

East Station Office / Old Railway Building asset transfer request

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Response No. Comments

- 1 Please support this request to allow the community to retain the heritage of this building.
- 2 My father and grandfather both worked for the railway. My grandparents stayed at Caley cottages in Peebles that were the railway cottages. Since all the other beautiful buildings to do with the railway are gone it would be great to see this small building restored as a museum to our railways. Gone but not forgotten.
- 3 This is a great idea. I would love to see this building being used and preserved for future generations.
- 4 It would be wonderful to preserve this building as part of the town's railway heritage.
- 5 I fully support the transfer of this historic building to the Peebles Community Trust.
As the last remnant of railways in Peebles it is a real physical reminder of the town's industrial past and it is ideal that it should be used to remember and demonstrate that history.
Located in a large car park and a short walk from the main street, the location is ideal for access by visitors, enthusiasts and local people. It will be a great additional asset to the town with visitors remembering and talking to others helping to promote and encourage visits to the town. I wish PCT success in this application and great success in their ambitions for the small but important building. Their use will improve, protect and maintain the building whilst adding a new and interesting attraction in the town.
- 6 This asset should be transferred so that it may be preserved for future generations
- 7 I support this application for East Station Office, Peebles.
- 8 I agree with the application for a commercial tenant but I am not sure railway memorabilia would attract enough interest. I think this idea should be subject to further consultation to ensure it has widespread support.
- 9 I think that this is a fantastic proposal. The railway is an important part of Peebles heritage. The building is an iconic part of the town and needs to be put to some purpose. The impact on tourists will be very valuable in promoting the town as a destination. Local members of our community will be able to learn about the important role the railways once had on our town.
It is time this building was restored and put to use and it is wonderful that some members of our community have worked so hard to get things moving to this stage.

- 10 I support this transfer. This is an important historic building for the local area and community. It is vital it is looked after and remains in the trust of an organisation that can maintain and protect it.
- 11 I so hope this beautiful heritage building can be given to the Development Trust. It is in the main car park for tourist ,so when they arrive if they could straight away view the railway history of Peebles.
I am confident the Trust will choose a suitable commercial let for the building .Its been shut off for so long ,please support this application.
- 12 I think it would be a perfect tourist information building all about the history of the railway. I've lived here all my life (40years) and know some things my Dad has told me that he remembers as a kid.
I'm also a primary teacher and think it's something the local schools would use/link with.
It could have photos displayed, audio recordings of memories by people who actually worked or travelled on it (while we still have them) etc.
- 13 I fully support this request
- 14 I think this is a great idea. This group is committed to saving this building and turning it into a visitor attraction. The railway is an important part of our local history.
- 15 The railway was long gone before my arrival in Peebles in the late 1980's but I feel that the memory and the heritage of the railways should be preserved in some small way, by the preservation of this unique building, when we first moved here the building was in use by the local coal merchant, and it was great that the building was being utilised. Hopefully it will remain as a reminder of Peebles railway history.
- 16 As someone old enough to remember when the railways were still open in Peebles, I would love to see this as a museum/info centre/café for locals and visitors alike to learn a little bit about the town pre- and post-industrialisation focusing in particular on the important role of the railways in bringing prosperity to the town
- 17 I support this transfer of ownership.
- 18 The building is currently an eyesore under SBC ownership and so the community could make the building look attractive and an asset to the
- 19 This transfer to the local community can only be good news. The hopes and plans they have for it will mean it will be an asset of interest and use for visitors and future generations alike.

