?
2016-05-19 08:20:27 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This historic art-deco building belongs with the people of Portobello. Knocking this building down would be taking away a vital social activity and gathering place from elderly people. Thrown to the side and left to die lonely and forgotten about as usual. Porty is already cojested enough as it is at peak hours, it can certainly do without 21 new flats. Taking away from the character-ful streets with all the beautiful old and semi-old quirky houses - as usual to do the most important thing - reel in the big bucks. Unnecessary and greedy.
2016-05-19 08:06:56 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The george is a beautiful building which speaks to and evidences the historical past if portobello and adds to its distinctiveness as a community. Please do not allow it to be lost in this manner. Another use which retains the building should be found. Restoring it to a communityy cinema,theatre and music, creative arts hub would be the preferred option.
2016-05-19 08:02:08 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	the demolition of this building will be very sad if this goes ahead and i object strongly to this, futhermore more i will support any community project that want the building to remain. Also the height of the new structure is ridiculously high and and will affect my view and sunlight from 7 Ramsay place where we have stayed for 15 years
2016-05-19 07:49:50 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I strongly object to this proposal to demolish a listed building and think st the very least the developers should be required to preserve the frontage of the building which is a landmark in Portobello. Surely it is possible to put flats behind the frontage?
2016-05-19 07:47:07 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The cinema and bingo hall are part of Portobello community's history. The art deco building should be preserved for future generations as part of the community's architectural and indeed cultural heritage . The new development is unattractive and not at all in keeping with the buildings in the area. This is a narrow street with dense population and traffic and parking issues already.
2016-05-19 07:47:05 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Portobello is overpopulated as it is. Parking is a huge issue. Flats would not be in keeping with surrounding buildings and even more importantly is that the existing Art Deco building is an excellent example of Portobello's history and should not be demolished. Portobello is a conservation area I thought.
2016-05-19 05:43:50 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	This building is a beautiful piece of 1930s architecture that must be maintained. It is an important part of the local community. It would be a travesty to tear this Art Deco beauty down to be replaced by the dull modern flats proposed. The street itself would be blighted as it currently consists of some of the most fantastic examples of interesting architecture in the town. This is not to mention the impact of so much building work on the surrounding area and an influx of new households to an area already struggling to provide infrastructure to the current community.

2016-05-19 05:34:07 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>A development of this size will increase traffic issues in Portobello. There are already problems on the High Street with high traffic volumes at peak times. The Baileyfield development of flats, an supermarket & car park is already set to increase this problem. A further 21 flats with parking, right in the centre of Portobello, would exacerbate it further, increasing pollution in the area.</p> <p>Bath Street has very limited capacity to absorb any more traffic, due to parked cars restricting its width. There is already a new development of 5 flats (with 5 parking spaces) in Bath Street being built this year.</p> <p>It seems unlikely that local services can cope with adding a further 21 flats. The doctors surgery on the High Street has had periods recently where they have stopped taking on new patients as the GP lists are full. A development of this size could also have a significant impact on Towerbank primary school, which has recently reduced its catchment area due to high demand for places.</p> <p>Portobello is a vibrant community with high demand for public spaces for events. A listed building of this nature, which has local historical significance, could be retained and used by the community, rather than demolished and turned into yet another uninspiring residential development.</p>
2016-05-19 00:28:23 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The traffic is bad enough and why take an iconic building down for something so ugly
2016-05-18 23:57:47 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Do we really need more housing in Portobello? This will just add more kids into the Towerbank school catchment area, all after it being changed recently with some quite unfair borders. The building is historic and it will be a sad day if demolished
2016-05-18 23:26:19 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a historic building which should be protected and restored back to original condition. If it's not going to be used as a bingo it would be amazing as a community cinema
2016-05-18 23:21:55 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It is not in character with the other houses in Bath Street just another eyesore. How many more houses do we need.
