

Advocacy Statement: [REDACTED] Proposal -
Preserving Architectural Heritage and Community Value:

During the recent public hearing, attention was drawn to an exceptional initiative: Mr Dryden's proposed [REDACTED]. This project stands out not only for its ambition but also for its cultural and historical significance. At its core, the proposal seeks to realise a long-lost masterpiece—a dwelling conceived by Mackay Hugh Baillie Scott, the internationally acclaimed Arts & Crafts architect. This [REDACTED], if built, would become the first manifestation of Baillie Scott's celebrated prize-winning design from 1904, placing it in distinguished company alongside William Morris's Kelmscott Manor as a beacon of architectural innovation and heritage.

The planning application for [REDACTED] is now in the final stages of a rigorous two-year review by the West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC). As the Examination Authority (ExA) considers its recommendations, the attached digital book offers a comprehensive overview of the plans, underlining their potential to create a legacy of 'future heritage' for the region.

However, there is a pressing concern that the opportunity to realise this vision may be irrevocably lost should the proposals for the central section proceed unchanged. Specifically, the current plans for the installation of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels on plots 8-27, 8-30, 8-32, 8-37, 10-06, 10-07, 10-08, and 10-09 warrant careful reconsideration.

It is respectfully urged that the ExA and all decision-makers pause to reflect on the broader value at stake:

- Architectural Culture: The [REDACTED] offers a once-in-a-generation chance to physically realise Baillie Scott's lost masterpiece—an act of cultural rediscovery that will enrich the architectural landscape and inspire future generations.
- Socio-Economic Enhancement: Beyond its aesthetic merits, the project promises to bring new opportunities for community engagement, education, and economic development, honouring the region's tradition of creative innovation.
- Balancing Sustainability and Heritage: While the importance of renewable energy is acknowledged, it is crucial that such interventions do not compromise the unique character and cultural potential of this site.

At a minimum, it is recommended that the installation of PV solar panels on the specified plots be reconsidered. Such an adjustment would allow for the preservation and celebration of architectural culture, ensuring that both present and future generations can derive lasting value from this extraordinary project.

The ExA is encouraged to weigh not only the technical aspects of the planning application but also the profound legacy that the [REDACTED] will represent—for the community, the region, and the wider world of heritage and the arts.