- 20 I feel this would be a hugely positive move, and one that would allow for a centralised focus for all railway heritage activity.
- 21 The group will care for the asset well. It's also important that protect this as there are very few examples left of Peebles railway built
22 This seems an imminently sensible course of action to both preserve & restore the building and ensure it's retained for the community
- 23 Bringing this building back into use would a major improvement to the ambience of the area and be a great welcome to the town, plus, given
its prominent location, it must have potential to perform a commercial role. The Community Trust is a competent, respected and skilled
24 I have resided in Peebles for 25 years now and I realise how important the railway past is to many in the community.
I believe it is also important to preserve buildings with such significance to communities, such as this one, in order to give a community it's
history.
I believe that this proposed transfer would be good for the town and the area as it would ensure that this piece of history will be cherished and
25 It would be great for this historic building to be restored and used. Every time I walk past it I think it is a shame that it is not used so hopefully
this can change.
- 26 Very keen to see this last remaining building from Peebles railway history being used and maintained as it is. It would make an excellent
exhibition/meeting space to tell the story of the local rail system and its contribution to the development of the town and its local industries. It
is important that any maintenance or alterations to the building are carried out using a sensitive and considered approach consistent with the
good conservation standards.
- 27 I was born in Peebles in 1956 and have always been interested in the railways of the town. I still have family there. I have done everything I can
to contribute to the history of the local railway system including writing many articles and leading guided walks around the remains of the
railway system. I intend to finish a full-length book on the subject within the next two years. It saddens me that so many people know so little
of the railways, to which Peebles owed so much in terms of the towns prosperity. New information is coming in all the time (photos, articles
etc) and it is vital that this last tangible artifact is preserved and the information made freely available.
- 28 I have lived in peebles all my life and view this building as a historic building that has huge significance to us peeblians.
- 29 I approve of this transfer
30 This building must be preserved as it is the last surviving building linking Peebles to its railway heritage.

- 31 I fully support the request and think not only is it important to preserve this building and restore to its heritage state but also think it can only help with tourism in the area.
- 32 Peebles had some great old buildings still in great condition . As I work around the borders I constantly see old buildings with so much history just mapped out for demolition. I've seen so many mill buildings and out houses all gone . When things hit the ground that's an era gone and nothing left . People who take there time to sort out and care for these old building are also disappearing so here we have a classic case make sure you don't make the mistake of the bulldozer.
- 33 Fully supportive of this Asset Transfer Request - it is important that the community are able to shape the future and direct the maintenance of local heritage built assets.
- 34 I think it is a very good idea for PCT to own the building so that it can apply for funds to restore it. As the last surviving building of the railway era in Peebles it is a very important building for the town and deserves to be preserved. I think it would be of interest to locals and tourists to see what the building was like, how it was used and for it to house railway memorabilia from this locality.
- 35 I fully support this as a local resident. Good to have an asset that links back to the railways restored and in community use rather than boarded up and unloved by the council.
- 36 Yes this building should be preserved and if asset transfer is the best way I'm in agreement
- 37 I hope the asset transfer goes through. This group has worked tirelessly on this and their plans would be a great asset to our town.
- 38 I feel that the use of this building in effect as a museum to commemorate the Peebles Railway would be a fantastic addition to the town, showing local history and how much the town has changed over the years. I support the application herewith.
- 39 Really like this initiative to preserve our heritage and engage with the community
- 40 Great proposed uses, preserving heritage and major carbon savings on restoration against demolition and rebuild.
- 41 It's a lovely wee iconic building steeped in the towns history. It would be a sin to let it go when it could be preserved and made useful and a bonus to the town. It would also be good if the process of renovation could be used as a skill building exercise for young people?

- 42 This sounds like a positive step in securing an important piece of Peebles Heritage. The building is in need of upkeep and there seems to be a history and positive feeling within Peebles of this being achieved through voluntary donations and cost pricing. Peebles has also lost its Tourist Information centre and the use of bike/ebike hire could be popular especially with the development of the cycle track and River Tweed route.
- 43 I agree with the proposal.
- 44 Really part of Peebles. Fabulous part of Peebles History
- 45 I support this request
- 46 I am adding my support to this, it is important this building is protected.i believe the transfer of asset to PCT will be a positive move towards safeguarding this historical building.
- 47 I fully support this request for an asset transfer into community ownership. This is an historic building that could be open and used by the public and I think an asset transfer will enable this to happen
- 48 Just think
It's a perfect time for peebles\ Scottish Borders to take control of this and speaking from a local perspective I never thought/ even know about this as a 25 Year old think this is a great opportunity for the local community to off this amazing peace of history
- 49 This is a very important building that in the correct hands can be saved. SBC doesn't have the resources to do this. Transferring this asset would secure its future for future generations.
Thank you
- 50 It would be wonderful to see the building restored by the group.
- 51 I think it's a great idea to restore and preserve this old building for the community.

