

# MODERN HERITAGE – LISTING THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

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Aberdeen 1960s Inner-city multis, listed category A, in 2021

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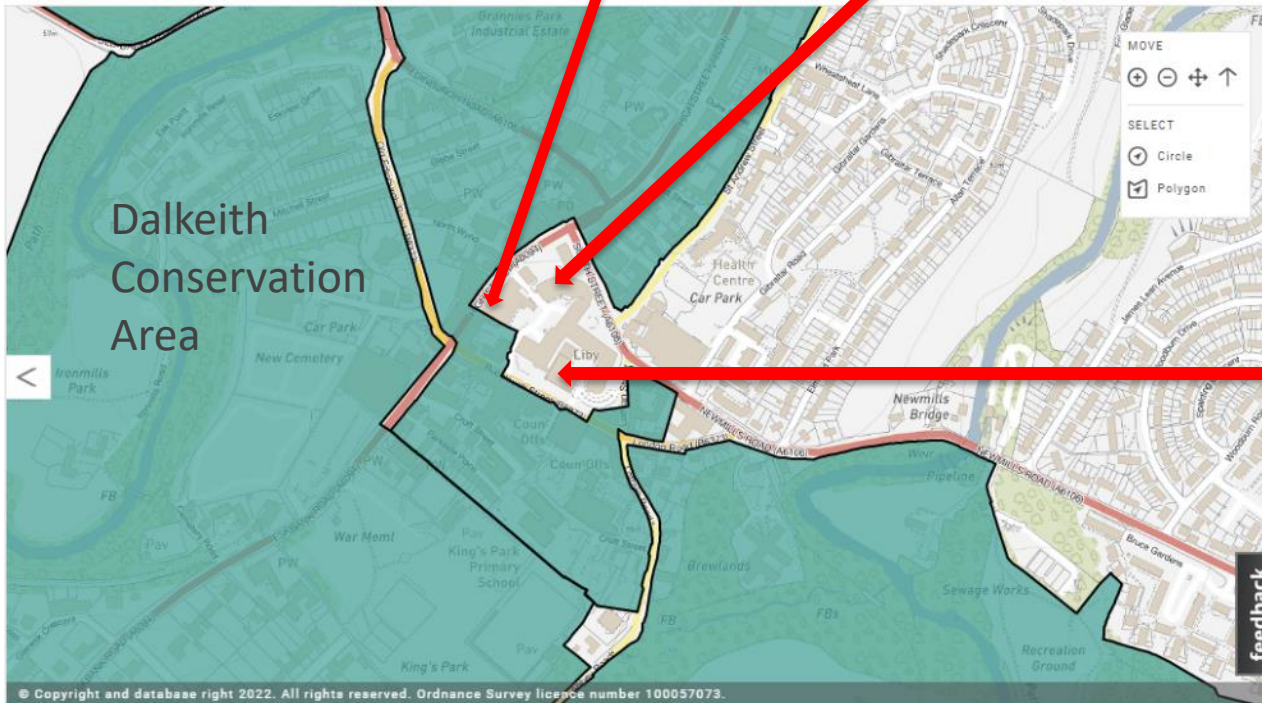
Marischal Court from city centre



Porthill & Seamount Courts



# Dalkeith



Norco House (John Lewis), Aberdeen.  
Covell Matthews & Partners, 1967-71.  
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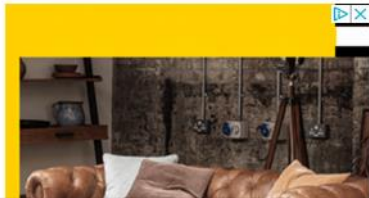
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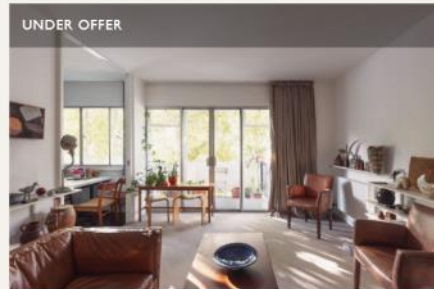
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Planning (Listed Buildings and  
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Listed buildings can be anything made by people, such as houses, schools, factories, walls, bridges, and sculptures.

To be listed a building must be of special architectural or historic interest.

To decide if a site is of special interest, we assess its:

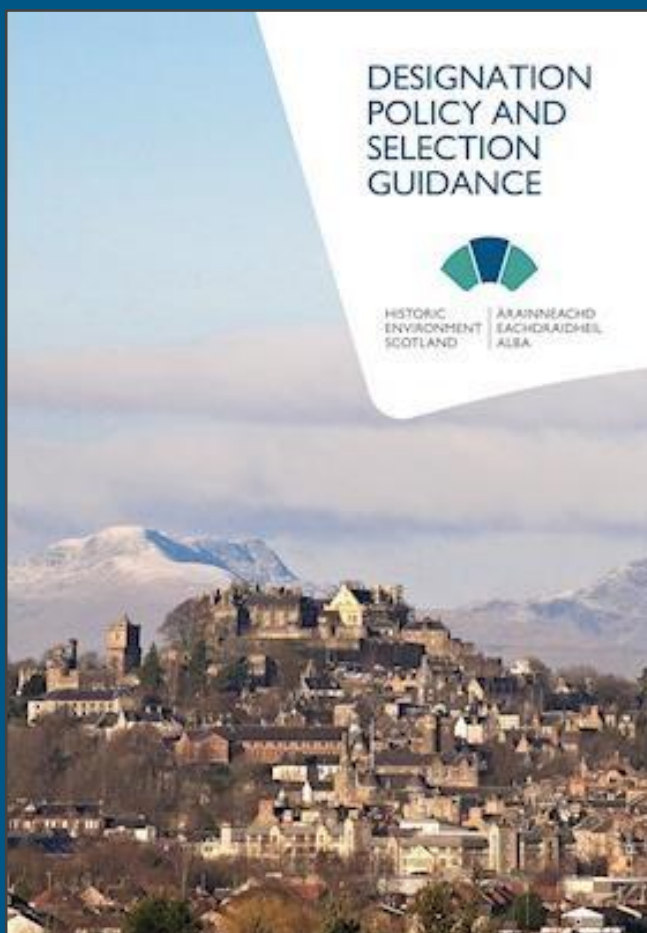
### Architectural interest

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- setting

### Historic interest

- age and rarity
- social historical interest
- close historical associations

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# Listing Statistics and Listing Categories

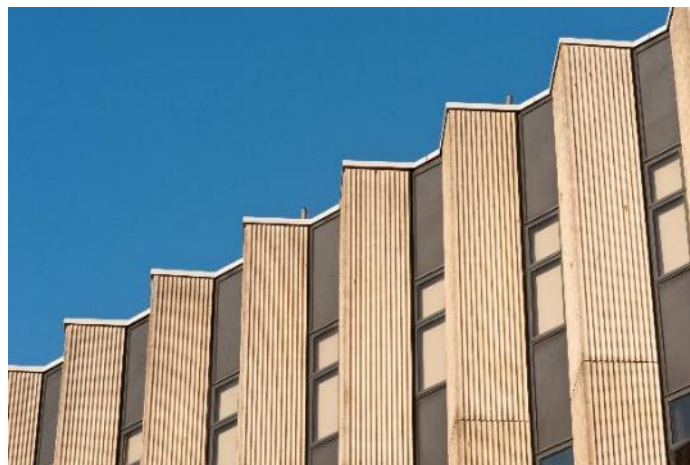
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B Listed	23619	49.7%
C Listed	20218	42.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>47526</b>	<b>100%</b>

