

The Grant Lodge Short Life Working Group

Proposed re-use of Grant Lodge...

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Not provided

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Age

Under 18	18-30	31-45	46-65	Over 65
0	10	33	66	64

Not provided

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1. Do you think Grant Lodge should be restored and reused if grant funding became available?

Yes	181
Comments	
It is for all the people of Elgin	
Grant funding was agreed but the Council refused to cooperate	
It should have been restored after the fire – what did the Moray Council do with the insurance money? Waste of a lovely building and gift	
It deserves to be restored and reused on architectural merit alone	
It would be tragic to lose a beautiful building	
Waste of a lovely gift. Should have been restored long ago	
It would be a real waste and shame for the building and landmark of Elgin to be destroyed	
Currently there is no link between the cathedral and High Street; tourists turn up at the cathedral, walk around and then leave Elgin. Grant Lodge if used properly could be a stepping stone to tourists spending in the High Street	
Grant Lodge and Cooper Park were gifted to Elgin	
Grant Lodge was gifted to Elgin, once a beautiful building and should be restored	
Elgin cannot afford to let such an important building go to ruin	
I hope the Grant Lodge extension doesn't look like photo as it does not conform to a grade one listed building – no flat roof	
It is essential to restore for people of Elgin use	
Don't let the Lodge go the way of Northview	
Must be preserved very important piece of local history	
Too amazing a building to get rid of. Important part of Elgin history	
Urgently requires repairs before it becomes unusable	
It is criminal the way this beautiful building has been allowed to deteriorate	
Should still be available for the community as a whole to use	
Despite financial issues, the Council shall find the biggest due	
A building with ties to Robert Adam should be preserved	
Too valuable to lose	
It is a disgrace that the original use was changed anyway and at what costs to rate payers and it had a caretaker.	
Where is the rest of the insurance money given for restoration after the fire? That would help a little	
We need use a building that is so central for access	
Theatre – performance and fine dining	
Beautiful old building going to waste	
The sooner the better, time is short	
Nice place	
It's a beautiful building and an asset to Elgin and Moray. Lets make use of it	
This was a gift to Elgin, make use of it	
This was a gift to the people of Elgin for their benefit	
It belongs to the people of Elgin and should be used	

Question 1 Comments from Yes vote continued
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Listed building; prime position in a popular community park
Keep costs down: be cost effective
Historical significance to Moray
It is a most valuable asset to Elgin and far more interesting as a building than any new erection
We must look after our inheritance
This is a landmark of Elgin history and as such should be used to remember Morays history
I have happy memories of spending hours in this beautiful building when it was a library. So sorry to see it in its present state of disrepair
Elgin deserves to have a Heritage Centre that holds all records for Morayshire and Banffshire. Computer records can be a guideline but, original records are necessary as these copies are real
A valuable gift to the community should not be lost
Please do not let this building and history disappear, it is far more important than more shops
But only if put to good use
It was and is a disgrace to have left the building to be so neglected.

1. Do you think Grant Lodge should be restored and reused if grant funding became available?

No	4
Comments	
Because I don't like the smell of the Lodge	
It has served its purpose, it is time to move on	
It's a fantastic building, don't lose it	
Past its time	
Waste of money	
Use the stone for something else.	

Not provided	2
Comments	
Either but decide soon.	