- 52 SBC seem to be selling off lots of buildings at the moment. This one should definitely be given to the local community
- Living in Galashiels I would love to see a building like this here. Unfortunately it's not possible so to have one in Peebles would be great.
- I don't feel hairdressing would be a good fit for the building but I like the idea of a community hub/bike hire or a coffee shop.
- 53 I believe this is an important asset for the town and should definitely be preserved.
- 54 I strongly support the application for the old East Station Office to be transferred to the ownership of Peebles Community Trust. This group is well run and has the best interests of the town at heart. They would be best placed to raise the necessary funds and to implement the refurbishment and long term management of this last remaining building from a bygone era in Peebles.
- 55 Preserving the buildings which were key to the daily working lives of the people of Peebles is really important for future generations. The story of how the railways played a vital part in the chain of transporting goods, livestock, people in and out of Peebles was key to the town's development. It's also incredibly interesting. Sadly, the railway office is all that remains. I feel we have a moral obligation to look after this building and in doing so recognise and remember the people involved when railway transport was active in Peebles.
- 56 I fully support the transfer of the 'old weighbridge office in East Station car park' into the ownership of the Peebles Community Trust so that:
- it can be preserved as a historical asset for future generations
 - it can be adequately restored and refurbished
 - it can become a community asset for public use
- 57 I think this building sitting in such a public and accessible place with its link to historic Peebles and its former railway days has become almost iconic. It cries out to be renovated and a use made of it to avoid delapidation. The move to transfer it to the Trust has my support and any use would be of benefit to the community and our valued visitors. My preference would be for a cafe or coffee shop, but other uses would be equally invigorating for the town in general.
- 58 I support the transfer and to try to restore the building
- 59 I think this should be transferred. There is no point SBC holding community assets that it does not look after or manage for benefit of the community it ty

- 60 In the interests of preservation of the building for future generations acquisition would be very necessary.
As an 82 year old Peeblean I recall the Station car park as the railway yard used largely for the delivery of coal by rail to Peebles then weighed at this building before sale to the public. As the last remnant of this yard it would be good to retain it locally for its historic value.
If renovated as stated it would act as a focal tourist point for visitors, more convenient than in the middle of the High Street. Also visitors generally enjoy historical buildings..
Although of only small size it may attract railway enthusiasts
as there are not many displays of this type.
As Mr Beeching took our railway from us in 1962 it would be good to retain a piece of memorabilia from the era of railway.
- 61 I think it should be accepted.
- 62 This transfer would be excellent for the community.
- 63 I would welcome this proposal and would strongly support the restoration of this historic building.
- 64 This is a nice wee building which has always been there. It's a shame it's locked up and not used.
It's part of Peebles history and would encourage conversation about why it's there and what it was used for, namely the weighing of the goods trains in and out of Peebles. Importantly, it's significant to the building next door, namely Holland & Sherry as it the trains transported their goods.
- We need to keep these memories alive.
- 65 Really important that this happens. Am totally in favour
- 66 I support the proposed asset transfer. It would be wonderful to see this part of Peebles' heritage restored.
- 67 I fully support the transfer of this over to the People's community trust
- 68 Definitely in favour of this proposal... need to preserve this building and displaying railway memorabilia is a great idea .

