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I am very much in favour for this proposal to replace a very dilapidated and ever greater blot on the landscape that Athlon House is becoming.

I would have preferred a far bigger development of individual flats on this very large site, in the same style as is being proposed, so that many far lesser mortals could enjoy the magnificent setting and new exceedingly beautiful building that could so easily be scaled up. I simply cannot imagine why you favour billionaires only! Be that as it may, you really cannot stand by, in the hope that some conservation minded billionaire fancies restoring it, at an eye-watering cost even for billionaires, merely to end up with an architecturally unworthy dour house which simply does not merit such expenditure. That is a foream too far that will merely lumber us with a building that will continue to dilapidate and become an ever greater eyesore until such time as common sense prevails and this building is knocked down and replaced with something to wow us. Conservation for the sake of conservation is daft and exceedingly boring. That is why no billionaire wants to squander their personal fortunes going down such a route. No matter how much the museum brigade crave for someone else to fund their utter follies.

Pictures say it so much more convincingly than words:

Proposed building:



Is this not far better than letting it remain dilapidated see photos below in the remote hope that someone will wish to spend many times more to refurbish it?

Personally I would have preferred even more, a far larger development of flats on the plot in the same style as is being proposed. Thus allowing more mortal people than billionaires to enjoy it and live in it.

Dilapidated Dour Athlon House:













I certainly do not know any billionaire sufficiently interested in conservation to pump his personal wealth into the conservation of Athlon House!

Nor do the Museum brigade. They have had more than enough time to find this champion. Museum brigade wishes do not sign cheques and squander someone else'

I certainly do not want a dilapidated blot on the Landscape whilst endlessly waiting and wishing for refurbishment.

Leslie Dweck