2. If yes, what facilities and / or services do you think would benefit Moray and / or Cooper Park?

Include a refreshment centre if café in the park remains shut
Arts centre, restaurant facility and children art centre – music etc
If restored it could be used to attract sporting events, horse trials, archery, shooting etc
Proper dedicated performance / theatre type facility with restaurant etc
Wedding / conference venue
A café, arts groups, addition to the current library, night school classes – possibly UHI. Research facilities. Additional support to Elgin Museum
Possibly a theatre or multi entertainment centre
Tourist information
Information on Elgin and historical facts about surrounding area
Theatre, restaurant
Café
Studio space for creative arts
Heritage hub for Moray
An arts centre – the church that might become a climbing wall was my original site for such an enterprise but this is a better location
Water in the pond
Café
It should be for community use – playgroup, mum & toddlers, café. The registry office could be here instead of the High Street
Multipurpose space for the community of Elgin
Tea room, restaurant, fine dining
Amphitheatre building as per Grant Park, Forres
Cull seagulls
Ban dogs
Café
Theatre with restaurant
Anything that means the Lodge is no longer an eyesore and is preserved for future generations
Community facility – café
Cultural, heritage, multipurpose indoor facility
Why have we not got an arts centre, could be used for that
Walk in depression clinic
Decent play area with play equipment for children
Multi functional café, youth club, mums & baby, elderly, training rooms, function (all available wedding party), crafts, sports
Registrar, tourist information office, archives, family search (returned for East End School)
Interpretation centre
Café, respite, elderly meeting place
Something that would enhance the existing facilities and make this a place where holidaymakers and locals would really enjoying coming with their families
Definitely an arts type performance venue and fine dining facilities – multifunctional
Hotel, old folks home

Question 2 (continued)

Whiskey centre Arts centre
Tourist office (easy access and parking) Registrars (near cathedral and biblical gardens) Archives (back to where it belongs)
Hub for tourism, sports and arts, café, restaurant
Local studies centre Archive Additional stores for Elgin Museum Tourist information / visitor centre
Bins that do not allow birds to remove the contents all over the park and into the river
Heritage centre for Moray Restaurant / café Archives Arts / drama / meetings for clubs
Arts and community venue Art cinema, weddings, café
To be used by all of the local community Arts, café, theatre, cinema, craft work, crèche etc
Anything better than the disgraceful state it is in at present
Moray and Speyside tourism, focussing upon whiskey
There are plenty of suggestions on the post it board
Registrar office Weddings
Youth hostel and annexe to the community centre
Full use at the pitch and putt facilities to be returned when flood alleviation has been completed
Coffee rooms, shop, wine bar for evening. Small B&B with profits returned into community after costs
Some sort of community facility
When I moved to Elgin early 2013 it interested me why such a beautiful building had been left to rot in a central tourist location in the town. It is sad and should be use of
Heritage centre
Like the idea of area for ceramics being made and exhibited locally. Also love the idea of using it for a wedding ceremony and accommodation
A good central position in town
Arts – dance studio Video / filming – crafts and café use
Café that can cope with good and bad weather; one that has a covered open section and can include dog walkers. Rearranged parking to allow a play section (outdoor) that small children can play whilst parents / guardians can enjoy a tea etc and be close to them
A permanent art gallery to replace the discontinuation of the library gallery for individual artist exhibitions
I think a museum of the history of the people of Elgin, like the People's Palace in Glasgow is a great idea and would be an asset to the town

Question 2 (continued)

Art gallery, registrar, whiskey centre, history of Moray, photographic shop, office for weddings, small units for community, iconic building
Heritage centre and celebration of Moray, people's economy, decent café and play facilities for children of all ages, fitness trail, running trail
A café / restaurant
Arts centre for exhibitions of local artists Concerts or musical venues
Elderly services, community services
Space which could be used for a variety of community groups e.g. seniors, after school clubs, health education
Multi function community centre
Move registrar office / wedding room / facility conference centre / rooms to rent
Something for the youth and children e.g. arts / sports etc
Something that all ages of the community can use and enjoy
Tourism
Heritage centre, café, wedding venue (could be very profitable)
Arts centre, exhibitions
Boutique hotel / B&B with marriage (licence) to be held there
Registrar office – particularly for weddings Relocation of tourist information facilities Some exhibition space for local art, photography, historic reference Cafeteria with associated outside terrace and seating
Registrar office Definitely not knocked down
Registrar office
If more OAPs in future ideal site to avoid loneliness and mix with visitors and young in park. OAP gym / physio / rehab
Whatever it is, it must not duplicate existing facilities (unless they are due for updating) hence my answer to 3 for all of the options listed
Wedding venue along with a registrar office could generate revenue
Attractive to local people and increase tourism
Return to original use – it is logical. Sell off currently library to fund conversion. Why did Elgin need a new library anyway
Dog walking service base. Child care. Café would benefit the park – one that could adapt to customers demands. A skateboard repair shop. Possibly a whisky heritage centre. Bike up-cycling shop. Arts centre. Nice community use. Things that encourage the use of the park
Make it the tourist office with a restaurant (there is parking). Any spare room s made into conference rooms