- 69 The railway in Peebles is part of its history. That little piece of history in the Station car park must be preserved in whatever way necessary. Don't let it fall into disrepair and disappear altogether.
- 70 I support the request to restore and refurbish this important landmark.
- 71 I support an asset transfer to Peebles Community Trust for a nominal value to secure preservation of this important building. As a local resident I have been disappointed to see the building fall out of use and into disrepair during my lifetime and am concerned that unless action is taken very soon to restore it there will be no remaining evidence of the former railway for future generations. As SBC have limited resources for such projects it is unlikely they will invest resources into the building therefore I believe community ownership is the only viable option.
- 72 Fantastic idea for a very beautiful historic building.
- 73 The railway was key to the development and prosperity of Peebles. To restore and maintain this remnant of the industrial age would provide not only a historical fingerpost, but might be developed as a multi-purpose venue for today and the future.
- As an aside - as an educational tool, the building could illustrate the Scottish diaspora! Personally, I have family who started by taking the train from Peebles and travelled to America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand..... and many other places!
- 74 I have previously contributed to a fund to enable this last piece of the railways in Peebles intact.
- There is a dedicated band of enthusiasts who would love to make this happen.
- 75 I have a lifelong connection with Peebles and remember the Trains, this is a vital wee piece of local history and should be handed over as soon as possible. With the greatest of respect you don't exactly have the best of track records at the preservation of historic sites.
- 76 I am in agreement that the proposed transfer into the ownership of Peebles Community Trust under the terms of the Community Empowerment Act should be made.
- 77 This seems to be the best use for the last remaining railway building in Peebles
- 78 The former Weighbridge Office is an important heritage asset and all that remains of the railway network infrastructure within Peebles. As such, and having read all documentation associated with this application, I would like to add my support to the proposal to transfer the asset to the Peebles Community Trust.
- 79 I totally support this transfer which will allow the building to be preserved for future generations

- 80 It would be good to finally see this building used for something
- 81 Would be a good way of ensuring this important historic could be put back into use.
- 82 This building is the only piece of Peebles Railway left in the town and should be preserved as it is an important part of the towns history. Transferring ownership and responsibility for its upkeep seems to be the most sensible approach. Otherwise it will continue to slowly decay, which would be criminal.
- 83 This is a building of significant historic interest, being the sole surviving building of the Peebles to Edinburgh North British railway line. The Peebles Community Trust is the ideal body to manage this historical artefact and so I fully support this transfer of ownership.
- 84 This is a very worthwhile initiative, which will add to the Town's rich heritage.
- 85 A very positive initiative.
Delighted to see this building have the opportunity for some TLC and to get put back to good use.
- 86 I fully support this brilliant initiative. Railway heritage is very important.
- 87 I believe it would be in the interests of local people to have a reminder/ physical monument to the railway and its significance to the local community. It would be best served if local action groups were to be responsible for the renovation and upkeep of the property.
- 88 I'd like to add my backing to transforming this building to its original state for all to appreciate, especially as it's the only remaining building from a bygone era when trains ran through Peebles in the 1950-60s. This is an excellent initiative by XX, who should be given credit. It could be a museum, tourist information and/or coffee takeaway.
PLEASE PRESERVE THIS HISTORIC BUILDING.
- 89 I think a small museum and Tourist Information Centre would be an excellent idea especially as the TIC could be shut down at any time. Ideal situation in well used car park. Look at the funds that could be raised if a parking charge was set up
- 90 I would like to voice my support for the transfer of the East Station Office, Peebles to the Peebles Community Trust. I have faith that their enthusiasm for this building makes them the best overseers of it.
- 91 I really don't see what the problem is in handing over an original railway building to a group of enthusiast who wants to renovate and preserve part the towns history. Why does it take so long to give it the green go ahead , anybody would they wanted to open a nightclub.....
- 92 I wish to express my support for the transfer of the former Peebles East Station weighbridge office into the ownership of Peebles Community Trust, under the terms of the Community Empowerment Act, in order that it can be restored to heritage standards. This building is the only remain link to the railway history of Peebles being a classic example of a North British Railway goods yard weighbridge office and dates back to the latter part of the 19th century.