Post-war Listed Buildings		
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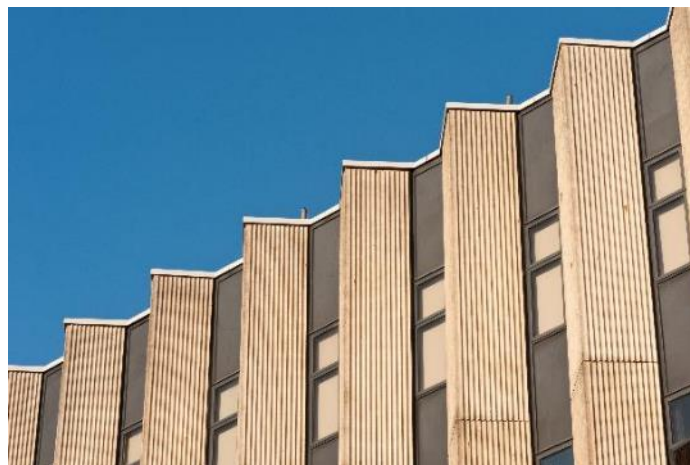
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“Buildings need not be old or beautiful to merit listing.”

Ian Lindsay, Chief Historic Buildings Investigator (1948)



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Courier Building - tower, 22 Meadowside, 2 Courier Place, Euclid Cres,  
Dundee. Listed Category B in 1965.

Niven and Wigglesworth (London), 1902; tower T Lindsay Gray, 1960



David Livingstone Memorial Bridge, Blantyre, 1952, listed category B in 1971



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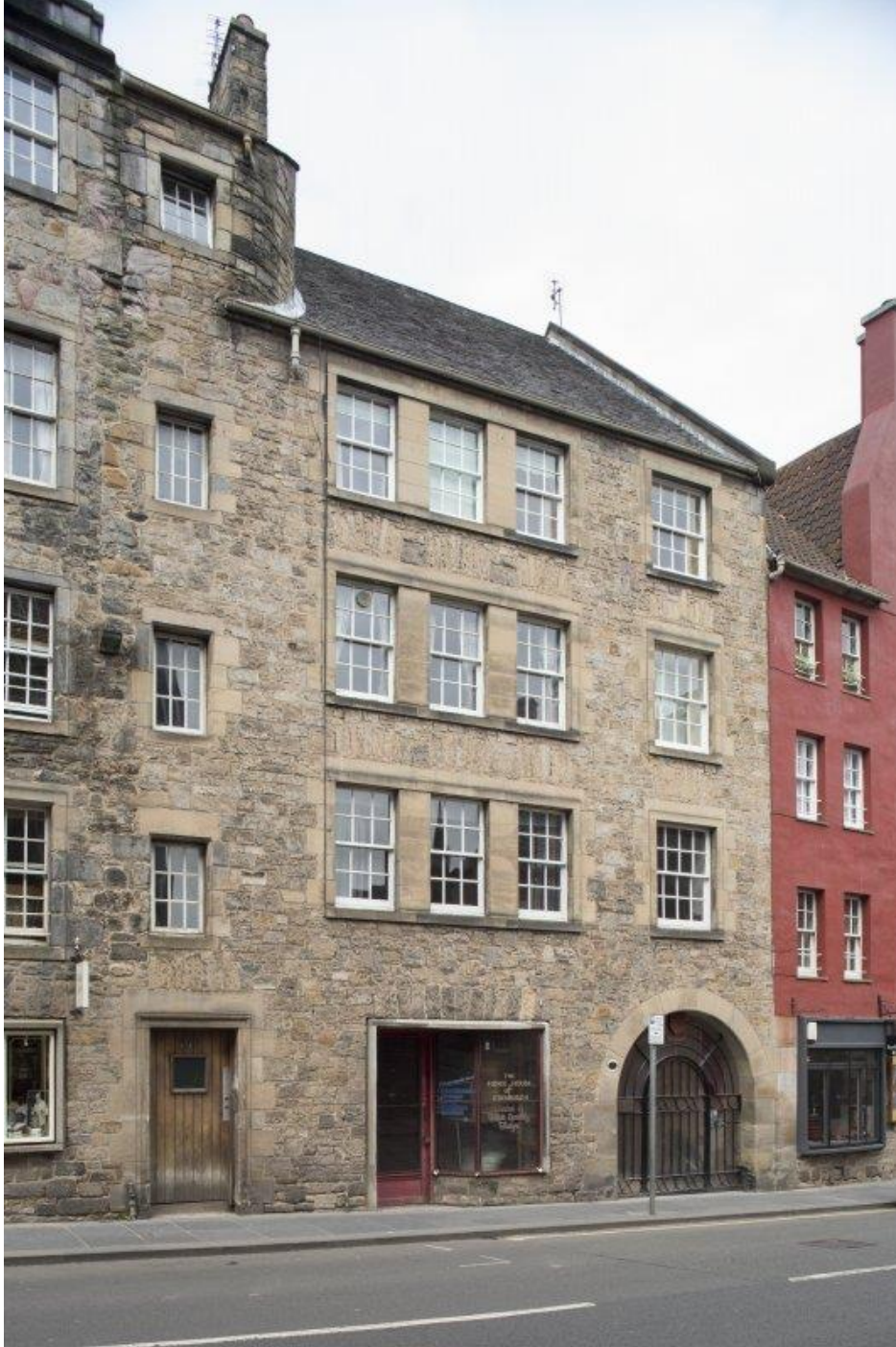
Spean Bridge Commando Memorial, Scott Sutherland 1951, listed category A in 1971



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191, 193 Canongate,  
Edinburgh, 1958 – Listed  
Category C in 1970



National Library of Scotland, 1936, completed in 1956. Listed category A in 1971.



National Cash Registers Office and  
Factory, Dundee. Bennet, Beard and  
Wilkins, 1946. Listed category B in  
1989. (Includes 'industries' mural.)



David Marshall Lodge, Aberfoyle,  
1960. Listed category B in 1971



Glasgow: National Resurvey began in the 1980s



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**FORMER BOAC OFFICES, Buchanan Street, Glasgow.**  
**Gillespie, Kidd and Coia, 1970**  
**Listed category B in 1988.**



**FORMER OUR LADY AND ST FRANCIS  
SECONDARY SCHOOL, Glasgow.  
Gillespie, Kidd and Coia, 1963  
Listed category A in 1989**





Inverkeithing High School, Fife.  
1968-73. Listed category B in 2004.

Gala Fairydean Stadium, Galashiels  
Peter Womersley, 1960  
Listed category B in 2006  
Category changed to A in 2013



Bow Street, Stirling. Sir Frank Mears  
& Partners.  
Listed category B in 1998.





St Benedict's R C Church, Drumchapel, Glasgow. Gillespie Kidd and Coia, 1964-7. Demolished 1991



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St Peter's College,  
Cardross, Gillespie Kidd  
and Coia, 1966  
Listed category A in 1994



9 KELVINSIDE GARDENS, ST CHARLES'S CHURCH  
Gillespie, Kidd and Coia, 1959-60  
Listed category B in 1992

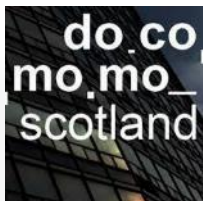


Lanark County Buildings,  
Hamilton. D G Bannerman,  
1959-64. Listed category A in  
1993.