Question 2 (continued)

The suggestions on Castle to Cathedral Heritage Experience sheet provide very suitable suggestions; telling the story of Elgin and Moray. Visitors are interested
As much as possible of the former favoured proposals, the main front room, plus appropriate size kitchen and toilets and lift to table and seat storage - should be 'The Prince Leopord suite'.
It should have genealogy services, tourist info for the whole of Moray. Also selected historical and reference books and relevant books for sale.
It would be for hire for prestigious dinners, meetings, presentations etc.
Digitised archives would be accessible.
The main room facing the park would be a wedding room. If the Council will not move the registrar unsuitable office, people would have to register there but could hold the wedding in the much more attractive Grant Lodge.
The wedding suite would also be for hire for meetings, concerts etc.
The main paper archives would be kept in air controlled conditions in a commercial building well above the water table, through time more rectors will be digitised and so available at Grant Lodge
Used like a family centre with access to play support, parenting help, support groups about families
Café
Care for vulnerable groups – elderly, disabled etc
Multi function – theatre and arts
Café / shop or a heritage centre
Very good café and not run by the Council
OAP residential home
OAP residential home
Use the building as a local heritage centre and family history centre of excellence. This would be a tourist boors and could also be an income generator
Cant think but anything would do
Registrar office – ideal for photos Heritage centre Café Craft centre Tourist information
Heritage centre Registrar office Café Crafts Tourist information Elgin / Moray exhibition Family history Meeting rooms
Something that can showcase Morays rich history and attract more tourists. It could also be split to accommodate services for the community

Question 2 (continued)

Tourist centre Public meeting rooms Café in the park Art gallery – a more fitting place
I would like to see Grant Lodge restored and used by the community and tourists. It provides a good link between the cathedral and museum
Conference centre with part of the building being used as start up premises for social enterprises
High end hotel with bespoke facilities
Arts centre Theatre
Multi function Arts and crafts Small coffee shop
If used as a residential home would it benefit the over 60, 70, 80, 90 age groups?
Art lessons and exhibitions
Dedicated facilities for native conservation and the fostering of biodiversity – wild flowers, green meadows; not simply green desert
Something similar to the Peoples Palace in Glasgow
Tourist information, café, rooms let out for small businesses e.g. arts and crafts
Conference centre Heritage centre Registrar office / wedding venue
Wedding venue
Having now had a visit I realise there is more potential than I originally thought for this building. There are endless possibilities for smaller units in the basement which could be rented out smaller office space or artisans work places etc. On the ground floor there is potential for larger office / restaurant space (bearing in mind a kitchen could be build on the side extension) The upper levels now (having seen the pictures) are beautiful big places suitable for renting out such as marriage rooms, ceremonies etc (wedding venue, dances etc). The upper levels – servants quarters would lend themselves to bedrooms perhaps done out in period style, which could be let out as part of the wedding experience etc.
Registrar of old records as it used to be
Internet café
Registrar (wedding room) Tourist information Local history displays Some local art, photography display Cafeteria with outside seating area
Demolish it completely and conserve, rebuild and plant trees (protected from vandalism). There are never enough trees
Day centre for older people / evening drop in for young people

Question 2 (continued)

Needs to have a café and needs to be able to bring in an income to make it sustainable. I think the building would need to be extended as the space is limited inside (if I remember correctly when it was a library)
Art centre – including a quality restaurant
Heritage centre, arts centre facilities, registrar / wedding venue, café
Registrar Heritage centre
Café and visitor centre Sports hub
As in Adelaide, South Australia the park should be turned into a Botanical Garden with Grant Lodge as its headquarters
A Botanical Gardens, classes could be held to explain plants etc to people Also grow plants and sell them on proceeds to go back into the Gardens
Births, deaths, marriages, wedding venue Tourist information and café
Reinstate boating on the pond Band stand
Arts centre – no more arts funding from Moray Council so this would boost this sector Venue for music / gallery / café
Do not duck your responsibility Moray Council by choosing my first option (multi function option). People would be in and around Grant Lodge and the park; people make the park feel safe
Registrar office and archive centre would attract tourists etc
Tourist information sited at this building
It has to become a busy, popular, frequented place not gory dull facility that only a few people use It is a beautiful building, make it an essential landmark in Elgin Bring it back to life
Arts centre with exhibition space and coffee shop open 7 days a week
Theatre, arts centre, community meeting rooms
Community café, conference space, renewable energy
Births, deaths, marriages, wedding venue Tourist information and café
Older people and children centre
A café / restaurant franchise open 7 days a week would be a major pull Ideal location for this type of venue
Café / tourist information / museum
Registrar facility Return of archive / heritage centre Both of these on the ground floor
Tourist office, arts centre, café
I would like the building to be used for all ages as a meeting place for tourist and towns people