- 93 The East Station Office, Peebles Asset Transfer Request should be granted. This historic building, an important example of Peebles railway heritage, is well worth preserving. Adjacent to the main car park and Sainsburys, the building is in an excellent position to provide further service to the community and town. Large enough, but not too big, the structure, following further renovation, should attract considerable interest and multiple possibilities of use.
- 94 I support the asset transfer request to the community trust. Should the asset be transferred to the community trust I feel strongly that the use of the building be something that directly benefits the community as a whole ie not a private business like a hairdressers as suggested or for bikes which are extremely well served across Tweeddale already. It must be something that benefits the community as a whole. Also, it's railway heritage should not be lost by merely displaying some memorabilia.
- 95 This is a beautiful and quirky wee building that adds interest to the car park and is obviously of historic significance. There used to be a lot of railway infrastructure in Peebles which formed an important part of the town's history and I personally feel it is vitally important that this last remaining building is protected and preserved for future generations.
- 96 Peebleshire has a significant railway heritage. Sadly, Peebles has lost almost all of the railway related buildings unlike Innerleithen that stills has the station building, storage buildings and platforms. This former railway office building relates significantly to the areas textile heritage with much being transported out and in via the railway. Transferring this asset to the Community Trust is a positive move and should be processed as soon as practical to save the building.
- 97 I would support this change as currently the property is in poor state. The change will allow access to make repairs and nake the building useful again.
- 98 I support the request that the ownership of East Station Office, Peebles, be transferred to Peebles Community Trust. I have every faith that members of PCT and other interested individuals will raise funds and undertake the required work to make this small historical building a great asset in Peebles.
- 99 This is an important building that deserves to be preserved
- 100 This building deserves a future, and the proposals from PCT offer it the best chance of securing one. The plans not only allow it to become a fitting tribute to the benefits that the railways brought to the Peebles, but it will also provide a welcoming gateway to the town. Hopefully it may even encourage parking in the adjacent car park and take some pressure off the High Street.
- 101 I would like to see this building preserved and agree with a community transfer
- 102 I am 100% in support of the transferral of this unique building to card of Peebles Community Trust. It will be wonderful to see it restored and become a focus for documenting the history of the railways in Peebles.

- 103 Totally support this asset transfer request
The building is of historical and heritage interest and should be better preserved and cared for
Peebles Community Trust is well placed to manage this in the future
- 104 A great idea!
- 105 This is a very positive initiative and should be a great way forward for the community. I fully support this asset transfer.
- 106 This would be beneficial to the preservation of the history of the town and am quite sure "The Scottish Railway Preservation Society" would also approve of this transfer to help continue the preservation countryside. it would also make another tourist attraction available to people who appreciate the history of the town and train fanatics too.
- 107 I wish my views to be put forward that we get to purchase this building and refurbishment. You are taken away all our memories and building or land that makes peebles special it has been there since my great grandparents were here my childhood and now to my grandchildren. Why remove it more parking or houses we have enough in peebles with no infrastructure to keep building on .leave our historic buildings alone give it to the peebles folks shame we have to buy it but if we need 2 we will as we r losing our heritage one house one building at a time and leave our history.
- 108 This would be a magnificent asset to the town. I was born in Peebles in the year the railway was closed, we return annually to the town and hope to retire there soon. I have vague recollections of the old station but I was so young when it was all taken away. Being a retired teacher, this building is a great way to be able to help educate children in some of the local history of the town and how the railway linked the borders together and further afield. It will help give them an understanding of how the railway played an important part in transport links in the earlier part of the 1900's. The building makes a great visual aid to help in the teaching of children.
- 109 It would be important to have some peebles railway heritage preserved, therefore old photos, maps and information about this should be included. The commercial business should be inkeeping with this and have public access to the displays. It is important our heritage is preserved. I hope the choice of tenant business is suitable, tourist info would be ideal. Or a mini railway museum with peebles and rail gifts

110 I support the application on several grounds:

Environmental:

(The appearance and fabric of the building will be enhanced and well-maintained)

Heritage:

(The building is a poignant and tangible reminder of the part played by the railways in the history and development of Peebles)

Potential attraction for local and visitor interest:

(Interest in railway heritage is widespread and attracts energetic commitment from enthusiasts)

111 I fully support this application and the proposed asset transfer which I see as a potential "win-win" for both the Council and the community. I agree that ownership of the property should be transferred for a peppercorn amount, as the value to the Council in transferring ownership should be greater than the liability of retaining it, considering the increasingly dilapidated state of the building and its redundant status as a Council asset.