Hutchesontown 'C', Gorbals, Basil Spence and Partners, 1958-65 – demolished 1993





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# DoCoMoMo Key Scottish Monuments

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**DoCoMoMo Key Scottish Monuments** is a list of 60 notable post-war buildings in [Scotland](#), compiled in 1993 by the international [architectural conservation](#) organisation [DoCoMoMo](#).

The buildings date from the period 1945–1970, and were selected by a panel as being significant examples of architectural style, building materials and location. The purpose was in part to raise the profile of post-war architecture, and to "demonstrate that architecture, as an art, flourished during those years".<sup>[1]</sup> The list was the basis for an exhibition at the [Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland](#), aimed at introducing some of these buildings as "heritage". The predominant view of post-war architecture, and of many [modernist](#) buildings in particular, was not favourable in the [UK](#) at the time, and the list was intended to inform the [statutory listing](#) of significant works.<sup>[1]</sup> Some of the buildings, for example [Notre Dame High School](#), had already been listed by [Historic Scotland](#) before the DoCoMoMo list was compiled,<sup>[2]</sup> and several more have been designated since, including several at Category A, as "buildings of national or international importance".<sup>[3]</sup>

The list includes a wide range of structures, from large industrial plants, to small private houses, and covers the diversity of building types that were constructed during the period. Not all the buildings have survived; two of the most prominent examples have been [Paisley's Hutcheson's Complex in Glasgow](#), demolished in

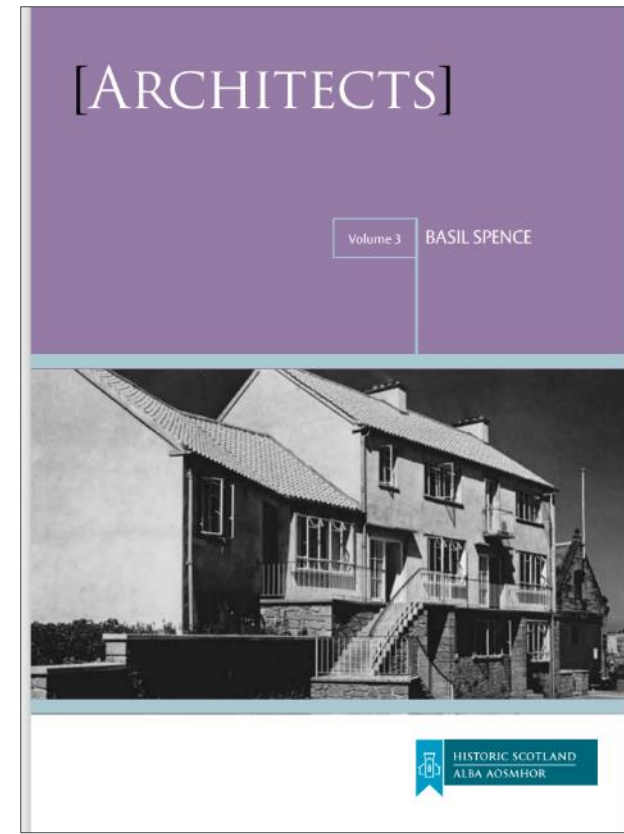
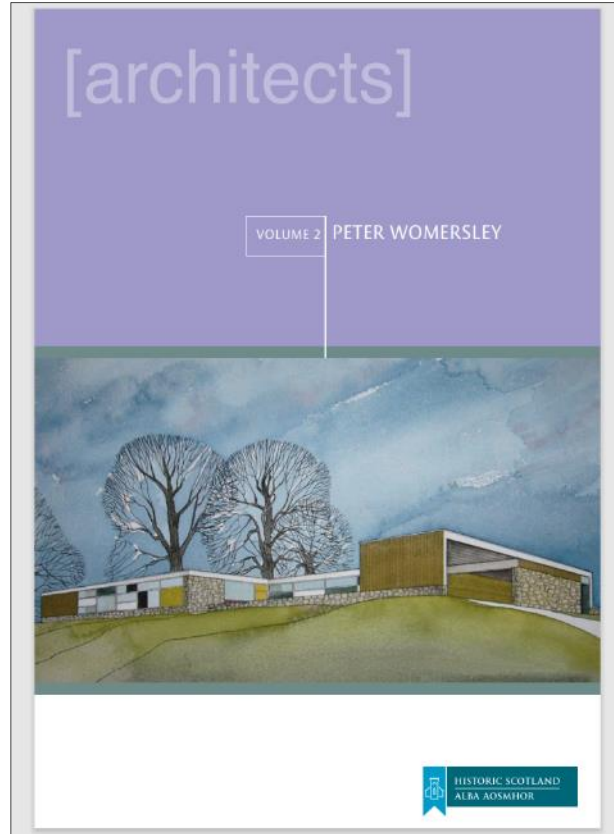
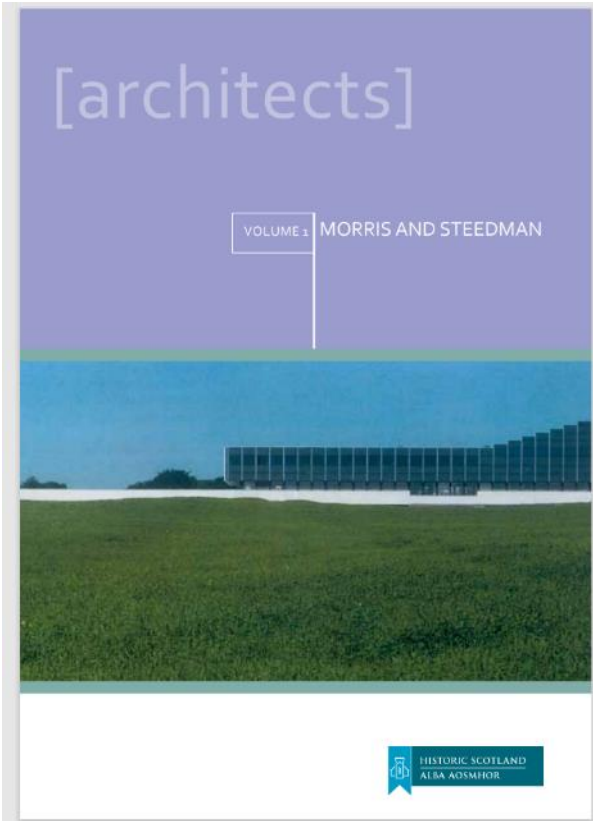
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Building	Location	Date	Architect	Notes
<a href="#">Anderston Centre Industrial Zone</a>	<a href="#">Glasgow</a>	1969	<a href="#">Jack Holmes and Partners</a>	
<a href="#">Andrew Melville Hall of Residence, University of St Andrews</a>	<a href="#">St Andrews</a>	1967	<a href="#">James Stirling</a>	Category A listed <sup>[4]</sup>
<a href="#">Arts Tower and Faculty Building, University of Dundee</a>	<a href="#">Dundee</a>	1961	<a href="#">Robert Matthew, Johnson-Marshall and Partners</a>	Category B listed <sup>[5]</sup>
<a href="#">Avisfield</a>	<a href="#">Cramond, Edinburgh</a>	1957	<a href="#">Morris and Steedman</a>	Category B listed <sup>[6]</sup>
<a href="#">Bernat Klein House and Studio</a>	<a href="#">Scottish Borders</a>	1957 (house) 1972 (studio)	<a href="#">Peter Womersley</a>	Both buildings Category A listed <sup>[7][8]</sup>
<a href="#">Chessel's Court redevelopment</a>	<a href="#">Royal Mile, Edinburgh</a>	1966	<a href="#">Robert Hurd</a>	Category A/B listed <sup>[9][10][11]</sup>
<a href="#">Crathie Drive Development</a>	<a href="#">Glasgow</a>	1952	<a href="#">Ronald Bradbury</a>	
<a href="#">Cumbernauld New Town original housing areas (Kildrum, Park, Carbrain, Ravenswood, Seafar, Muirhead)</a>	<a href="#">North Lanarkshire</a>	1974	<a href="#">Cumbernauld Development Corporation and others</a>	
<a href="#">Cumbernauld Town Centre Phase 1</a>	<a href="#">Cumbernauld</a>	1967	<a href="#">Geoffrey Copcutt</a>	Partly demolished
<a href="#">Dollan Baths</a>	<a href="#">East Kilbride</a>	1968	<a href="#">A Buchanan Campbell</a>	Category A listed <sup>[12]</sup>
<a href="#">Dounreay Experimental Research Establishment</a>	<a href="#">Highland</a>	1958	<a href="#">R S Brocklesby</a>	Currently being decommissioned
<a href="#">Dysart redevelopment (Phases 1–3)</a>	<a href="#">Fife</a>	1971	<a href="#">Wheeler and Sproson</a>	
<a href="#">Eaglais Mathair nan Dorainn (Church of Our Lady of Sorrows)</a>	<a href="#">Gearraidh na Monadh, South Uist</a>	1965	<a href="#">Richard J McCarron</a>	Category B listed <sup>[13]</sup>
<a href="#">Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary, Ward Unit and Operating Theatre Suite</a>	<a href="#">Falkirk</a>	1966	<a href="#">Keppie, Henderson and Partners</a>	

