



Case reference	SMC-SLS-003
Application details Site address	Addition of reception area and internal office space upgrading Regional War Room, 130M NW of Rankine Avenue, East Kilbride
Applicant Determining Authority Local Authority Area	SOLUS Historic Environment Scotland (HES) South Lanarkshire
Reason(s) for notification	Notification Direction 2015 – works to be granted Scheduled Monument Consent by <b>Historic Environment Scotland</b> go beyond the minimum level of intervention that is consistent with conserving what is culturally significant in a monument
Representations	NIL
Date notified to Ministers Date of recommendation	28 May 2020 23 June 2020
Decision / recommendation	Clear

## Description of Proposal and Site:

- Scheduled Monument Consent (SMC) is sought for the addition of a reception area, and the upgrading of internal office space at the former Glasgow regional war room in East Kilbride. This bunker structure is now located within a Technology Park.
- It is proposed to undertake a variety of works to the interior and exterior of the structure. These would see:
  - The addition of an entrance porch to the corner of the building. This is to be a simple glazed structure, visually distinct from the existing bunker.
  - Externally painted signage.
  - New external fittings would be added including: roller doors; roof access ladders; minor works on the external ventilation; heating plant on the roof of the building; and, a screen fence.
  - Internal changes to the building to better configure the space for modern office use. A partition wall within the building would be removed, and infrastructure works in terms of electricity, lighting, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, sewerage and to other services would be carried out.
- The monument is of national importance as an exceptionally well-preserved element of a national system of civil defence, designed to deal with the aftermath of a specific threat at that point in time - a Soviet atomic bomb attack in the decade following World War II. It was one of the first civil defence structures built in the UK in response to the onset of the Cold War, and was completed in 1953.

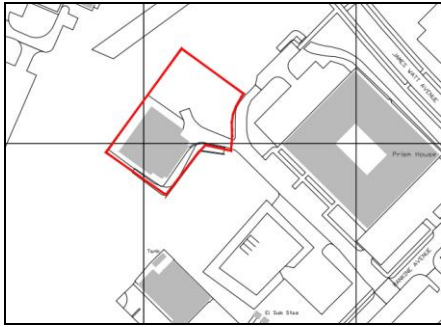
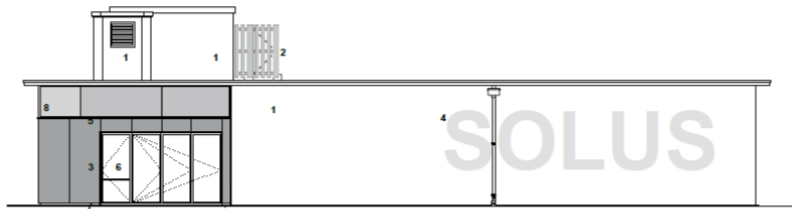