Question 2 (continued)

I remember it as a lovely library building and cannot understand why it was ever replaced
Cultural and the arts (community arts centre) venue for clubs
Move the registrar office
Multi community use to encourage arts and music for young and old
Restaurant, bar, music venue with outside dining facilities
Possible arts centre, hotel, heritage centre
Must include new history
Facility to enable locals and returning visitors to search their family roots. Store all relevant records and allow somebody to search for their family roots
Bring all records for Morayshire and Banffshire to one building; why waste money in storage? People researching for their family tree have to travel to Forres and Edinburgh to complete their search
Tourism / local information Club rentals Art gallery – local artists Performance space Tea rooms / snack Wedding venue
Heritage centre Café
Heritage centre Café Rooms for hire Registrar office and wedding venue
Heritage and local history point
An idea like the People's Palace seems to be amazing. It was for the people in the first place (Grant Lodge)
Possibly a little corner could be utilised as an ice cream café
Tourist / heritage centre Craft / art / music workshop and studios Performance area – children's area
Permanent gallery and / or whisky museum
Arts and crafts Art education Leisure arts Pottery
Somewhere for kids to go and mummys and babies
Arts / culture centre, café, restaurant Learning Children's activities
An arts centre and music / drama space with the potential to screen NT plays as they all performed live elsewhere.

3. In order of preference, which of these services / uses do you think Moray would benefit most?

1 – Favoured option

3 –Least favoured

	1	2	3
Boutique hotel with community use facility and wedding room	30	50	61
Day centre / respite for elderly	28	49	57
Multi function community space (Theatre, Arts, Sports) with business units / studios to let	95	33	22

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Comments received

Day Centre / Respite for Elderly – stupid idea.
Not a hotel but a use for a wedding – yes
Boutique hotel with arts facilities might work
Multifunctional community space including local studies
Multifunctional community space and heritage centre
Surely all could be incorporated – no to hotel
People's Palace Heritage centre
Has anyone ever thought of invoking the help of the Prince of Wales? He was at Gordonstoun and has done magnificently over Dumfries House (admittedly a much bigger project)
Boutique hotel etc option – no if privately owned / yes if wedding room attached to registrar
Day centre etc option – good but how to generate income for upkeep?
Preference to return to original use. Could be used as a whisky heritage centre. Let out rooms to whisky companies e.g. Glen Grant room, Diageo room, Gordon McPhail room,; this could be starting point for whisky trail. Also could combine as tourist information as it is possible to park nearby for cars, caravans and buses which tourist use to this area rather than public transport
Boutique option – limited
Day centre option – no benefit
Multi function option – there are other places
Incorporate day centre and multi function options
No to Boutique hotel option
Boutique Hotel option – absolutely note
Day centre option – there are other facilities in the private sector
Day centre option – not unless community café and open space is included
Boutique Hotel option – enough already.