Avisfield, Cramond, Edinburgh. Morris and Steedman,  
1954 and 1964. Listed category B in 2007



# Thematic listing reviews – architects' practices



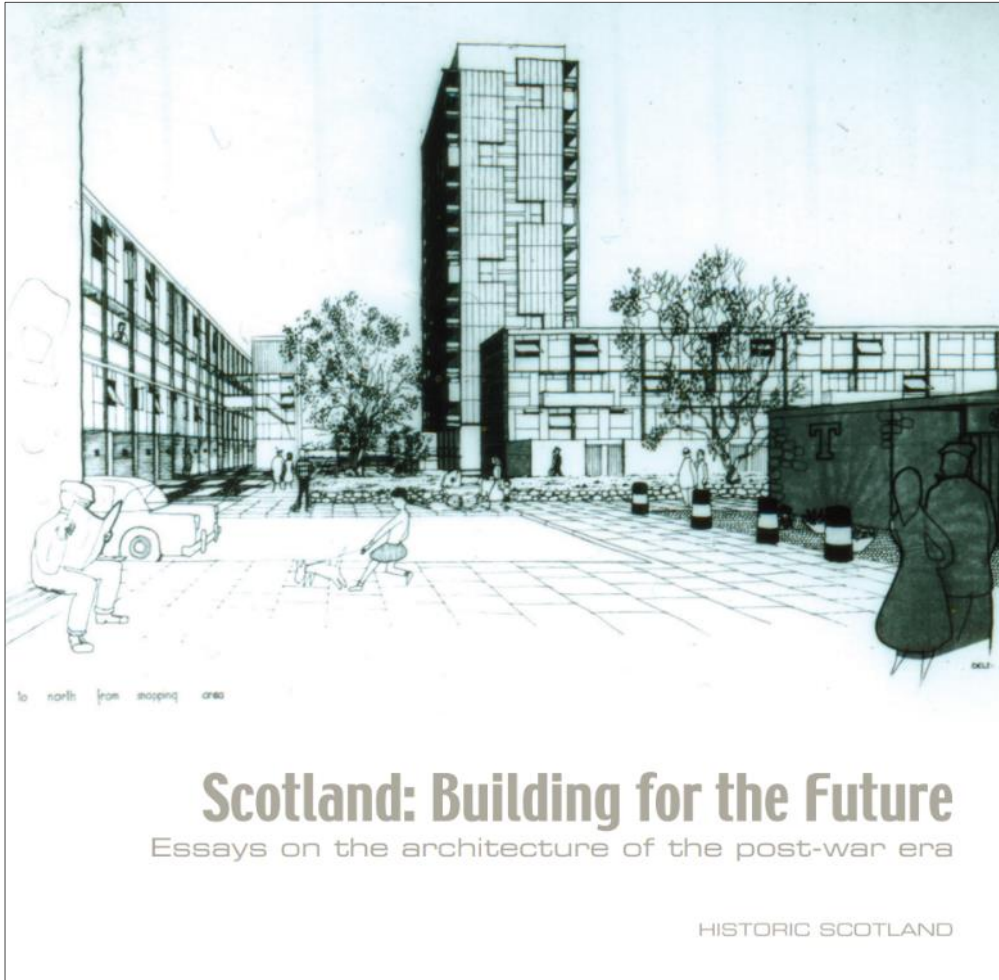


Arts Faculty Group,  
George Square,  
University of  
Edinburgh, 1960s.  
Listed category A in  
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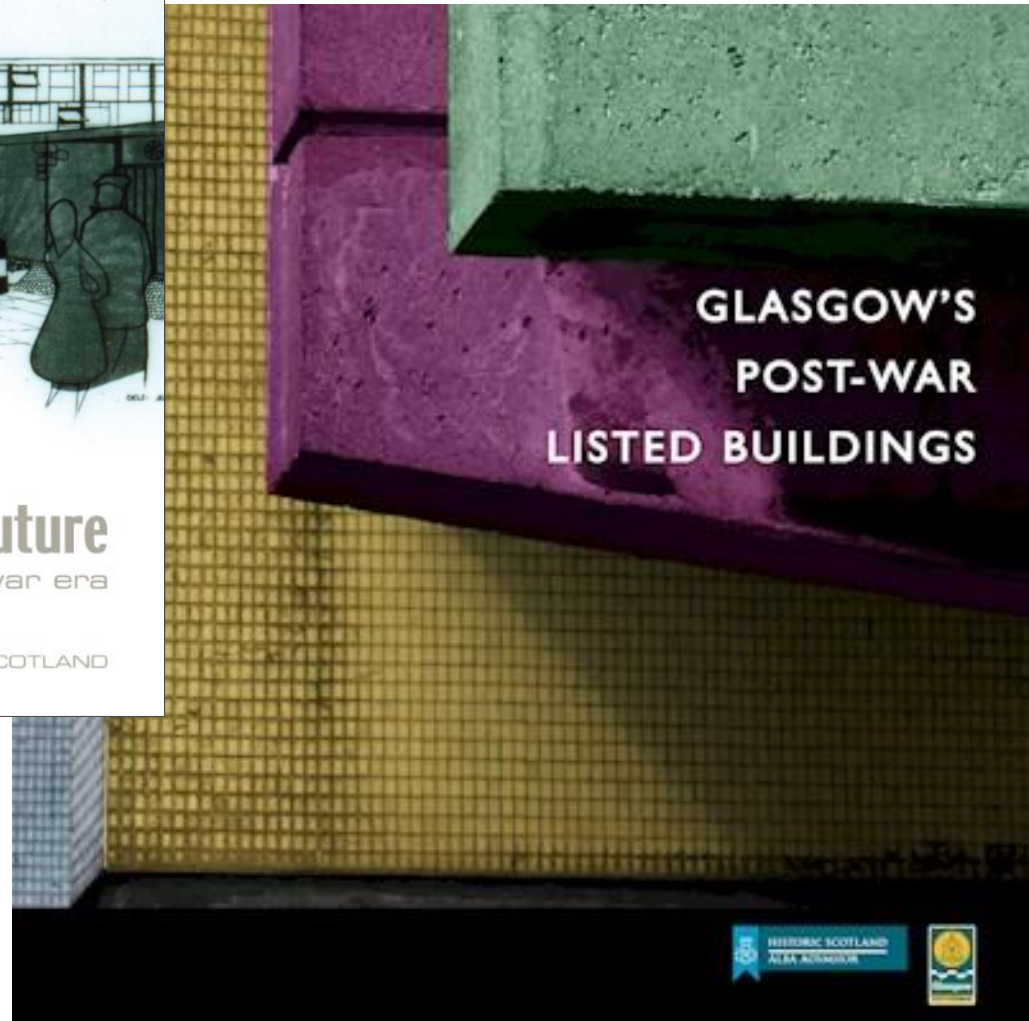