2016-05-18 23:19:21 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	<p>Firstly I do not understand how a listed building can just be demolished especially as it's in a conservation area.</p> <p>Also, I feel it is essential that if dwellings are built there should also be underground parking included in the design. The parking in Portobello, and in Bath St particularly, already is horrendous. Underground parking would greatly help this problem and also add to the value of the new construction.</p> <p>Chris Cowie</p>
2016-05-18 22:45:05 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	<p>The George is a beautiful example of Art Deco and key landmark in Bath Street. To lose this and install a building singly out of keeping with the rest of the street would be fundamentally wrong.</p> <p>Having spent many years frequenting Bath Street when staying with my Grandmother, I also know how substantial the residential allocation already is and feel that the building is more suited to a more community based purpose than cramming in even more residents.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that you consider all options rather than plunging headlong into demolishing a beautiful listed building.</p>
2016-05-18 22:34:54 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	<p>I would like to express my concern about the above planning request. Not only is the building a part of the Portobello history and, in an area which prides itself in community spirit and history, this should be looked after. Furthermore the road infrastructure will not cope with the increased volume of traffic and definitely not parking. It is currently already very difficult to find parking and many residents have to park a long way away from their homes. An additional building of this size and with the number of flats proposed would be unmanageable. I can see on the plans that they are trying to include parking but they have not taken into account the flats having more than one car or the increased volume of traffic down a very narrow residential road.</p> <p>I would be disappointed to see this residential redevelopment being approved. I think it would be to the detriment of the local community and area.</p>
2016-05-18 22:30:53 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The area is already condensed and parking is a nightmare. I do not believe that the parking proposed would be adequate to contest with this. This alongside the addition of removing a historical building is forcing me to object to the build.
2016-05-18 22:29:25 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	You are destroying the town I grew up in. Please stop.
2016-05-18 22:13:21 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	New plans do not take into account the original Art Deco style of the bingo hall. Therefore I object.
2016-05-18 22:07:12 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The bingo hall building is a beautiful Art Deco building and represents a period of Portobello's history, it deserves to be restored and preserved as it is one of the only buildings still intact from that time. On top of this the proposed design is astonishingly dull and looks like every single new block of flats that gets built nowadays, it's lazily designed and looks cheap, it would stick out like a sore thumb on what is currently a lovely street.
2016-05-18 22:04:40 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	<p>This looks like a massive building that would block out light on Mentone Avenue and Bath Street. It would cause potentially 21 new cars, probably more on an already congested street. There is already a choke point where Mentone Avenue traffic joins Bath Street.</p> <p>The red line seems to suggest the old/existing building is a whole floor taller than it actually is. That's extremely deceptive and causes me to mistrust the developer.</p> <p>The proposed building is ugly as sin and would be replacing a fine local landmark. The George is one of the last signs of Portobello's seaside holiday making heritage. It should be retained.</p>
2016-05-18 21:38:21 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	I am concerned about the plans for the bingo hall to be demolished to make way for flats. Firstly, the bingo hall is a building of architectural interest that forms part of the character of Portobello and to raze it to the ground would be to the detriment of the local environment. Secondly for a town to function as a proper community it requires spaces for people to come together; if the bingo hall is not viable then the building should be repurposed to provide some other kind of social or cultural space. This would be the more ethical and socially responsible option than the construction of more privately owned flats. Finally the height of the proposed flats would alter the skyline and have a negative impact on the light quality in Mentone Avenue and the properties on that street as well as those on Bath Street.
2016-05-18 21:37:40 +01:00	I wish to comment on the proposals.	In an already highly congested area, the addition of these flats would create severe traffic issues in Bath Street. Even with parking provision it will not be sufficient for visitors and deliveries. Also the existing building is a good example of Art Deco architecture and should be retained to preserve this historically significant building.

2016-05-18 21:28:07 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It's a listed building and the community have expressed a want to keep the building as is and possibly restore back to a cinema. We have been through a very difficult re catchment process. These flats would put children who live there in Towerbank catchment. This seems ridiculous given the difficult process the community had just gone through. The school surely don't want another development potentially upping the school roll. The planning procedure is very worrying if it doesn't take this into consideration.
2016-05-18 21:16:45 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I am amazed that PCC are even considering the demolition of this beautiful building. We should be preserving and celebrating the diverse historical architecture of Portobello, not tearing it down to make another bland and uninspiring development. This would be such a loss to the area. Would love to see it be used as a community hub or restored to its former use as a cinema. I strongly, strongly object to this proposal.