4. Do you have any other ideas for the reuse of Grant Lodge?

Tourist information
Café along the lines of the Bothy in Burghead – always busy and provides steady income
Elgin needs to make its mind up, is it a 'big place' or a 'little place'; think outside the box. Situation of Cooper Park is crying out for theatre type facility
Why did the Council turn down the previous proposals? No funding was actually required from the Council as funding was in place. You are even using the same plans that were previously proposed
Training courses, artists in residents or writers in resident facility
Possibility of a heritage centre – community space
As historical buildings are few and far, more children are interested in local history. It should be made into a museum
It should revert back to genealogy with space for art etc, a café (as the park needs one) and attractions for visitors
I don't think social care is the ideal outcome but it's better than demolition. An entertainment venue is my preferred option
Arts exhibitions – this would release the library gallery
Local history and genealogy combined with arts and crafts and tea room. For use by locals and visitor attraction
Make a second ward 4 for the poor pannys lying back with not a stitch of clothing
Restaurant / brewery with facility for weddings etc
Demolish and build purpose designed visitor information / Moray heritage centre
The Loges historical significance should be a focus for heritage related services; the registrars and tourist information would also be natural components. Any extra space could be use for private office space to further increase revenue.
Local history, heritage School visit workspace Rooms to rent for showcasing work Café
Arts centre
Storage space for local history of Moray
Combination of the last two choices (as per Qus 3)
The whole area is under used as a focal point Family resource centre Visitors centre Wedding room Archives Anything to encourage tourism to the town
Have involvement from the College, possible for classes to be taught there
Registrar, tourist information office, archives, family search (returned for East End School)
Peoples Palace similar to Glasgow
Children with difficulties centre for learning e.g. autistic etc
I don't have any exact ideas but think research should be done into smaller successful facilities that are run in other towns and cities to find good ideas that will work and pay their way

Question 4 (continued)

The situation of Grant Lodge lends itself to an arts type facility and may indeed be as close as the original benefactors wishes
Housing – holiday or otherwise with 100% of sale or income being invested into the park. Crieff Park is lovely for all ages; it is time Moray had a better park
Art cinema, similar to Aberdeen
More museum space
Youth hostel
Community café
Internet / online hub
Information centre for tourists and locals
Bull dozer
One stop museum, history of Elgin and community use building, tourist information
Eating area included would be good as really miss the café at the library
Film development / arts
Computerised equipment access to all ages
A café / coffee shop, with a small shop for the MAC (Moray Arts Club) to sell prints, cards etc
Lottery type fundraising, as was accomplished to build the Opera House in Sydney
Some lateral thinking needed, multi occupancy will help to pay the way
Registrar
The very best use would be as a location of registrars, this is so badly needed in Elgin
I do like the suggestion of family history ancestral tourism centre, local heritage centre and interactive exhibit of Elgin and Moray
Elgin history centre
Please restore, it is part of Elgins history
No to old folks home
Exhibition centre
I think it would be very good to have more sport activities for children and use Grant Lodge as a hub. It is very sad when I come to the Cooper Park et and they are the only children there
Heritage centre, education centre, wedding venue. It does not have to be linked to a hotel, in fact that would detract from its uniqueness
Exclusive café and book store for local writers; book signings and talks daily
I would remove the 3 story north wing and other outhouses on north side (former public toilets etc) to make way for café / terrace
Moray family history research centre combined with archive centre; along the lines of the one in Inverness. This would be a very useful asset for the country as a whole
A use as previously envisioned (cannot read what was written here)
Whiskey museum / heritage centre

Question 4 (continued)

<p>I don't think sports should be incorporated into this idea (space / facilities) but there should be some form of commercial consideration such as wedding / function room to help support the other work.</p> <p>Battersea Arts centre in London is a good mix of arts centre and commercial. It is worth nothing that these things take a long time to evolve and must be allowed to do so.</p> <p>Child care during school holidays – a base for activities in the park.</p> <p>Could also be used as a base during events in Cooper Park. Used to increase the number and quality of events</p>
Make it the tourist office with a restaurant (there is parking). Any spare room s made into conference rooms
The suggestions on Castle to Cathedral Heritage Experience sheet provide very suitable suggestions; telling the story of Elgin and Moray. Visitors are interested
Family access point, using facilitates
Social history museum, café, letting rooms and public huts
Theatre – multi functioning
Meeting place etc
A shared headquarters for youth groups i.e. scout / guides. Perhaps having café run by members of these organisations to fund groups and community providing upstairs accommodation for sleepovers etc
OAP residential home
<p>This building is theatrical and should be used for shows and drama performances, not the mundane</p> <p>It would be suitable for weddings, receptions and possible overnight stays. This is a time in peoples life is on show, possibly the only time in their lives. Can you get any more dramatic</p> <p>It could also be used as a showcase venue for Moray as world beaters, as in food, drink and greenness etc. It could be separate rooms devoted to each industry along with rentable rooms for product launches or conferences or award ceremonies.</p> <p>there is nowhere in Moray to do this on this scale at the moment</p>
I like its position
While we still have expertise of local reference staff in school, we should use them and local family history centre with digitised online would be a great asset to Elgin and Moray area in general. Please give this idea some consideration. Raise Elgin and Morays profile worldwide
No, went there in my childhood
Link with museum for heritage of Elgin and community groups
Elgin has a serious lack of good meeting rooms / space. Could it be used for meeting rooms, conferences, virtual meetings
Holiday apartments
<p>Multi function</p> <p>Arts and crafts</p> <p>Small coffee shop</p>
<p>Tourist information</p> <p>Heritage centre</p>