*Scotland: Building for the Future*  
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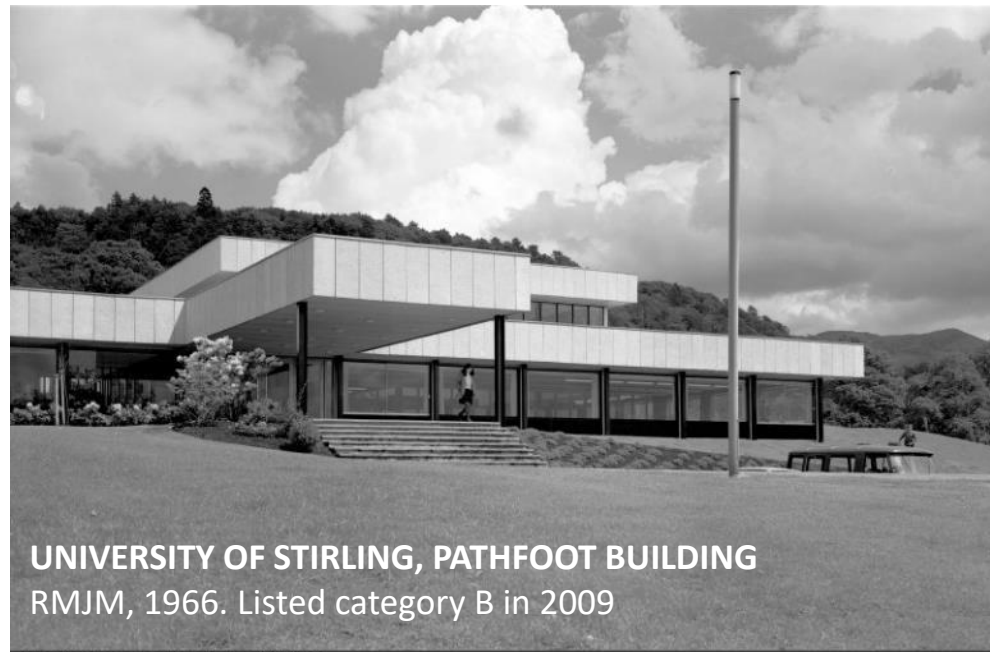
*Glasgow's Post-war Listed Buildings,*  
Publication and Exhibition, 2011





**BEN CRUACHAN DAM, 1959-65.**  
Listed category B in 2011

<https://canmore.org.uk/collection/1045117>



**UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING, PATHFOOT BUILDING**  
RMJM, 1966. Listed category B in 2009

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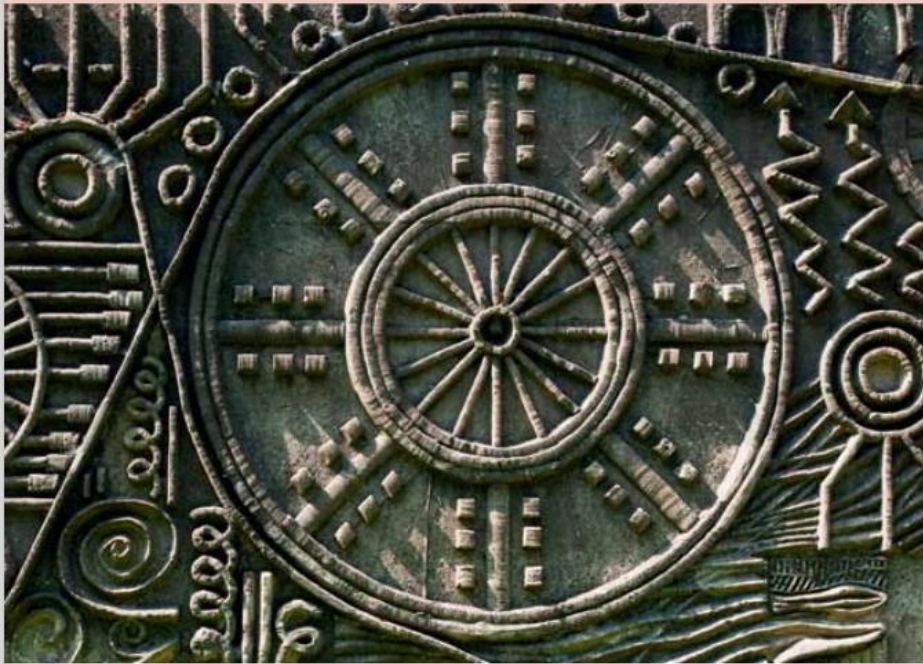
**GLASGOW AND STRATHKELVIN SHERIFF COURT** Keppie Henderson and Partners, 1972-86. Listed category B in 2013.



**UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE, ARCHITECTURE BUILDING.** Frank Fielden of Frank Fielden and Associates, 1964-7. Listed category B in 2012.

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GLENROTHES TOWN ART



Industry Past and Present, Underpass. David Harding, 1970. Listed category C in 2011.



Henge, David Harding, 1970. Listed category B in 2011.



**Aviva Insurance Building, Perth.** James Parr & Partners, 1979-83. Listed category A in 2017.



**Former Royal Observatory Corps (ROC) Underground Monitoring Post, Mains of Edzell, 1957.** Listed category C in 2014.



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**Kylesku Bridge, Ove Arup, 1981-4.**  
Listed category A in 2019.

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**St Andrew's Church, Livingston.** Alison & Hutchison & Partners, 1966. Listed category B in 2014.



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ANNIESLAND COURT, Glasgow.  
Jack Holmes and Partners 1966-8.  
Listed category A in 1996.