Furthermore, the reputation of the Council will be enhanced if the requested transaction is agreed.

112 A small but iconic building in the main car park in Peebles.

The one last remaining railway building which would be brilliant to preserve.

Ideal to save it and then revamp/restore it and use it for railway heritage or other tourist based ideas.

A link with the past not to lose.

113 I would like the Council to transfer this building to the community body.

114 I support the Asset Transfer Request for the East Station Office, Peebles.

The building is an important part of Peebles railway heritage, in an excellent location and following further renovation will provide a significant contribution to the community and town.

115 I strongly support the Peebles East Station Office asset transfer request.

Great little building, with bags of potential in a fine location.

- 116 I think SBC should just hand this premises over to the trust. I'm 30 years old and have lived in Peebles sine I was 2. All I've known that building to be is just an abandoned railway building, I've never once seen the doors to it open, I'm surprised its not been vandalised in all honesty. As an enthusiast of the historic Peebles Railway I'd love to see it turned into a mini railway museum with cafe - just as the articles detail. I am against it being a hairdressers though. I think the location couldn't be more perfect for such an attraction especially as day trip coaches park right by it and it would also steal some of Sainsburys footfall which can only be a good thing! I think SBC should do everything in its power to just make this happen and to not let greed or red tape take place. SBC have done nothing with this building the entire time I've been alive, they should give it away for free to the genuine enthusiasts that will make this building an amazing attraction within Peebles before it falls into complete
- 117 I fully support this Asset Transfer request. It is really important that this building is restored and saved for present and future generations. It is the one remaining railway building left in Peebles and if it was to deteriorate more and be demolished, we would have very little to remind us of the important role the railways played in the development of Peebles. The transfer of ownership to the PCT will provide a number of opportunities for funding restoration of this building and I like the plans described in the asset transfer document. The applicants are under no illusion of the amount of work needed, but I believe its future would be a lot more secure under community ownership rather than the current
- 118 I come from the area and still visit my family regularly. There are some suggestions for potential use (e.g. cafe, hairdresser) which are practical ideas given the space and the need to provide income. Im pleased to see there is no suggestion of a museum or heritage centre. Working in the sector, we see too many people open venues with good intentions but no experience of interpreting or caring for collections, no experience of audience development and no understanding that heritage is simply not profit-making. I do however feel there should be a professional interpretation panel to engage the community and visitors in the buildings past.
- 119 Great idea
- 120 Would fully support use as a railway theme café, a tourism information point, or a bike hire shop, but I think a hairdressing premises would be inappropriate for a heritage building such as this.
- 121 I support the request and hope that it is succesful but think the building should be used as something that is an asset to the town and its visitors, such as a small museum or tourist information etc. rather than something like a hair salon
- 122 It would be an asset to the town to take ownership of this historic building. Valuable to tourism and if economically viable all the better.
- 123 Support asset transfer
- 124 Very supportive of this asset transfer proposal
- 125 Support asset transfer to P.C.T
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- 127 Support history and it should be preserved
- 128 Support asset transfer
- 129 Support sale of building to PCT

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133 It's wonderful needs restoring and I fully support PCT
134 Fully Support of PCT
135 Great Plan - Fully support
136 Fully Support
137 Fully support. The view of my window
138 Support asset transfer. An excellent idea
139 Support asset transfer
140 Support asset transfer
141 Support asset transfer
142 Fully support this great Initiative with great potential for the town
143 Good Idea!
144 Support asset transfer
145 Well done. Hope it goes well
146 Support asset transfer
147 Excellent idea. It is essential to retain the heritage of the town given the importance of the railway to the town in the past, it is so important that this building is preserved
148 Brilliant idea to keep local history
149 Absolutely brilliant to potential see this returning to its former glory!!! Well Done
150 Brilliant Idea
151 Brill!