Question 4 (continued)

Dedicated facilities for native conservation and the fostering of biodiversity – wild flowers, green meadows; not simply green desert
Something everyone can use and have it able to sustain itself
Conference centre Heritage centre Registrar office / wedding venue
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Share displays with museum
Internet café Holiday club for 3 – 12 year olds Accommodation on top floor These would generate income
Registrar (wedding room) Tourist information Local history displays Some local art, photography display Cafeteria with outside seating area
Demolish it completely and conserve, rebuild and plant trees (protected from vandalism). There are never enough trees
Cafe
Needs to have a café and needs to be able to bring in an income to make it sustainable
Restaurants – one a bit posh like “the mustard seed” in Inverness. One room a cosy pub with real open fires, other specific restaurant e.g. Italian but independent – no chains. Upstairs could have private dining rooms and small wedding venue Make it attractive, there must be grand fireplaces for photos; have a couple of huge gothic iron thrones for photos. Rebuild the conservatory in the West; glass in the front of the roof and have a private dining for very special events
Clubs / hobbies space to rent
Partnership business for profit e.g. office and conference wedding space Community use e.g. arts and cafe
Births, deaths, marriages, wedding venue Tourist information and café

Question 4 (continued)

A café / restaurant franchise open 7 days a week would be a major pull Ideal location for this type of venue
Information centre
Second floor apartments could be used for conference / meetings etc. Raising capital for upkeep Attic can (again) be used for caretakers flat
Tourist office Registrar Archives / Heritage centre
Boutique hotel option seems a good option
Nursery school
Young people / all ages used to have the splendid facility of the music centre it was a benefit to many – it was taken away. Perhaps Grant Lodge could provide a replacement
Restaurant, bar, music venue named The Cooper Rooms with outside dining facilities
Youth enabled space Youth café Youth support space
Art gallery
To restore or rebuild a genealogy centre for Moray to hold all records. Don't throw away tourism as genealogy is the most popular hobby
Must be community use not private enterprise
Heritage – archive / family history centre Tourist attraction of some sort to attract people to the park
Arts and crafts centre Art classes for children
Would love this to be a wedding venue and use upstairs for café etc
Should be well used, well promoted community space with specific remit for the arts (exhibitions, screen shows, artist, writer, musician in residence)

Question 4 (continued)

As in Adelaide, South Australia the park should be turned into a Botanical Garden with Grant Lodge as its headquarters

This idea is already half completed as the trees are already there and staffing could be of a voluntary basis.

As a Botanical Garden the park is ideally suited to bring in many more tourists of a specialist nature as well as generally.

It is central, has a lake, has Grant House all ready to be a Horticultural Centre for Northern Scotland and unique in Scotland. It would be a shame to turn this huge potential into a little local centre. Think big and you will realise this is a once in a lifetime opportunity which would cost so very little to start up. Cost so little so for so much return an investment as local pensioners could man and maintain it supervised by one Council Officer (inexpensive management) commencing with perhaps just two rooms to be decorated in Grant Lodge as it opens and with an expansion plan as the profits roll in from entry fees, sales of seeds trees saplings, equipment, brochures and tourist trinkets etc.