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## Edinburgh's 'Banana flats' awarded Category A listing

1 February 2017

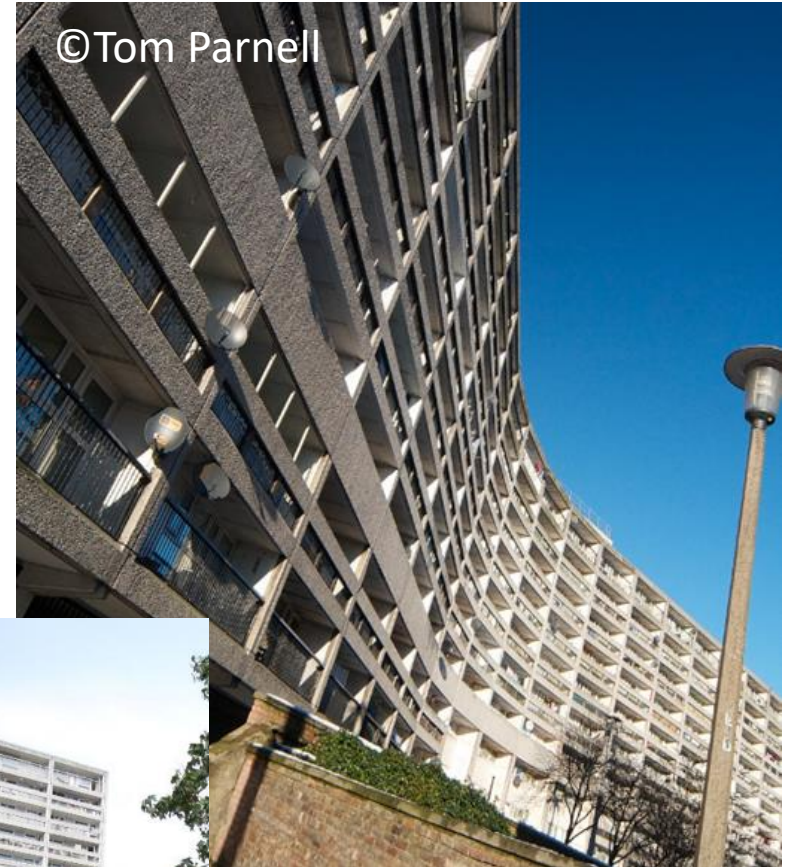


Cables Wynd House is known as the banana flats due to its distinctive curved shape

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Cables Wynd House, Edinburgh.  
Alison and Hutchison & Partners, 1965.  
Listed category A in 2017



Linksview House, Edinburgh.  
Alison and Hutchison & Partners, 1966.  
Listed category A in 2017

# Aberdeen Inner-city Multis (2018-21)

Eight buildings at five sites listed at category A in 2021

Porthill & Seamount Courts (1966)

Hutcheon & Greig Courts (1973)

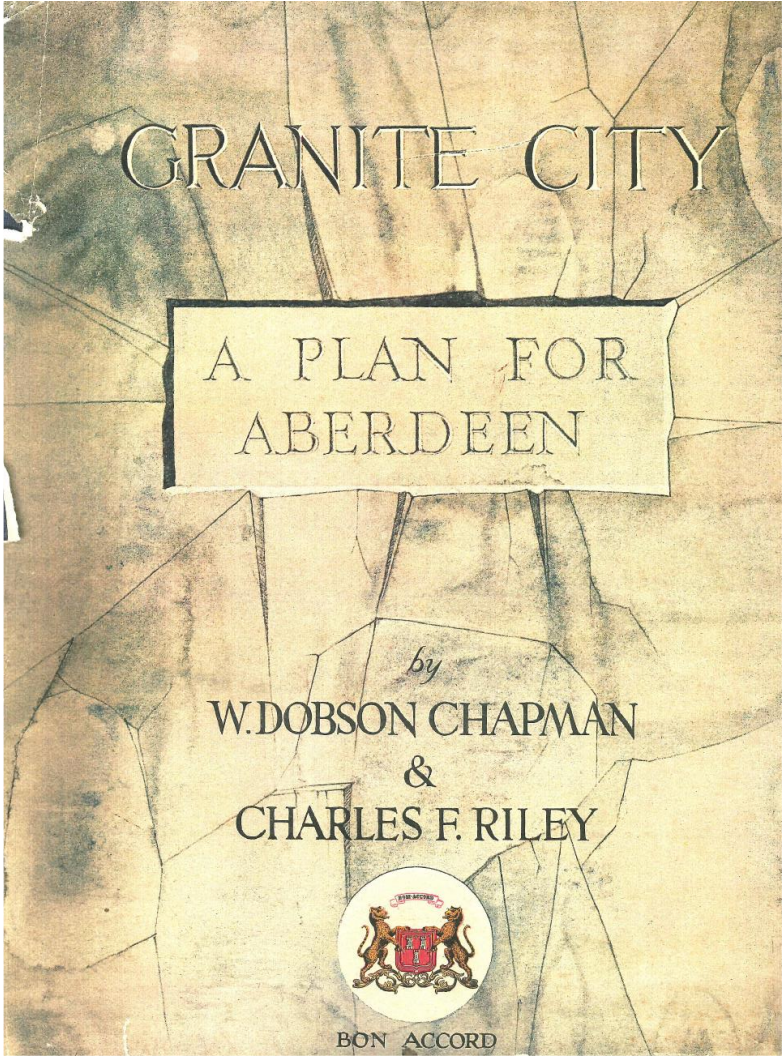
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Granite City A Plan for Aberdeen, 1949



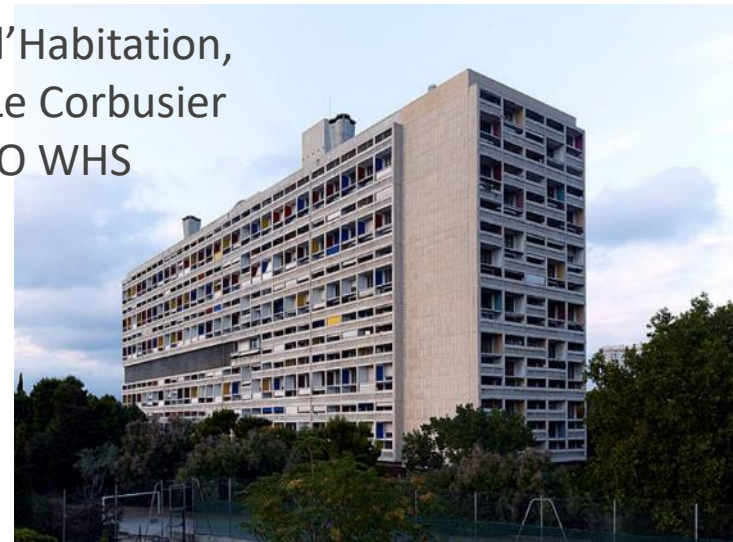


## Direct inspiration for Aberdeen Inner-city Multis

Alton East and West estates,  
Roehampton, London County Council  
Architects, 1952-60, Grade II and II\*



Unite d'Habitation,  
1945, Le Corbusier  
UNESCO WHS



# Listing Appeals

Owners, occupiers and tenants have a statutory right of appeal for:

- new listings
- changes to statutory addresses of existing listed buildings

Appeals are made to the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) of the Scottish Government. They must be made within 3 months.

Grounds for appeal are that the **building** is not of special architectural or historic interest.