2016-05-18 21:16:17 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I feel that this building should be preserved if possible and put to communal use. If that is not possible then the facade should be kept intact and a more sympathetic building designed with fewer accommodations and communal green space or car parking.
2016-05-18 21:13:01 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a unique and iconic building in Portobello which could be used again for many things including a cinema and community space.
2016-05-18 21:08:35 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It would be better to refurbish it a a new cinema or arts centre
2016-05-18 20:56:36 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Please do not rip down this beautiful Art Deco building which has so much history and charm. Surely it can be renovated rather than razed to the ground!
2016-05-18 20:46:10 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	This is a beautiful art deco building. To knock it down to build non de-script modern flats would be an outrage. Portobello one had a wealth of deco buildings, most notably the out door pool and winter gardens and this is a solid link to that history.
2016-05-18 20:40:12 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The existing building is art deco in style and an asset to the community. It is a well known local landmark and an attractive building. It would be a great shame - and very short sighted - to lose it. The building could be of great use to the community as a cinema, multi use space, community centre, etc. This would not involve knocking it down. There are hundreds of new flats being built locally (Baileyfeild and Fishwives Causeway) - we need more community spaces in Portobello, not more flats.
2016-05-18 20:39:14 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I strongly object to the proposals. The bingo hall is a rare Art Deco survivor and a local landmark and its listed protection should mean something. Community groups have expressed interest in turning the venue into a community cinema something that would benefit the whole community instead of lining a property developer's pockets. Please don't allow this to happen.
2016-05-18 20:27:35 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Where to start? Beautiful important listed Art Deco building replaced by dreadful lowest-common-denominator architecture with little clarity about what kind or residential units these are to be anyway. This particular scheme must NEVER come to pass. It's shit and even the most corrupted and blind planning department should be able to see that. The owners/developers are cynical and have kept it on the market but under the radar in order to suggest that there's no interest hence it can be pulled down. There are people interested in this building for community use, they MUST have first chance and even if that fails we cant let this go ahead. Bath street is a gateway to Porty beach and the George importantly harks back to our shared past. This, must NEVER come to to pass and I'll strap myself to the George against the bulldozers rather than see this happen.
2016-05-18 20:17:37 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The loss of any architecturally significant building is something we must not allow to happen an anything but the most exceptional circumstances, and one which has the potential to offer so much to the community must be fought for at all costs.
2016-05-18 19:55:55 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The original Art Deco building should stay. I believe that with some intelligent investment along the lines of Out Of The Blue's model could work very well. I would like to see it retain a space/facilities for the elderly as once the Bingo hall goes, they will have. Lost yet another social hub (like the bowling went at the Leisure Centre). Given the issues recently with Tower Bank, further housing in this already very congested street is not appropriate.
2016-05-18 19:28:07 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Preserve the classic building. Demolishing this for disposable architecture is vandalism
2016-05-18 19:19:35 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	Looks ugly and not in keeping with the street. Will make an already congested area more so.
2016-05-18 19:19:34 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	
2016-05-18 19:13:06 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	It would be so sad to see this building demolished. Would like to see Building being used by the community, eg arts centre or film house.
2016-05-18 19:05:05 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The George is an amazing building. But, on top of that, for Portobello to survive as a community, and not simply a residential area, we need communal spaces where people can meet up.
2016-05-18 19:05:01 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	If they used the existing building I'd rethink my objections... It's a buetiful old building... from the towns hey day... We've lost the pool... Don't loose this... There's lots of ideas floating around Re use.... A community run cinema has been floated and it could work.... I could really see it being popular if it was restored... Maybe had an American milk bar/diner feel
2016-05-18 18:50:56 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	I would like to keep the cinema as a resource for people to use.

2016-05-18 18:36:52 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	For purely romantic, un-Wittgensteinish notions of a wee thing of beauty in the centre of the town. Something that holds the substance of local memory and identity. Make it a wee local museum or photographic gallery, even workshops of local artistic endeavour. New flats, more cars, more traffic, and the loss of a piece of C20th art. The Philistines were also town planners....
2016-05-18 17:52:31 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	
2016-05-18 17:48:47 +01:00	I object to the proposals.	The building is very much a part of Portobello. The local school is already busting at the seams so housing is not needed. I would much rather the building be kept as a community building of some sort.