Figure 1 - Bunker Location



Figure 2 - Photo as existing



02 02 - North East Elevation - As Proposed  
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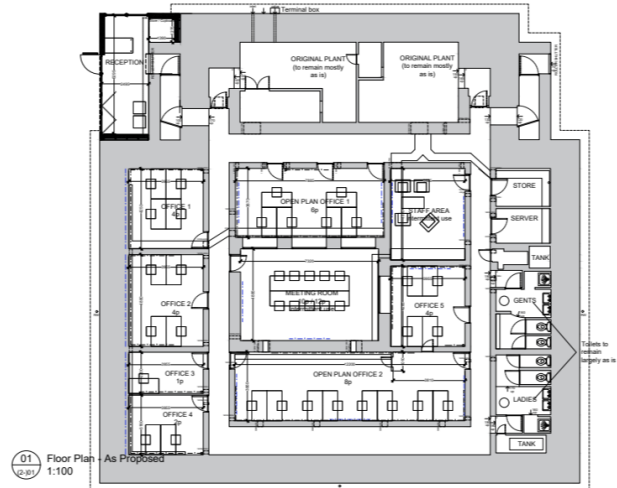
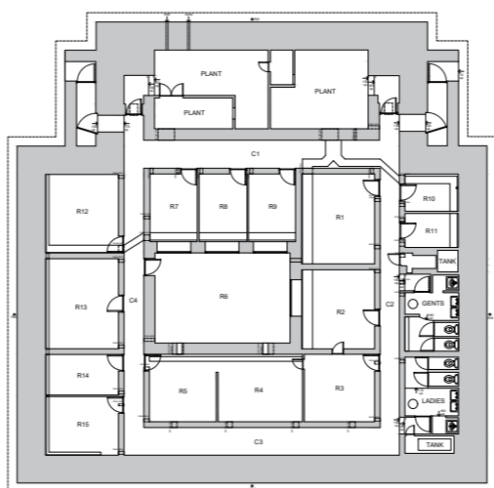
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1. Existing concrete walls to be cleaned and repainted and the roof projections need localised concrete repair to protect exposed reinforcement
2. External AHU location
3. Rockpanel cladding boards or equivalent. Finish: Stone Mineral graphite
4. Painted signage. Colour TBC
5. PPC Aluminium coping detail. Finish RAL 9005
6. PPC Aluminium Glazing. Finish RAL 9005.
7. Black cement particle board at plinth
8. Protective board and signage to junction between new and existing. Rockpanel cladding boards or equivalent. Finish: TBC

Figure 3 - Elevation as proposed



Figure 4 - Bunker setting (google Earth)



01 Floor Plan - As Proposed  
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Figure 5 - Existing and proposed floor plans

### **Consultations and Representations:**

- No representations were made during the consideration of the application.
- PAD consulted Scottish Governments Culture and Historic Environment Division (CHED) following notification who consider that the proposed SMC does not raise any specific issues of national importance. The proposal for the monument would align with values championed by the Scottish Government Climate Change Adaptation Programme, which encourages the retrofitting of existing buildings and adapting their use to fit a sustainable future. There will be minimal permanent impact on the cultural and historical value of the monument and seems unlikely to provoke public opposition.

### **Assessment:**

1. Historic Environment Scotland (HES) are minded to grant SMC for the addition of a reception area and internal office space upgrading at the Regional War Room, 130M NW of Rankine Avenue, East Kilbride. The building was a regional control room through the 1950's, a county civil defence centre through the 1970's and a Regional Council bunker through the 1970s and 80's.
2. The application has been submitted by SOLUS, who intend to occupy the building as office space. It is accompanied by a Heritage Impact Statement that sets out it is intended to retain as much original fabric in the structure as is possible including, historic fittings, clocks, blast doors, cabinets, and signage. The original 1953 kitchen fittings are to be retained, but repositioned to another room in the building. The original sinks, urinals, shower, toilet cubicles and water boiler in the toilets will all be retained, with new tiling work carried out. There are internal block walls to be removed as part of the works, however these were later alterations to the fabric.
3. Scheduled monuments have an intrinsic value as monuments, not related to any concept of active use. It is the value of the monument to the nation's heritage that is the primary consideration in determining applications for consent at scheduled monuments. HES consider that the works would have a minimal impact on the monument's cultural significance, but note that the precise nature of much of the work to the building is yet to be finalised as it depends on the initial testing and examination of the existing infrastructure within the building. HES have recommended that 3 conditions be attached to retain control over the specific details including a method statement, timetable and building recording.
4. HES believe the proposal is broadly consistent with their relevant policy. However, the proposals go beyond what could be considered the minimum necessary consistent with conserving the cultural significance of the monument, hence the requirement to notify Ministers.
5. In summary, and for the reasons set out above, this SMC application does not raise any issues of national, importance which would merit intervention by Scottish Ministers.

### **Decision/Recommendation:**

- The application should be cleared back to Historic Environment Scotland to issue Scheduled Monument Consent with 3 conditions.