There's no statutory right of appeal for:

- de-listings
- decisions not to list
- changes in listing category

Hutcheon Court, Aberdeen



# Aberdeen Inner-city Multis (2018-21)

## DPEA DECISION:

- Keep 5 buildings listed
- De-list 3 buildings

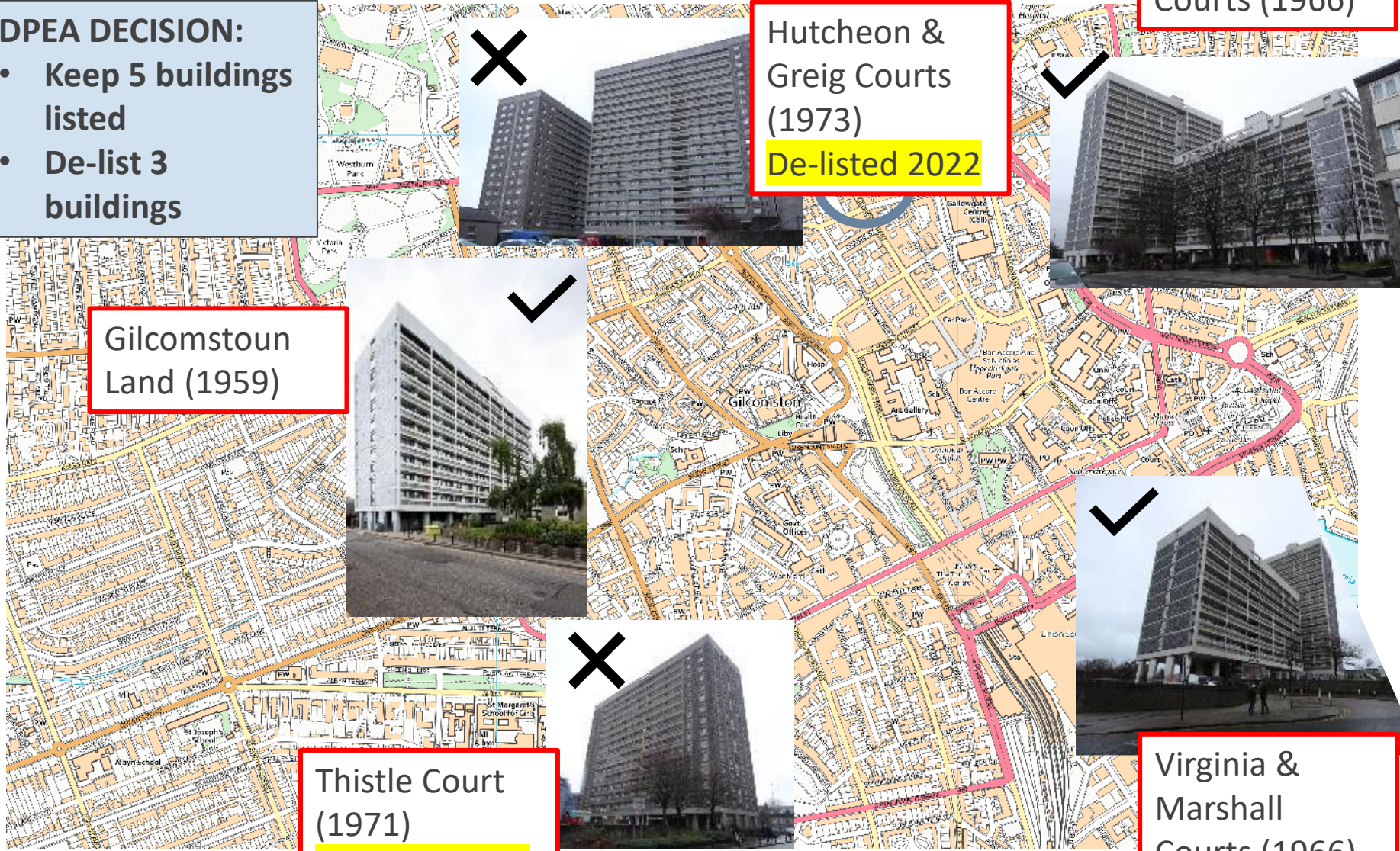
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Hutcheon & Greig Courts (1973)  
De-listed 2022

Gilcomstoun Land (1959)

Thistle Court (1971)  
De-listed 2022

Virginia & Marshall Courts (1966)



# Five Aberdeen high rises to remain A-listed as council appeal fails

By Alastair Gossip  
 December 31, 2021, 5:00 pm



## Scotland 'ludicrous' to grant tower block protected status

By Daniel Sanderson  
 SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENT

THE SNP's decision to grant a set of brutalist tower blocks the same protected status as Edinburgh Castle has been labelled "perverse".

Five 1960s high rises in the city have had their A-list rating confirmed after the Scottish Government rejected appeals from the local council, which criticised the move to bestow protected status on the building.

It means the blocks, which used granite in their construction in keeping with Aberdeen's Granite City moniker, now have the same level of protection as Edinburgh Castle and the Forth Rail Bridge.

Officials claimed the five "distinctive" high rises help tell the story of post-war Scotland and how Aberdeen was earmarked for "significant economic growth" and a new era of civic regeneration. However, the attempt by culture bosses at Historic Environment Scotland to grant the buildings protected status has caused a significant backlash.

Kevin Stewart, Aberdeen Council MSP and a former SNP housing minister, has previously called the move



The tower blocks were constructed using granite, in keeping with the city's nickname

"ludicrous". Douglas Lamsden, a Conservative MSP and a former Aberdeen city council co-leader, called it "the craziest decision people in this city will have ever heard".

Aberdeen city council had appealed against the decision, made a year ago, claiming that it was "perverse" and that giving the blocks listed status would affect its ability to maintain them.

However, the Scottish Government backed the listing for five of the eight blocks originally granted protected status. The interiors of the blocks are excluded, meaning it will be easier to renovate flats, under a ruling published yesterday.

## High drama as heritage bosses A-list 'finest' Brutalist blocks

By John Jeffay

THEIR stark concrete outlines hardly seem to bear comparison with the 'outstanding architectural and historic interest' of Edinburgh Castle or the Forth Bridge.

But now a decision to award the same category A-listed status to five 'Brutalist' high rises in Aberdeen has sparked its own culture clash between council bosses and the Scottish Government's heritage body.

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) wanted to elevate the post-war blocks to the same level of protection as the city's granite masterpiece Marischal College, saying the flats represented some of the finest examples of social housing in Scotland.

Earlier this year, Aberdeen City Council appealed the move, claiming it would limit its scope for any improvements to the buildings, add to the cost of repairs and even make it more difficult to



implement post-Grenfell safety upgrades. However, the government's planning and environmental appeals division ruled last week the blocks should be awarded the highest protection.

Yesterday, council leader Jenny Laing said she was 'bitterly disappointed' and would consider applying for a judicial review. She said: 'Both owner-occupiers in the blocks listed and the council could now face greatly increased costs for the upkeep of the exteriors of these buildings.'

Elizabeth McCrone of HES said: 'The Aberdeen flats should be celebrated as a key part of our 20th century heritage.'