The park and Grant House are a jewel not to be squandered or spoilt by modern plundering or short term. A Botanical Garden has to be seriously considered as it will attract tourism, will not drastically alter what is here now and will soon become a National Treasure to be proud of

A café would be nice, also plenty retired plumbers, joiners and electricians who I am sure would be delighted to help out voluntary. This would give these retired a purpose in life to enjoy the town again which years ago was a great place to live in

Births, deaths, marriages, wedding venue

Tourist information and café

Meeting room for model clubs to encourage youngsters to become involved with various hobbies e.g. boating, aero modelling etc

The building must pay for itself

My first and only option of multi function space makes the best economic case embracing a wider community use

Registrar office and archive centre would attract tourists etc.

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Multi function community space for the Arts (all ages) Dancing, sing, drama, meetings.
Retirement flats. What a perfect location Restaurant perhaps
Respite young and old. Board games
Multi functional space for arts, café, drop in centre for elderly, local meeting place, Café, sell crafts, arts, photos from local artists Practice space for local bands Space for local community groups
Arts, cinema, gallery, wedding venue, café
Visitor centre, whiskey information, café, art gallery
Café, arts and crafts, ideally SB heritage centre as well
Wildlife education centre
Youth hostel and community café
Café, artistic hub, sporting events, horse trails, archery, clay pigeon
Exhibition space for artists of a number of disciplines
We are short of a dedicated theatre type performance facility in Elgin. Fed up of having to go to Inverness or Aberdeen
Peoples Palace similar to Glasgow
Anything that is not the eyesore it is today and preserved for the future
Sports and expressive arts centre with hub café
Arts centre
Never sell, keep for people of Moray
Whiskey experience centre with café / restaurant. Focussing on local produce, serving local beers etc
Grant Lodge owner would be horrified by the treatment of the Lodge, it should be restored and used as a community resource
Community arts hub, café, multifunction space
Arts, crafts, café, kids play area, dance venue, exercise, exhibitions, music, OAPs; used for many things from early till late
A registry office An attractive wedding venue could attract wedding ceremonies from far areas, brining benefits to local hotels, pubs, restaurants and shops
Art centre with gallery space and studio theatre, dance studio and recording studio
Artists studio and exhibition
Theatre type facility would go down a treat
Arts studios (short leases) and exhibition space
Conference / wedding other functions – café / restaurant
Develop it as an arts facility which could be a focal point for touring and local performing art groups. Could also display for art work and archive facility. This would be used by Moray not just Elgin
A boutique hotel / B&B with café for non-residents too
We think Grant Lodge would make a great community hub, performance area and arts centre; sadly lacking in Elgin
Boutique hotel (Highland Moray style)

Post it Notes: Misc Comments Received (continued)

No Moray Council office executives – criminal to have the building knocked down. How about IT central to train people to use PC etc
A boutique hotel with licence for marriages to be held in
Restoring Grant Lodge should be the focal point for revitalising Cooper Park as an amenity for the whole of Elgin. The whole park feels sadly neglected and out of date
Moray Council have broken the terms of the Deed of Gift. The Cooper heirs are within their rights to take it back and demand its restored to good order
Theatre, arts or sports
Practice rooms for musical instruments, recording, musical therapy, small concerts
Do not sell
Do not sell
Never sell, keep for people of Moray as a ruin
Do not sell
Please restore use as an art centre; it is part of Elgins history
As above – it should be used for courses, exhibitions, community activities
The People Palace is a great place but I think a community tourist info / café / meeting place would be a fantastic idea
Return to its original use as a library with character – sell off current library to fund the project
Tourist info hub and café restaurant and showcase for local art
Arts, café, studio, facilities, video etc
Heritage centre / retail space
Local heritage and artist space
Artist studio, art gallery, craft workshops
Artist studio, art gallery with space for exhibitions
Beautiful place for residential care (old and young)
Registrar office
Quality not over priced, all sorts shop
Demolish – we have enough old buildings
Quality café, restaurant linked to hire of bikes, boats, tennis racquets etc
Living 'arts' space / crafts and exhibition area / multipurpose meeting
Family, history centre
After talking to the lady present the idea of a wedding venue with accommodation is fantastic. Imagine getting married in such a picturesque place with photo opportunities on the door step
Adult education centre at interest/hobby level that are not covered by the Moray College. Could be run by volunteers from local groups covering all kinds of subjects from photography to local history etc
Boutique hotel
Must be saved for the people of Elgin
Arts music centre; anything but left the way it is
Arts centre, culture (rare in Moray Council)
Hard enough to keep one museum (or similar) going
Conference centre to generate income plus start up rooms for small business or social enterprises
Wedding / conference centre
Rentable accommodation on top floor to help cover costs