## Brutalist flats win protection ... again

Culture leaders have claimed victory in a battle to award "brutalist" tower blocks in Aberdeen a conservation status that offers the same level of protection enjoyed by Edinburgh Castle and the Forth Rail Bridge (David

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The blocks Gilcomstoun Land, Porthill Court, Seamount Court, Virginia Court, ... Court,



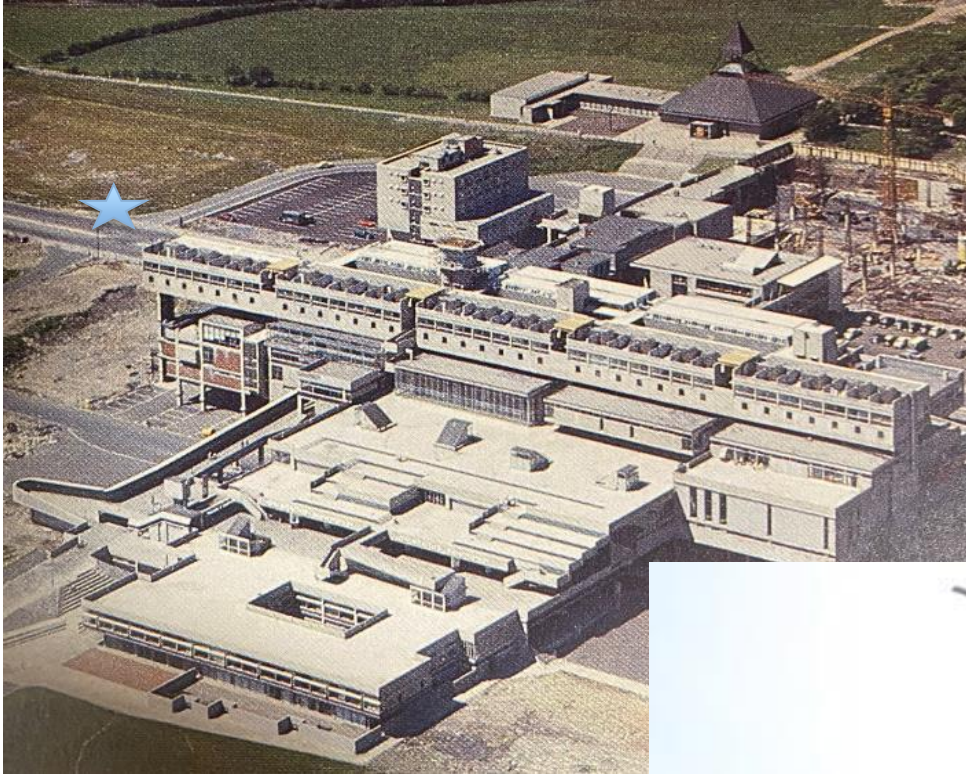
Mass Housing, Woodside,  
Glasgow, proposed for listing  
2022 – case in progress



Wyndford Housing, Maryhill, former site of Maryhill Barracks, Glasgow – listing review of tower blocks 2023 (not found to meet listing criteria)



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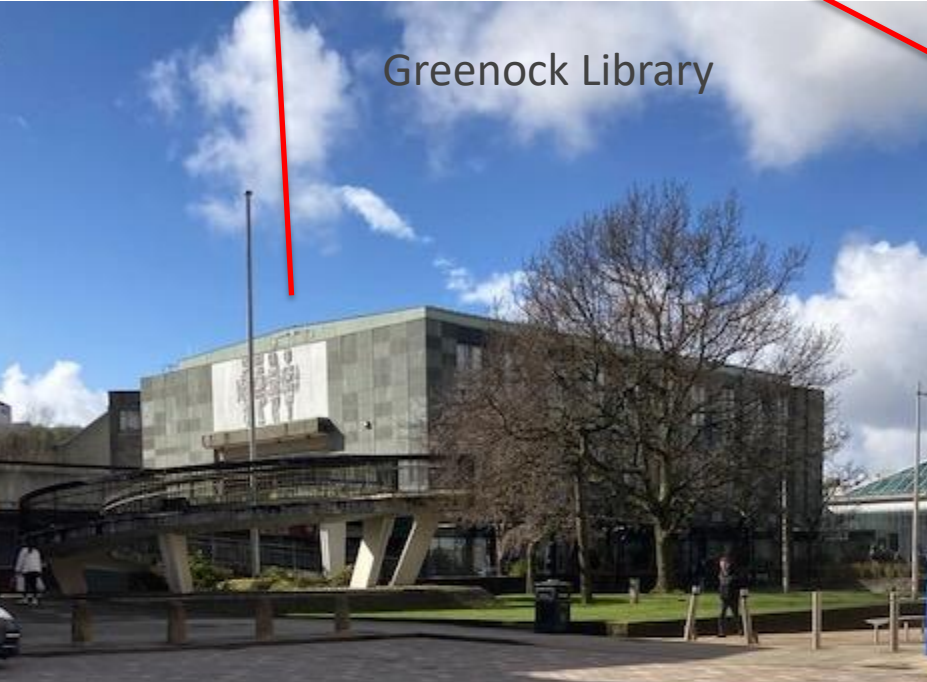
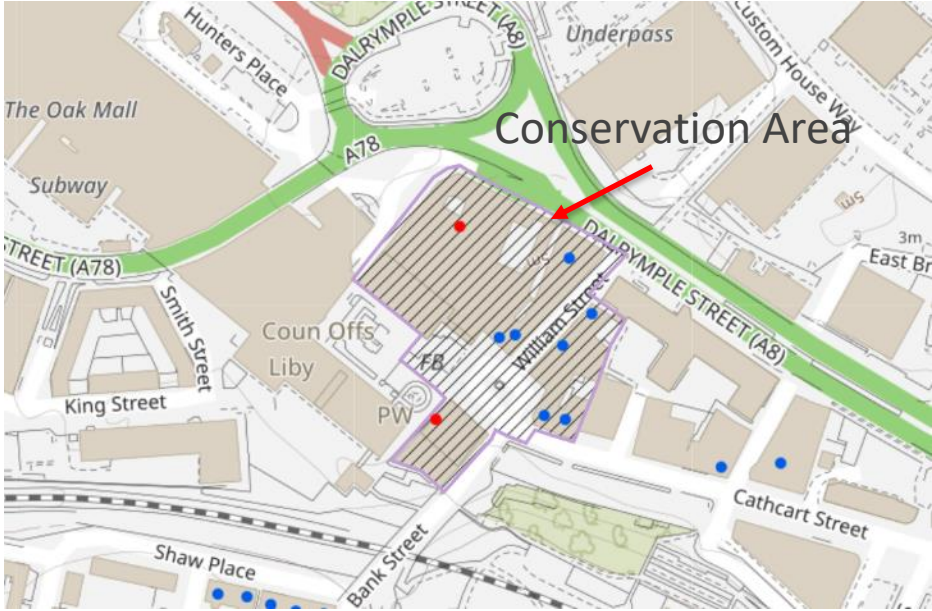


Cumbernauld Town Centre, listing review 2022 – not designated, but found to meet listing criteria

2022



# Greenock Library, Clyde Square (listing review 2023)



Greenock Library



Municipal Buildings



# 2019 Interim Guidance

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[historicenvironment.scot/modernlandscapes](https://historicenvironment.scot/modernlandscapes)

Dundee Repertory Theatre (Dundee Rep)  
Nicoll Russell Studios, 1979-82  
Listed category A, 2022



Tollcross Fire Station, Edinburgh.  
Lothian Regional Council Architects, 1986.  
Currently being assessed for listing  
following a listing proposal.



Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh. Enric Miralles, 1998-2004.





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