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Children' hospice
Second floor – wine bar and restaurant with opportunity for live music
First floor – café / coffee shop to support the public who use the Cooper Park
Arts and crafts of locals could also be displayed and sold. Needs to be an inviting venue for all ages
Computer drop in / internet café
Community health and wellbeing centre
Wine bar and restaurant or boutique hotel
Day centre for older people / evening drop in for young people
Hotel offering bespoke high end accommodation
Heritage centre
Arts and crafts facilities
Registrar
Mixed use, non commercial – could include Hub for family (near park) groups, café.
New media; generally lovely place in great condition
This beautiful building needs to be saved. Let the people of Elgin decide what it should be used for. All this brand new kitchen equipment could be put to good use.
Arts centre / music venue / film and theatre with a café
Residential care and day centre
Offices in the top floor for income
Ground floor – café (restore green house and use food in café)
Heritage centre / archives
Registrar
Conference facility and small intimate arts and theatre space and café
Theatre
National Trust
It is by Robert Adam – enough said!
Save it for the people of Elgin
Art centre and restaurant
Arts / crafts
Venue – lessons / clubs for local people
Music venue
Heritage centre
It is meant to be used by local people
Tourist info and café
Has to be for all of the community
Museum showing life in Moray in days gone by with café
Could rent out rooms for meetings to help fund it
Tourist information and heritage centre
Arts / community usage
Music / theatre / film – possibly family history centre, not sure if there is room through
Find a commercial or government funded partner e.g. tsiMoray, Care sector, SNH etc
Community venue
Old folks home - residential

Post it Notes: Misc Comments Received (continued)

Must be sustainable
Partnership – commercial or organisation lease plus public café, heritage centre
Play a 'long game' – long lease the Lodge to a commercial organisation; provided they properly restore it. Allow some kind of public access and then hand it back in 50 years
Registrar Nursery facilities
Registrar Downstairs a crèche
Paediatric and teenager care centre, run alongside IT and Arts projects for the community
Old peoples day centre
Arts centre / heritage centre and archives Post café Registrar (weddings) Tourist office
Don't knock it down
Scotland needs to celebrate its architecture. I know of only the lighthouse in Glasgow that does this. Why not use this fine Adam building as a resource for the whole of Scotland to attract tourists
Not for commercial use Cooper intended it for the good of the people of Elgin – not for someone to make money
Community arts centre plus areas for local group use / meeting places Tourist information office Café to generate some income
Use as recommended but make a youth enabled space e.g. Moray Youth Council Office. Power to the people
Something for everyone and a café
A restaurant / bar / music venue with outside dining Very few alternative establishments in Elgin Named The Cooper Rooms
It is a public disgrace that Moray Council has abandoned this jewel in the park. Let us hope decades will not pass.
Moray needs promoting as a holiday destination to bring in revenue. A decent café and restaurant in Grant Lodge would be a positive asset
Information centre Conference rooms Café Arts studio
Like a People's Palace seems a marvellous use of the building. We always enjoy the Glasgow one
Lemon tree sort of idea (as Aberdeen)

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Great need for small performance space for all sorts of events. Many great suggestions here but can only imagine that in these times only private money could solve this problem. Whatever it must be saved. Well done to all those who are fighting for such a worthwhile cause, good luck
Decide on a viable use for the Lodge and launch a campaign to raise funds for restoration. Or appeal for a wealthy individual or organisation to pay for restoration in return for renaming the building
Use as an arts / performing arts centre and venue
Theatre Teen 'stage' club Dance studio Music rooms for teaching children music
Stand up comedy venue Café Community interest meeting place (eg for Elgin writers, am dram etc)
Heritage Centre Tourist information with tea / coffee room Do not destroy
Careful negotiations where private sector are involved. Public sector development / redesign and finance. Personnel do not have the skills and experience. Lambs to the slaughter!
Please no (<i>attached to Boutique Hotel sign</i>).

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